

The Lord's Service

The Second Sunday of Advent

DECEMBER 04, 2022



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus
Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne*

SETTING BY EDWIN T. CHILDS
MATTHEWS / ARR. BY FRED BOCK

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

⊗ WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 63:

Q. Which is the fifth commandment?

A. **The fifth commandment is, Honor your father and your mother that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God gives you.**

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

2 PETER 3:13

In accordance with God's promise
we wait for a new heavens and a new earth where righteousness dwells.

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, you sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation. Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

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CONFESSION OF SINS

God of the future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, fail to love our neighbors, and refuse the way of righteousness and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. Amen.

⊗ THE KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *spoken, sung*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ OUR LIFE OF GRATEFUL OBEDIENCE

FROM MATTHEW 5:1-12

Jesus opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,

For they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you

And utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven,

For so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

✠ THE PEACE

✠ GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

INTERLUDE

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

BOURGEOIS / ARR. BY BRUINSMAN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of love and power, you are revealed to us in your Word, in accounts of prophecy and fulfillment that direct us to Jesus Christ. Illumine us now as we hear your Word proclaimed, that we may open our hearts to him, yearn for his coming in glory, and serve him with joy. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING PROVERBS 9:1-6 p. 632

NEW TESTAMENT READING REVELATION 19:6-10 p. 1232

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: BASED ON PSALM 98 *Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come* 195

⊗ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 22:1-14 p. 983

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

SERMON *The Wedding Feast Inspection*

⊗ WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM QUESTION 90:

Q. What shall be done to the righteous at the day of judgment?

A. At the day of judgment, the righteous, being caught up to Christ in the clouds, shall be set on His right hand, and there openly acknowledged and acquitted, shall join with Him in the judging of reprobate angels and men, and shall be received into heaven, where they shall be fully and forever freed from all sin and misery; filled with inconceivable joys, made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul, in the company of innumerable saints and holy angels, but especially in the immediate vision and fruition of God the Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, to all eternity. And this is the perfect and full communion, which the members of the invisible church shall enjoy with Christ in glory, at the resurrection and day of judgment.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Come, Thou Almighty King* ARR. BY 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

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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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*At the lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.*

*Praise we Christ, whose blood was
shed; paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.*

*Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.*

*Mighty victim from the sky,
powers of hell beneath thee lie;
death is conquered in the fight,
thou hast bought us life and light:
hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.*



HYMN OF DEPARTURE

Rejoice, All Ye Believers

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come

WALTHER

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Johnson Chang-Fong

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QUARTET: S. David, L. Steinberger, B. Sokoloski, J. Phillips

HAND BELL PLAYERS: L. Dennis, M. Hollwegs, B. Rossetter, D. Watson

The Wedding Feast Inspection

MATT. 22:1-14

1. Refusal (vv. 1-7)

The King is _____, the son is _____.

The kingdom is a _____ feast.

It is depicted this way in Isaiah chapter _____.

In Jesus, the everlasting b_____ has b_____.

A response to the _____ before partaking of the feast.

Jesus' message in c_____ form: everything is ready.

The Supper is a public o_____ -taking action.

2. Gathering (vv. 8-10)

This is the f_____ o_____ of the Gospel to all men.

The text envisions the calling of the G_____.

The kingdom gathers the _____ and the b_____.

3. Judgment (vv. 11-13)

The king comes to i_____ the guests.

The king is _____ the eschatological table.

The man had faith without _____.

The white linen is the righteous _____ of the saints.

4. Election (v. 14)

For many are _____, but _____ are chosen.

Many were in the _____; few were actually saved.

Not all _____ belongs to I_____.

Election is shown in the _____ you have on.

We must be _____ with things, not pre-occupied.

Missions Work Highlight

LYDIA CENTER IN MACEDONIA

In October we celebrated our 10th year of “Lydia”. Over 1000 women have come through our doors; many babies have been saved from abortion; thousands of clothing articles and diapers have been distributed; many tears have been shed. At our conference in Sarajevo, Bosnia we were strengthened by each other and ended our time praying that Pro Life Ministries increase in the Balkans. We are grateful for your prayers and support that help make this ministry go. May God bless all of our friends.

Announcements

On December 11th, Fellowship will be holding the Monthly Luncheon, and the theme is The Christmas Holiday. The Congregation is asked to bring in your favorite Christmas main dishes, side dishes and desserts. Beverages will be provided.

The Youth Group will be Christmas caroling on Saturday 12/17. Bring the Family! Meeting at church at 1:30PM, then carpooling to Country Inn for 2:00PM. Then back to WPC for hot chocolate and sweets. RSVP Dec. 10th to madelinejgill@gmail.com

Westminster will hold a Christmas Eve candlelight service 12/24 at 7:00PM. Offerings collected will be sent to the PCA Relief Fund.

We are in need of Nursery volunteers. Please sign up in the nursery if you can help.

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

Sunday School	11:00 AM
Worship	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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