

The Lord's Service

The Epiphany of the Lord

JANUARY 01, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light
Noel*

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
CLAUDE LOUIS DAQUIRS

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 67:
Q. Which is the sixth commandment?
A. The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill.

- ⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP ISAIAH 60:1, 3
Arise, shine, for your light has come!
The glory of the Lord has risen upon you!
Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising!

- ⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY
Everlasting God, the radiance of faithful souls, who brought the nations to your light and kings to the brightness of your rising: Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the nations; through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

- ⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* 311

CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty God, rich in mercy to all who call upon you: Hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and our neighbors. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of your great goodness grant that we may serve you in newness of life; through the mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Savior. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

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



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



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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

Abide, O Dearest Jesu

PACHELBAL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Send out your light and your truth, O Lord,
that your Word would lead us to your holy hill,
and into communion with Christ, the light of the world. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING PSALM 72:1-19 p. 573

NEW TESTAMENT READING EPHESIANS 3:1-12 p. 1160

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 72 *Christ Shall Have Dominion* 439

⌘ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 2:1-12 p. 960

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

SERMON *King of All Kings*

⌘ 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Joshua Mark Elmendorf

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Andante* KARL HEINRICH ZÖLLNER

⌘ 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* 420

*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.*

*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.*

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

*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 *Jesus Shall Reign* 441

☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Joy to the World* GEORG F. HANDEL / ARR. BY FRED BOCK

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Bob Maucher
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

King of All Kings

PSALM 72

Epiphany means app_____e or man_____n.
The text is first about _____, but ultimately about C_____.

1. Royal Righteousness (verses 1-4)

Righteousness & justice: ___ times in two verses.

With righteousness He shall judge the p_____.

Salvation is about God, man, and c_____n.

2. Endless Reign (verses 5 -7)

He will endure through all ge_____s.

The glory of God is the human being fully a_____.

God _____ human cr_____.

3. Boundless Realm (verses 8-11)

From sea to sea, from the _____ to the ends of the earth.

All k_____ will bow to him, all n_____s shall serve him.

The coming of the m_____ is a fulfillment of this text.

The kings bring their glory into the New Jerusalem in Rev. _____.

4. Compassionate King (verses 12-14)

Tender defense of the h_____ wins the King dominion.

Justice cannot be divorced from c_____n.

In his name all o_____ shall cease.

5. Everlasting Blessing (verses 15-17)

The gold of Sh_____ points to the g_____ brought by the magi.

These blessings fulfill the promises made to A_____.

This culminates w/ the _____ earth full of the _____ of God.

Missions Work Highlight

THE URUMOV FAMILY

Strumica, Macedonia

The fellowship in Strumica, Macedonia continues to grow. I preach and teach regularly at the church and I meet with a solid group of people in a nearby town called Josifovo, where we hope to someday plant a church. My teaching responsibility at the Baptist Theological School in Novi Sad, Serbia continues as does my wife's courses in theology. Dubravka also leads a women's bible study every other Friday.

We desire to glorify God by being an example of Christlikeness and holiness. We want to make God's name known. May the Lord keep you, guide you and continue using you for His own purpose and glory. Thank you for supporting us with your prayers and resources.

Much love,

The Urumov family (Toni, Dubravka, Timothy, Gabriel and Antonio)

Announcements

Today it is our joy to baptize Joshua Mark Elmendorf!

Pastor Chiarot will be on vacation starting tomorrow. Please send your prayer requests to Steve Flewelling at: shflewelling@gmail.com

There will be a Discipleship Group forming to study the book of Galatians beginning on Tuesday, January 31st at 7:00 PM meeting at the church. The group will meet on Tuesday evenings for ten weeks. If you are interested or have questions, please see or email Adam Kuliszewski (family7k@yahoo.com). We'd like to know who will be participating by January 15th to be sure that we have enough study materials.

Today, there will be no coffee time, Sunday School, or evening service.

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

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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