

The Lord's Service

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 15, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Prelude in D Major
Andante Cantabile*

J. K. F. FISCHER
TOURS

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

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

DEUTERONOMY 10:14, 17

Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it.

For the Lord our God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who is not partial and takes no bribe.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of steadfast love, your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day. Through the waters of the sea you once delivered your chosen people from slavery, a sign for us of the salvation of all nations through the grace of Baptism. Grant that all of the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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

Hear, O people of God, the law that the Lord speaks in your hearing this day, that you may know his statutes and walk according to his ordinances.

Teach us, O Lord, the grace of your law, and give us life by your Word.

The God who saved us in Jesus Christ gave this law, saying: I am the Lord your God! You shall have no other gods before me.

We will worship the Lord our God and serve only him.

You shall not make for yourself an image of anything to worship it.

Living no more in bondage to earthly gods, we will worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.

We will use the holy name of God with reverence, praising him in everything we do and say.

You shall observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, for in six days you shall labor and do all your work.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

You shall honor your father and mother, that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving to you.

As children we will be obedient to our parents in the Lord; as parents we will correct our children and guide them in the training and instruction of the Lord; we will respect the lawful authorities appointed by God.

You shall not murder.

We will be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us.

You shall not commit adultery.

We will use our bodies in ways that are holy and honorable, and abstain from immorality and impurity.

You shall not steal.

We will do what we can for our neighbor's good, and work faithfully so that we may share with the poor.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

We will speak the truth with our neighbor in love, render judgments that are true and make for peace, and not devise in our hearts any evil against anyone.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

We will be content whatever the circumstances through the strength of Christ within us.

Thus we must love our neighbor as ourselves.

For the Lord requires of us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. Amen!

⌘ THE PEACE

⌘ GLORIA PATRI

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

ISAIAH 52:7-10 *p. 728*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ACTS 10:34-48 *p. 1092*

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 107 *O Praise the Lord, for He Is Good* 83

⊗ GOSPEL READING LUKE 4:16-19 *p. 1021*

⊗ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.

Praise be to God.

SERMON

The Gentile Pentecost

⊗ THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

SETTING BY ATTRUP



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 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

Jesus Shall Reign

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

Toccata in F Major

BUXTAHUDE

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

Gentile Pentecost

ACTS 10:34-48

A m_____ turning point in the _____ of the church.

1. The Word (vv. 34-43)

God shows no _____.

One _____, one _____ of salvation.

The time has arrived to t_____ d_____ the dividing wall.

There is no r_____ barrier to salvation.

Cornelius needs to become a _____.

Prophets: All _____ are assembled as the people of God.

This mystery is that the G_____ are fellow h_____.

The good news is _____ with God through Jesus Christ.

Parentheses: Jesus is _____ of _____.

The _____ life of Christ is necessary for our salvation.

Without the _____ there is no trustworthy gospel.

Jesus will judge the _____ and the _____.

The gospel: The j_____ has become the j_____.

2. The Spirit (vv. 44-48)

Spirit comes without an inv_____ or an invi_____.

The Spirit works in, and with, and through the _____.

This is the G_____ P_____.

If they have the t_____, they should get the s_____.

Missions Work Highlight

STEPHEN & LAURA SPANJER

Stephen first came to in Neuenburg am Rhein in Southwest Germany in 1997 as a baseball coach of a small club called the Neuenburg Atomics. Through strong relationships with the locals, he and another Christian brother started Bible studies in their basement apartment, using pizza boxes as their blackboard. Stephen was ordained in the PCA in 2006 and sent back to Neuenburg as a Pastor-Evangelist to plant a church with the handful of Christians in that community. The first worship service of the Neuenburg International Church (NIC) was held on Easter morning, 2008. Stephen's ministry continues to use sports as an inroad to local German communities and the church has grown slowly over the years.

NIC currently has 70 members with 3 elders and 3 deacons. In 2020 the church was able to join a local Presbyterian and Reformed denomination called the ERKWB. It was imperative for the sake of building local leadership that the NIC become a member of a linguistically German denomination, however there were no Reformed denominations in Germany when they moved there in 2007. By God's grace they found this small denomination made up of Swiss and Austrian Reformed churches and were able to join them. The NIC is the first German church in the denomination, but it is our goal is to add more by way of evangelism, faithful Bible teaching, and church planting.

Announcements

As a reminder to the congregation, the Stephen Ministries has been established here at Westminster. This is a Christ centered ministry designed to bring the Lord's love and compassion to anyone bearing a spiritual and emotional burden and who wants a brother or sister in Christ to help carry and release it. Everything is kept in strictest confidence. Please call or email Jim Rutigliano if you have any interest or questions.

The October Sunday School classes prayer list is posted on the bulletin board in the upper hallway. Please remember to sign up if you will commit to praying seriously once a week for one month for one class - students and teacher(s). Thank you.

We need nursery volunteers for November and December. Please sign up in the nursery.

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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