

*Westminster Presbyterian Church
The Lord's Day Morning Worship*

September 27, AD 2020

10:55 AM

The Preparation for Worship

Prelude

Let us prepare ourselves for worship. Use this time for silent prayer and meditation on the Word. "Keep, we beseech You, O Lord, Your Church with Your perpetual mercy: and, because the frailty of man without You cannot but fall, keep us ever by Your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Missions

*The Call to Worship

Philippians 2:9

Minister: God has highly exalted Him

All: **And given Him the Name which is above every name.**

Minister: Let us worship God!

The Lord's Praise

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Pastor Reiber

*Hymn #296: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* Coronation

*All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.*

*Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.*

*Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.*

*Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, On this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
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Confession of Sin

from *John Knox Liturgy*

Minister: Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me his sin and iniquity.

All: **Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into Your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from You, if You dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against You, O Lord, and we have offended You. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge You to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to You. And so we humbly ask You, for the sake of Christ, Your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses. Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By Your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:4,5

Minister: Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

All: **Amen**

*Confession of Faith

The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Gifts

Offertory Prayer

Pastor Reiber

*The Doxology

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'ly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.*

*Hymn #79: *My God, My God, O Why Have You Forsaken Me?* Kingsfold

*My God, my God, O why have you forsaken me? O why are you so far from giving help and from my groaning cry?
By day and night, my God, I call; your answer still delays,
and yet you are the Holy One who dwells in Israel's praise.*

*Our fathers put their trust in you; from you their rescue came.
They begged you and you set them free; they were not put to shame. But as for me, I am a worm and not a man at all.
To men I am despised and base; their scornings on me fall.*

*All those who look at me will laugh and cast reproach at me.
Their mouths they open wide; they wag their heads in mockery:
"The Lord was his reliance once; now see what God will send.
Yes, let God rise and set him free, this man that was his friend."*

*You took me from my mother's womb to safety at the breast.
Since birth when I was cast on you, in you, my God, I rest.
When I proclaim my praise of you, then all the church will hear,
and I will pay my vows in full where men hold him in fear.*

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The Lord's Word

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Reiber

Scripture

Acts 2:22-28

Sermon *He Descended into Hell*

Our Commitment

*Hymn #257: *Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted* O Mein Jesu

*Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he.
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's Son, yet David's Lord;
by his Son God now has spoken: 'tis the true and faithful Word.*

*Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his?
Friends through fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his
distress; many hands were raised to wound him, none would
interpose to save; but the deepest stroke that pierced him
was the stroke that Justice gave.*

Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate. Mark the Sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load; 'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost; Christ's the Rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast. Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt! None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.

*Benediction Pastor Reiber

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Remember to Prepare Your Hearts For Communion Next Sunday.

Morning Worship Sermon Outline

Text: Acts 2:22-28

Title: He Descended into Hell

Introduction

I. What are some of the mistaken interpretations?

II. How are we to understand Christ's descent into hell?

III. The Full Depth of Scripture concerning Christ's atoning death upon the cross.

A. What does this statement mean for Christ and our redemption?

B. When did He descend into hell?

C. What is the essence of damnation?

Announcements

Welcome to Westminster – *The Westminster family extends a warm welcome to all who worship with us this morning. We pray that God's rich blessings in Christ may be yours. We are delighted to have you with us this Lord's Day.*

Next week is the first Sunday of the month and we will be coming to the Lord's table. Be sure to prepare. LC #171 *How are they that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper to prepare themselves before they come unto it?* They that receive the sacrament of the Lord's supper are, before they come, to prepare themselves thereunto, by examining themselves of their being in Christ, of their sins and wants; of the truth and measure of their knowledge, faith, repentance; love to God and the brethren, charity to all men, forgiving those that have done them wrong; of their desires after Christ, and of their new obedience; and by renewing the exercise of these graces, by serious meditation and fervent prayer.

If anyone wants to put flowers in the Sanctuary please call the church office at 601-636-4292.

Tithes and Offerings may be given at the collection points on either side of the front and rear of the sanctuary as offering plates will not be passed.

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Westminster Shorter Catechism #15: *By what sin did our first parents fall from their original condition?* Our first parents' sin was eating the forbidden fruit.



Missionary of the Week
Homebound

Stephen Atkinson
Mildred Coleman

Pray for those with birthdays: Valerie Gatewood, 3

Bible Readings: Isa 51:1-Jer 2:30; Eph 5:1-Phil 4:23; Ps 69:19-75:10; Prov 24:7-24:20

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