

# The Lord's Service

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*The Fifth Sunday in Lent*

MARCH 17, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*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

HEBREWS 13:5-6

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have,

**for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”**

So, we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper;

**I will not fear; what can man do to me?”**

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; manifest your strength in our weakness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

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CONFESSION OF SINS

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 FROM THE EPISTLES

You shall have no other gods before me.  
**For from him and through him and to him are all things.**

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.  
**In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.**

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.  
**Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.**

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.  
**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.**

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.  
**Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.**

You shall not kill.  
**Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.**

You shall not commit adultery.  
**You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.**

You shall not steal.  
**Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need.**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
**Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, or anything that is your neighbor's.  
**Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.**

⌘ THE PEACE

⌘ GLORIA PATRI

INTERLUDE



PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

☒ 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

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless* 424

*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.*

☒ HYMN OF DEPARTURE *How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place* 469

☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot  
WORSHIP LEADER: James Phillips  
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.

## Gathering the Elect in Corinth

ACTS 18:1-11

I was with you in w\_\_\_\_\_ and fear and \_\_\_\_\_ trembling.

### 1. The Synagogue (vv. 1-6)

Aquila and Priscilla are e\_\_\_\_\_.

Calvin calls exile a f\_\_\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_.

Christianity is a religion of r\_\_\_\_\_ and p\_\_\_\_\_.

Paul was co\_\_\_\_\_ by or oc\_\_\_\_\_ with the Word.

Paul, like E\_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_ on the walls.

### 2. The City (vv. 7-11)

Paul garners some f\_\_\_\_\_ among the Jews.

It seems he was d\_\_\_\_\_, perhaps even f\_\_\_\_\_.

Two commands: Do not be \_\_\_\_\_; go on s\_\_\_\_\_.

Seeing the risen Lord, drove him to the c\_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

Christ's power is made \_\_\_\_\_ in w\_\_\_\_\_.

Paul is glad to \_\_\_\_\_ in his weaknesses.

2 Reasons: I am \_\_\_\_\_ you; I have many \_\_\_\_\_ in this c\_\_\_\_\_.

This is the high m\_\_\_\_\_ of the doctrine of e\_\_\_\_\_.

Their \_\_\_\_\_ are in the Lamb's Book of \_\_\_\_\_.

Paul: I am g\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ people of God.

He endures everything so the elect may obtain eternal g\_\_\_\_\_.

This is a vision from the risen L\_\_\_\_\_ of the e\_\_\_\_\_.

## Missions Work Highlight

JEREMIAH & JULIE DIEDRICH

*Serving with JAARS*

JAARS provides support in transportation, technology, media, and training to enable Bible translation and language development among unreached communities. The organization's helicopter service, located in Cruzeiro do Sul, Brazil, near the border with Peru, plays a pivotal role in facilitating missions to remote regions. Over the past year they have been based in North Carolina recruiting and training future pilots. The Diedrichs recently welcomed students from Liberty University School of Aeronautics, offering them a vision trip and fostering mentorship opportunities. Through shared meals, Bible studies, and late-night conversations around the fire, they aim to disciple the next generation of missionary aviators.

Jeremiah and Julie are immensely grateful for WPC's partnership, both materially and in prayer, as they continue their mission.

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## Announcements

It is our joy this morning to baptize Abigail and Audrey Pleuss on their profession of faith and to admit them to the Lord's Supper.

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

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.

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

Starting on Monday, April 8th, Adam Kuliszewski will be leading an eight-week prayer and study group of Paul Miller's book, *The Praying Life*. We will meet for prayer and a short discussion from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Great Room. If you are interested, please contact Adam.

# 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!

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## 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	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).

## Senior Pastor

Rev. Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

## Assistant Pastor

Rev. Justin Chiarot

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Johnson Chang-Fong (2024), Adam Kuliszewski (2024), Robert David (2025), Mike Bonagura (2026), James Phillips (2026)

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