

The Lord's Service

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 27, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Song 34, Gibbons
Come, Ye Disconsolate*

HEALEY WILLAN
SAMUEL WEBBE / ARR. E. WHITSETT

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 101:

Q. What do we pray for in the first petition?

A. In the first petition, which is, “Hallowed be thy name,” we pray, that God would enable us and others to glorify Him in all that whereby He makes Himself known, and that He would dispose all things to His own glory.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 138:2

I bow down toward your holy temple

and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving. Before the brightness of your presence the angels veil their faces. With lowly reverence and adoring love we acclaim your glory and sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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 GOSPELS

You shall have no other gods before me.
It is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.
God is a spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool... Let what you say be simply Yes or No; anything more than this comes from evil.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath; so the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

Honor your father and your mother.
For God commanded, he who speaks evil of father or mother, let him surely die.

You shall not kill.
Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

You shall not commit adultery.
Everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

You shall not steal.
For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery...theft...These are what defile a man.

You shall not bear false witness.
For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

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

⊗ THE PEACE

ADMINISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS

The Dove Family: Jonathan, Lilyan, Amelia, Hazel, and Bonnie

⊗ GLORIA PATRI

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INTERLUDE

Lead Me, Lord, Lead Me in Thy Righteousness

SAMUEL S. WEASLEY

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 1 KINGS 12:16-24 *p. 345*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ACTS 8:1-25 *p. 1088*

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 116 *What Shall I Render to My God* 637

⊗ GOSPEL READING LUKE 9:51-56 *p. 1031*

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

SERMON *The Samaritan Pentecost*

⊗ THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Hiding in Thee* IRA E. SANKEY / ARR. E. WHITSETT

⊗ 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

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 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.*

*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

Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow!

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☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

Postlude in D

H. ELWOOD

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

The Samaritan Pentecost

ACTS 8: 1-25

1. The Scattering (vv. 1-3)

Scattered is related to d_____.

From Jerusalem, and then to Judea and _____.

The scattering serves the s_____ purposes of God.

2. Samaria (vv. 4-8, 14-17, 25)

To scatter the church is to scatter the ____d.

The book of Acts is about the pr_____ of the Word.

There was intense r_____ and theological hatred.

The Samaritans were considered impure h____ - _____s.

The di_____ wanted to call down _____ on the Samaritans.

Progress of gospel: Marked by “re_____ the W_____.”

The Samaritans are a b_____ to the G_____ world.

The d_____ of the Spirit is an ab_____ situation.

The Samaritans are publicly e_____ in the gospel.

This is the Samaritan P_____.

It signals the reu_____ of all Israel under D_____.

3. Simon (vv. 9-13, 18-24)

Simon offers _____ for the power to bestow the Spirit.

From this act we get the word S_____.

WCF chapter 10: the c_____ o_____ of the Spirit.

Missions Work Highlight

BRIAN AND CARIN ROBERG

Brian and Carin work with the Christian campus ministry called DiscipleMakers based in Pennsylvania, a ministry with the goal of raising up the next generation of leaders for the Church by training college students in Bible study, gospel-driven discipleship, and evangelism. They “both joined DiscipleMakers because the Lord worked deeply in our live through DiscipleMakers when we were in college,” they explain on their webpage. They continue: “We count it a privilege to have seen Him continue to work in the lives of many others as we have served in the DM Headquarters and on campus at Penn State.” Please keep Brian and Carin in your basket of interest, prayer before the LORD and your support.

Discover DiscipleMakers at: <https://www.dm.org/>

Announcements

It is our joy to welcome the Dove family (Jonathan, Lilyan, Amelia, Hazel, Bonnie) into membership at WPC this morning.

Officer nominations will be accepted starting today through Sunday 9/24. Please prayerfully consider who the Lord may be calling to serve his body. You may return your **signed** nomination form to our secretary Jo-Anne Weber or to Pastor Chiarot.

Following the Sunday School kickoff on 9/10/23, there will be a Barbecue Luncheon. The Fellowship Committee will be providing the hamburgers and hot dogs. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes, salads, and desserts. To encourage a variety of dishes, there is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen. Please stop by the kitchen to add your name and what you would like to bring.

Sunday School classes for ages 4-18, and Adult classes, will start on Sunday, September 10th. Our Sunday School opening will be in the sanctuary following the worship service after a brief 15-minute break. Sunday School classes will be held from 11:45-12:30pm. On the 10th, our BBQ luncheon will follow. The Adult Sunday School class will be an “Introduction to Covenant Theology” taught by Pastor Kevin Chiarot.

We are updating the WPC directory. Please see Robert David after Worship to have your picture and information added to the directory.

We need Nursery volunteers for September and October. Please sign up on the sheets in the nursery. Thank you!

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)

Johnson Chang-Fong (2024), Adam Kuliszewski (2024), Robert David (2025), Mike Bonagura (2026), James Phillips (2026)

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