

The Lord's Service

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

MARCH 26, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*O Lamb of God, Pure, Spotless
Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

J.S. BACH
R.S. MATTHEWS

Please use the prelude as a time of silent preparation for the worship of the Triune God.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

⊗ WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 79:

Q. Which is the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment is, *Thou shalt not covet your neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is your neighbor's.*

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

REVELATION 15:3-4

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek;

for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him.

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself. We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth the church has been gathered together, and that in every place your servants call upon your name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

At the Name of Jesus

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CONFESSION OF SINS

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.



THE KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⌘ RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW

You shall have no other gods before me.
For from him and through him and to him are all things.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.

In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

You shall not kill.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

You shall not commit adultery.

You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

You shall not steal.

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, or anything that is your neighbor's

Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.

⌘ THE PEACE

⌘ GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING ISAAH 13:6-13 *p. 685*

NEW TESTAMENT READING ACTS 2:14-21 *p. 1081*

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 66 *All Lands, to God in Joyful Sounds* 438

⌘ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 24:29-31 *p. 986*

⌘ RESPONSE
The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON *The Great and Magnificent Day*

⌘ THE ATHANASIAN CREED PART 2

Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith. And the catholic faith is this:

That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in unity, neither confounding the persons, nor dividing the substance.

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten; the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father; the Spirit was neither made nor created, but he proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the unity in Trinity. Whoever desires to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Herzliebster Jesu* JOHANNES BRAHMS

⌘ DOXOLOGY 731

☒ SURSUM CORDA
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

☒ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

☒ THE LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured* 429

*Let thy blood in mercy poured,
let thy gracious body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord,
of thy boundless love the token.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*Thou didst die that I might live;
blessed Lord, thou cam'st to save me;
all that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
by the spear wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now
claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King,
of thy matchless love forgive me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

☒ HYMN OF DEPARTURE *Christ is Coming!* 324

☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude in B flat* DEMONTI

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Johnson Chang-Fong
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

The Great and Magnificent Day

ACTS 2:14-21

No facet of the church's life is non-_____.

She lives in the _____ of the ages.

1. The Day (verses 19-20)

This language is used of h_____ judgments.

Here it refers to the _____ day of the last _____.

The signs occur before the g_____ and m_____ day.

This is the appearing of the _____ of our great God & Savior.

This day is elsewhere called the day of C_____.

The last days bring forward the e_____.

P_____ means the day of the Lord is near at hand.

2. The Gospel (verse 21)

The church's mission is to p_____ the _____.

The ministry of the W_____ opens the k_____.

What was Yahweh's prerogative, belongs now to _____.

Call upon the _____ of the L_____ means to believe the gospel.

Paul cites this text in _____ chapter _____.

All preaching is _____ preaching.

The Day and the Gospel are l_____ t_____.

The _____ always directs us to _____.

Missions Work Highlight

JEREMIAH & JULIE DIEDRICH

Northwestern Brazil

Over the last four years of our seventeen years' service as a pilot / mechanic family in Brazil we helped establish a helicopter station in western Brazil. Helicopters have a huge impact on the ministries in this region. After settling into our new home to begin work with JAARS in North Carolina we made final preparations to return to western Brazil in January to complete Bruno's training as the new helicopter pilot. Last year, the mission helicopter was destroyed by a windstorm and another had to be ordered. Recently, amid cheering, waving, and tears, we watched Jeremiah and Bruno land the new mission helicopter at the new hangar in Cruzeiro do Sul, Brazil. Soon, the first ministry flights to missionaries in remote locations will commence.

In early spring we plan to return to our new home in the States and apply ourselves to our new roles, training and recruiting future pilots with JAARS. There are so many things we are thankful for. Thank you for bringing our ministry and needs before the Lord in prayer. We pray we stay securely fastened to Christ. We pray the same for our friends at Westminster Church.

Announcements

Our weekly Lenten service is this Wednesday, 3/29, at 7 PM.

Pastor Chiarot's class on *Presbytopia: What It Means to be Presbyterian* will resume today.

Starting tonight, Pastor Chiarot will be teaching from the Book of Romans in the evening service. All are encouraged to join us.

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Westminster Church is both a place and a people. We gather in this sacred space to worship, to learn, and to serve God as he meets us in Christ. To this end we dedicate our time, our talent, and our resources. Here the Gospel of Christ is freely proclaimed: *We are weaker and more sinful than we ever dared admit, but through Christ we are more loved and accepted than we ever dared hope.* As a community of Christians, we are building a bridge to the future through faith and friendship. To this end, we pray God will give us strength, vision, and wisdom. We are thankful that you could join with us today. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Welcome to Westminster!

Westminster Stated Services

Worship	10:00AM
Sunday School (<i>Sept–June</i>)	11:45 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM

Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

Worship	11:00 AM
Sunday School	12:30 PM

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Cover

The Celtic cross reminds us, as Presbyterians, of our historical roots in the British Isles dating back at least to the fifth century. *Post Tenebras Lux* is a Latin slogan from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation meaning *After Darkness, Light*. The cross and the slogan combine to express our desire to be rooted in the ancient faith and to embrace the attainments of the Protestant Reformation.

Westminster was organized in 1854 and is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

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The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

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