

The Lord's Service

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

MAY 07, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is
My Faithful Heart Rejoices*

SETTING BY EDWIN T. CHILDS
JOHANNES BRAHMS

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 85:

Q. What does God require of us, that we may escape His wrath and curse, due to us for sin?

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

ACTS 2:34-36

The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.”
Let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, we praise you that in love you have reached across the abyss of our sin and brought us into your embrace. We thank you for the sacrifice of your Son on the cross, for the breaking of his body for our sakes, and for the spilling of his blood to seal us in the covenant of your love. By your Spirit, give us the grace of repentance, and guide us in ways of righteousness, as we follow Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. 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 FROM THE PSALMS

God spoke all these words, saying; I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me.

Against thee, thee only, I have sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight.

You shall not make for yourself graven images...you shall not bow down to them or serve them.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. **How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

Honor your father and your mother. **Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to thy steadfast love remember me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord!**

You shall not kill.

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me.

You shall not commit adultery.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

You shall not steal.

Have mercy on me, O God, blot out my transgressions.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Put false ways far from me; and graciously teach me thy law!

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's. **Incline my heart to thy testimonies, and not to gain! Deliver me from all my transgressions.**

The Lord is near to all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

He fulfills the desire of all who fear him, he also hears their cry, and saves them.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.



THE PEACE



GLORIA PATRI

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Creator Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth, who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism, who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost: Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word of life and be renewed by your power, for you live and reign with the Father and the Son, now and forever. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON EZEKIEL 36:22-28 *p. 869*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ACTS 2:37-40 *p. 1082*

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 110 *Unto My Lord, Jehovah Said* 313

⌘ GOSPEL READING LUKE 3:1-9 *p. 1020*

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

SERMON

What Shall We Do?

⌘ THE ATHANASIAN CREED PART 3

It is necessary to everlasting salvation that we also believe rightly in the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the true Faith is, that we believe and confess, that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man; God, of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and Man of the substance of his Mother, born in the world; Perfect God and perfect Man, of a rational soul and human flesh. Equal to the Father as regards his divinity; and less than the Father as regards his humanity;

Who, although he is God and Man, yet he is not two, but one Christ; One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of the humanity to himself; One, not by the blending of his essence, but by unity of his person. For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man, so God and Man is one Christ;

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead. He ascended into heaven, he sits at the right hand of the Father, God Almighty, from whence he will come to judge the quick and the dead. At whose coming all men will rise again with their bodies and shall give account for their own works. And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is the catholic Faith, which unless we hold to faithfully, we cannot be saved.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

⊗ OFFERTORY *Offertory on "Bountiful"* JOHN JOHNSON

⊗ 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 *Baptized into Your Name Most Holy* 415

⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⊗ POSTLUDE *March in D* FLOR PEETERS

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Adam Kuliszewski

ORGANIST: Elaine Simpson

What Shall We Do?

ACTS 2:37-40

1. Introduction

Things in Acts happen in differing o_____s.

2. Repentance

Root meaning: t_____. It is a _____ of God.

3. Baptism

The NT does not know of un_____ believers.

There is movement from c_____ to baptism.

4. The Name

“The name of Jesus” means his divine au_____.

There are not _____ names, there is but _____ name.

5. Forgiveness

Baptism is a se_____ of the forgiveness of sins.

Forgiveness can come _____ or _____ baptism.

6. The Temple

The gifts of the gospel are m_____ without the _____.

7. The Spirit

P_____ highlights both gifts.

There are not two _____ of Christians.

8. The Promise

The promise is f_____ and the gift of the _____.

The _____ of God is the decisive thing.

9. The Exhortation

We must flee the wickedness of our own a_____.

Missions Work Highlight

RICHARD & ROBYN CRANE

Mission to the World

After pastoring, church planting and founding a Christian counseling and training center (PEPP) in Chile Richard and Robyn moved to Miami to work with Spanish speaking organizations connected to Mission to the World. Today, they conduct leadership training in pastoral psychology using the Internet, printed material, and intensive courses in the country of Cuba.

“We want to thank you for your prayers and generous support. The support for our brothers and sisters in Cuba has made an enormous impact not only on their personal lives, but also on the extension of God’s love and Kingdom in that land. The joy with which they love and serve God and their neighbors in the midst of much hardship is always an encouragement to us, as we hope it is to you. Please continue to pray for God’s regular provision of their “daily bread” and the resilience to continue on in the midst of the day-to-day difficulties that they face”.

Announcements

Anyone willing to house Presbyters for May 19th should email the office or see Jo-Anne Weber.

The annual congregational meeting will be held today during the Sunday School hour.

- Mike Bonagura and James Phillips will be standing for election as ruling elders.
- David Babick and Noah Watson will be standing for election as deacons.

There is no evening or second service on Mother’s Day 5/14.

The Fellowship Committee is in need of a person to coordinate the meals for the “Care Ministry of Fellowship”. It includes coordinating volunteers in providing meals for our shut-ins, families with new babies, and the sick, as needed. Please talk to JoAnn Maucher or Betty Rossetter for more information.

Vacation Bible School at WPC— Save The Date: August 7-11, 2023 (9-12pm). If interested in helping, please see Brenda Grammer.

Spring Church clean up will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 10AM (Rain date 5/27)

We are in need of Nursery Helpers for the months of May and June. Please look for the sign-up sheets in the Nursery. We appreciate your help!

The Safety Team is seeking volunteers. Please see Joe Schlegel.

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).

Senior Minister

The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

Session (Ruling Elders, with Class Year)

Bob Maucher (2023), Johnson Chang-Fong (2024),
Adam Kuliszewski (2024), Robert David (2025)

Board of Deacons (with Class Year)

Paul Mowat (Chair: 2023), Jim Rutigliano (2023),
Joe Hall (2024), Bill Cooke (2025),
Ed Timberger (2025)

Board of Trustees

Bob Maucher (Chairman)
Adam Kuliszewski (Vice-Chairman)

Staff

Administrative Secretary	Jo-Anne Weber
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