

The Lord's Service

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JANUARY 29, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

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 71:

Q. What is required in the seventh commandment?

A. The seventh commandment requires the preservation of our own and our neighbor's chastity, in heart, speech, and behavior.

⌘ CALL TO WORSHIP

REVELATION 7:9-10

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

⌘ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom. Like Christ's first apostles, may we hear his call to discipleship, and, forsaking old ways, proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⌘ HYMN OF PRAISE

The Church's One Foundation

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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

☒ 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

Andante

ENDING

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

ISAIAH 52:7-10

p. 728

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 THESSALONIANS 2:17-3:5

p. 1173

☒ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 135

Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim

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☒ GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 16:13-20

p. 977

☒ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Longing for the Church

⌘ 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

Adagio in A flat

MENDELSSOHN

⌘ 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

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.

⊗	HYMN OF DEPARTURE	<i>I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord</i>	353
⊗	CHARGE AND BLESSING		
⊗	POSTLUDE	<i>Gott Vater Sei Gepriesen</i>	ANTHONY GIAMANCO

MINISTER: Mr. Jared Smith
WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

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

It is our pleasure to welcome Mr. Jared Smith to minister God's Word to us this morning! Jared is licensed to preach by West Hudson Presbytery, and serves as a Ruling Elder at Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA) in Short Hills, NJ.

Pastor Kevin Chiarot is currently on vacation. Please send your prayer requests to Steve Flewelling at: shflewelling@gmail.com

A reminder for those participating in the Discipleship Group studying Galatians: we will begin this Tuesday (1/31) at 7:00 PM in the Great Room/Library.

Youth Group will meet in the teen room from 7-9 on Friday, February 3 to discuss *Mere Christianity*. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

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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