

The Lord's Service

The Day of Pentecost

MAY 28, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Holy Ghost with Light Divine
Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide*

HEALEY WILLAN
WELLS / LORENZ

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 88:

Q. What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption?

A. The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption are, his ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

⌘ CALL TO WORSHIP

JOEL 1:1A; 2:28-29

The word of the Lord to the prophet:
I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh;
**your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old shall dream dreams
and your young shall see visions.**

⌘ PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, who in smoke and fire upon Mount Sinai gave the old law to Moses, and who this day revealed the new covenant in the fire of the Spirit: Grant, we pray, that kindled by that same Spirit which you wondrously poured forth upon your apostles, we may receive with joy your commandment of love. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⌘ HYMN OF PRAISE

Lift High the Cross

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

God eternal, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your church, and open our hearts to the power of the Holy Spirit. As your Word is read and proclaimed, kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON GENESIS 12:1-8 *p. 10*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ACTS 3:11-26 *p. 1083*

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

⊗ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 22:23-33 *p. 984*

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

SERMON *The Glorified Servant*

⊗ 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 *Come Down, O Love Divine* R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS / SETTING BY ANNA L. PAGE

⊗ DOXOLOGY

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⊗ 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

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

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*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.*

*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.*

*Thou didst die that I might live;
blessed Lord, thou can'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.*

*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

Join All the Glorious Names

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⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⊗ POSTLUDE

Creator Spirit, by Whose Aid

LUDWIG LENEL

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.

The Glorified Servant

ACTS 3:11-26

This is the _____ recorded Christian _____.

1. The Power of the Name (vv. 12-16)

Neither p_____ nor pi_____ is why the man walks.

The gospel is seen in the frame of the _____.

There is c_____ between promise and f_____.

Abrahamic and New Covenants are _____ in substance.

Jesus is the s_____ of I_____ chapter _____.

The covenant promises are r_____ promises.

They justified the _____ and condemned the r_____.

God re_____ the re_____.

The “name” is the nature or ch_____ of Christ.

2. The Call to Repentance (vv. 17-21)

The ig_____ does not e_____ their behavior.

Repentance and forgiveness are still n_____.

The first blessing: that your _____ may be b_____ out.

God ob_____ our sins.

The second blessing: times of r_____ for the Lord.

The third blessing: the coming _____ of all things.

This happens when Jesus returns from h_____.

In Matthew 19 this is called the re_____.

This is the day spoken of in Isaiah chapter _____.

3. The Witness of the Prophets (vv. 22-26)

Jesus is the e_____ Moses.

There is a unified t_____ of the _____.

The covenant with _____ envisions blessing all nations.

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

It is our joy to welcome Tim and Therese Galage, PCA missionaries to South Africa, who will be sharing their work with us during the Sunday School time.

Our church clean up day has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 3rd.

Next Sunday, June 4th will be the last day of Sunday School classes.

The Fellowship Committee will be holding a church barbecue on Sunday, June 11th following the Sunday School Closing Ceremony. Hamburgers, hot dogs, dessert and beverages will be provided. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes or salads.

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

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.

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