The Lord's Service

The Second Sunday in Lent FEBRUARY 25, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Cleansing Fountain

arranged by David Paxton by Lewis E Jones, arranged by Mark L Williams

Power in the Blood by Lewis E Jones, Arrangi 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 5:6-10

God said: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,

but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Deliver us, O God, from the tyranny of idols; they cannot give happiness or life; they bind us to the ways of death. Claim us as your own and lead us in the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

8 HYMN OF PRAISE O Worship the King

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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

God spoke all these words, saying; I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me.

Against thee, thee only, I have sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight.

You shall not make for yourself graven images...you shall not bow down to them or serve them.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Honor your father and your mother. Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to thy steadfast love remember me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord! You shall not kill.

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me.

You shall not commit adultery. Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

You shall not steal. Have mercy on me, O God, blot out my transgressions.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. Put false ways far from me; and graciously teach me thy law!

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's. **Incline my heart to thy testimonies, and not to gain! Deliver me from all my transgressions.**

The Lord is near to all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him, he also hears their cry, and saves them. My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

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88	INTERLUDE	Lenten Interlude	by Thomas Chesterton

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

	OLD TESTAMENT LESSON	DEUTERONOMY 5:1-15	p. 177
	NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	ACTS 17:16-21	р. 1101
3	PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 98	Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord	16
3	GOSPEL READING	JOHN 7:14-24	p. 1061
3	RESPONSE The Word of the Lord. Praise be to God.		

THE APOSTLES' CREED

SERMON

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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.

Paul in Athens

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

Lenten Prayer

LUCY ANN WARRINER

DOXOLOGY

 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 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

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Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless your chosen pilgrim flock with manna in the wilderness, with water from the rock.

Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak, as you when here below, our souls the joys celestial seek which from thy sorrows flow.

We would not live by bread alone, but by your word of grace, in strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.

Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart; Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.

There sup with us in love divine; your body and your blood, that living bread, that heav'nly wine, be our immortal food.

8 HYMN OF DEPARTURE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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- CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
- POSTLUDE

Joyful!

BY RUTH ELAINE SCHRAM (HYMN TO JOY AND ST ANNE)

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David ORGANIST: Wilma de Jager

Paul in Athens

ACTS 17:16-21

Tertullian: What has Athens to do with J_____m? Four options: Jerusalem rejecting A____s. Athens r_____g Jerusalem. Jerusalem s_____d from Athens. J_____m integrated with Athens.

1. What he S____.

He saw that the city was full of i____s. Religious loyalty precluded artistic com_____s.

2. What he F____.

His spirit was pr_____d within him. God will not give his g_____ to another. The fire of divine jealousy is the fire of p____ love.

3. What he D___.

He r_____d in the synagogue.

He was in the m_____ daily.

4. Where it L_____d him.
They t_____k him to the Aeropagus.
We need to see and feel aright to share the good n_____s.

Missions Work Highlight

TIM AND THERESE GALAGE *South Africa*

Tim and Therese Galage, MTW Missionaries in the Republic of South Africa have had an exciting year of travel for leadership training, women's ministries, university outreach, a new church plant, and new interns enrolled in the church planting program. They greatly appreciate our prayer and financial help in this vital work in South Africa.

Announcements

If you desire to churchwide emails please sign and provide your email on the sheet in the narthex.

We are hosting a luncheon for newcomers to Westminster today after the Sunday School time.

Our Lenten Wednesday evening services continue this week at 7PM. We are using the letters of the risen Christ to the churches in the Book of Revelation as a guide for the season.

3/10/24 - There will be a Fellowship luncheon following Sunday School. The congregation is asked to bring main dishes, casseroles, salads, side dishes and desserts.

3/31/24 - Fellowship is hosting an Easter Brunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for anyone wishing to contribute brunch-type food.

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 (Sept–June)	11:45 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM

Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday School	12:00 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).

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Assistant Pastor Rev. Justin Chiarot

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