

The Lord's Service

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 19, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Come, Ye Thankful People Come

F. CUNNINGHAM WOODS

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

ROMANS 5:2B-5

We rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

**Not only that, but we also rejoice in our sufferings,
knowing that suffering produces endurance,**

and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
and hope does not put us to shame,

**because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who
has been given to us.**

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Give us, O Lord, steadfast hearts, which no unworthy affection may drag downward;
give us unconquered hearts, which no tribulation can wear out; give us upright
hearts, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow on us also, O Lord our
God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a
faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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CONFESSION OF SINS

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our
shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have
sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.
Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to
displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your
ways, for the sake of 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



By the mercies of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice,

Holy and acceptable to God, which is our fitting service.

Do not be conformed to this age,

But be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

That by testing you may discern what is the will of God,

What is good and acceptable and mature.

Let no one think of himself more highly than he ought.

But think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith God has provided.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;

Hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with brotherly affection.

Outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not be slothful in zeal,

Be fervent in the Spirit, serving the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,

Be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints,

And seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you.

Bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

Weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; Do not be haughty,

But associate with the lowly and never be conceited.

Repay no one evil for evil,

But give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

But give place to the wrath of God.

For it stands written:

“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord”

To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

For by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

⌘ THE PEACE

⌘ GLORIA PATRI

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INTERLUDE

We Gather Together

BEATRICE HATTON FISK

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON DANIEL 12:1-4 *p. 890*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ACTS 14:19-23 *p. 1097*

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 2 *O Wherefore Do the Nations Rage* 314

⊗ GOSPEL READING LUKE 9:23-26 *p. 1030*

⊗ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.

Praise be to God.

SERMON

Strengthening Souls

⊗ 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	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	PRICHARD / ARR. BILL INGRAM
⊗ 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	<i>Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless</i>	424
	<i>Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless your chosen pilgrim flock with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.</i>	<i>in strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.</i>
	<i>Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak, as you when here below, our souls the joys celestial seek which from thy sorrows flow.</i>	<i>Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart; Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.</i>
	<i>We would not live by bread alone, but by your word of grace,</i>	<i>There sup with us in love divine; your body and your blood, that living bread, that heav'nly wine, be our immortal food.</i>
⊗ HYMN OF DEPARTURE	<i>My Anchor Holds</i>	617
⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
⊗ POSTLUDE	<i>A Song of Praise</i>	J. S. BACH / ARR. J. JULIUS BAIRD

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 WORSHIP LEADER: Johnson Chang-Fong
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Strengthening Souls

ACTS 14:19-23

1. The Stoning of Paul (vv. 19-20)

Crowds are f_____ and d_____.

God told _____ he would suffer for the N_____.

___ C_____ 11: And _____ I was s_____.

He is s_____ down but not d_____.

Paul: I _____ on my _____ the marks of _____s.

2. Strengthening the Disciples (vv. 21-23)

Suffering and the s_____ of the Word are tied together;

They are re-visiting the c_____ they had p_____.

Forming _____ in people is akin to c_____.

Souls need to be e_____ because we lack c_____.

They were s_____ one ___-w_____ phrase.

“Tribulation” is a gl_____, ca_____, engulfing word.

“We” means not just _____ and the a_____.

“Must” speaks of the d_____ n_____.

There is no non-t_____ way to _____ for the church.

Suffering _____ (in _____ age). Glory l_____ (in the _____ to come).

Faith and p_____ are p_____.

No k_____ without t_____.

The kingdom of God in this text is wholly f_____.

Missions Work Highlight

REDEEMER BROADCASTING

In the Newburgh-Beacon Area, Heard on 102.5FM and 90.3FM

Redeemer Broadcasting is an evangelically reformed radio ministry which began in the Hudson Valley in 2004. We play calm Christian music and teaching that emphasizes the historic Christian faith. Westminster's full church service is heard each Sunday. Our board of directors and some of our advisors came from this church.

Digital listening options include computer streaming, internet radio, and the "Redeemer Broadcasting" smart phone app. The Lord has blessed us with growth into a small network of stations covering the Mid-Hudson Valley, Northern New Jersey, and Southern Maryland. Listeners contact us daily with testimonials. During the pandemic, many received encouragement and companionship during the unusual times of isolation. Dan and Deb Elmendorf would like to express their sincerest thanks for the sacrificial and generous role our Westminster church family has played in helping them carry on this kingdom work.

Announcements

We need a few more volunteers willing to prepare an occasional Sunday meal for Donna Conklin's family. You can provide a meal on any Sunday convenient to your schedule. Visit the Mealtrain website for a full explanation and to see the calendar of meal bookings: www.mealtrain.com/3659y8. For questions, contact Carl Wolfe, coordinator.

Fellowship will be holding a Thanksgiving Soup Supper on Wednesday 11/22/23 at 6:00pm. Soups will be provided. Salads, breads, and desserts would be welcomed. A sign-up sheet is in the kitchen. Our annual service of gratitude follows at 7PM.

Filled Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes are being collected today.

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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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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