

The Lord's Service

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

APRIL 06, 2025



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Lament
Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

ROBERT LAU
P. W. MAC DONALD

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.



CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 126:1–3

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then they said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
The LORD has done great things for us;
we are glad.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself. We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth the church has been gathered together, and that in every place your servants call upon your name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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CONFESSION OF SINS

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through 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

Hear, O people of God, the law that the Lord speaks in your hearing this day, that you may know his statutes and walk according to his ordinances.

Teach us, O Lord, the grace of your law, and give us life by your Word.

The God who saved us in Jesus Christ gave this law, saying: I am the Lord your God! You shall have no other gods before me.

We will worship the Lord our God and serve only him.

You shall not make yourself an image of anything to worship it.

Living no more in bondage to earthly gods, we will worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.

We will use the holy name of God with reverence, praising him in everything we do and say.

You shall observe the Sabbath by keeping it holy, for in six days you shall labor and do all your work.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

You shall honor your father and mother, that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving to you.

As children we will be obedient to our parents in the Lord; as parents we will correct our children and guide them in the training and instruction of the Lord; we will respect the lawful authorities appointed by God.

You shall not murder.

We will be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us.

You shall not commit adultery.

We will use our bodies in ways that are holy and honorable, and abstain from immorality and impurity.

You shall not steal.

We will do what we can for our neighbor's good, and work faithfully so that we may share with the poor.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

We will speak the truth with our neighbor in love, render judgments that are true and make for peace, and not devise in our hearts any evil against anyone.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

We will be content whatever the circumstances through the strength of Christ within us.

Thus, we must love our neighbor as ourselves.

For the Lord requires of us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. Amen!



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

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire

ARR. G. F. HANDEL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of life, your Spirit raised Jesus from the dead. Your Spirit inspired the prophets and writers of Scripture. Send your Spirit now to give us light, encouragement, faith, and hope through the proclamation of the everlasting gospel. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PSALM 126

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 3:4-14

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 36 *Thy Mercy and Thy Trust, O Lord* 60

⌘ GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 14:12-14

⌘ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON

"The Greatness of His Name"

⌘ THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall 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 life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

O Living Bread from Heaven

HASSLER

⌘ DOXOLOGY 731

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen, amen.

⌘ 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

(Outer ring alone is grape juice)

COMMUNION HYMN

Admire Us Our Beloved Saviour

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*Amidst us our Beloved stands,
and bids us view his pierced hands;
points to the wounded feet and side,
blest emblems of the Crucified.*

*The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,
when Jesus deigns the guests to meet!*

*What food luxurious loads the board,
when at this table sits the Lord!*

*O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,
your present smile a heav'n imparts!
O lift the veil, if veil there be,
let every saint your glory see!*

☒ HYMN OF DEPARTURE

Come to the Saviour Now

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☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

Postlude on St. Stephen

SETTING BY HEALEY WILLIAN

MINISTER: Rev. John Hanna
WORSHIP LEADER: Bob Maucher
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.

Missions Work Highlight

BEACON OF LIGHT PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER

MyChoice Pregnancy Care Center is a “Beacon of Light” for pregnant women in New York. MyChoice medical centers provide free medical services for women who find themselves in an unexpected pregnancy. They have offices in Middletown and New Windsor, NY. Among the key services which BOL provides is Maternity Housing for women in need of safe housing during their pregnancy and up to the baby’s first birthday. Learn more about BOL at its website: www.beaconofflightpsc.org.

Notes

Prayer Requests

Saints/Families of the Month: Joe Hall, Dawn Hoagland, Marilyn Hollwegs, Patty Kay family and Adam Kuliszewski family

Weekly Prayer Focus: Pulpit Search Committee, Angela DeMatteo Davis' mother Jane (recovery from surgery), David Babick (many months of recovery from leg surgery), Kameron Riffard (Esther's grandson battling alcoholism), Mary McCorvey (cancer), Jeanne Phillips (James's mother, limited responsiveness), Megan Brossman (mental health)

Announcements

It is our joy to welcome back Rev. John Hanna to minister Word and Sacrament to us this morning. Rev. Hanna is a PCA minister from New Jersey involved in "Ministry to State" to NJ State government officials.

We are also excited to welcome Anne Chege and her daughter Caroline during our Sunday School hour as they share about their ministry, New Hope Children's Centre in Nairobi, Kenya. This ministry provides food, shelter, and education for orphans, as well as support for the poor and elderly in their community. If you feel led to contribute, donations can be made payable to Matthew 25 Ministries, Chapel Field's outreach ministry. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to Anne's work at New Hope.

Please join us for the last mid-week Lenten service this Wednesday at 7PM; and in the following week, Maundy Thursday (4/17) and Good Friday (4/18) services at 7PM

The Sunday School sign-up prayer chart for April is posted in the upper hallway.

There will not be an April Luncheon on April 13th. Instead, on Easter Sunday, April 20th, there will be an Easter Sunday Brunch immediately following the 9:00am service since there is no Sunday School that day. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for anyone interested in bringing brunch-type items.

Easter Sunday Service will start at 9AM

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh is holding it's annual Walk for Housing on April 27th. The route starts and ends at Mount St Mary College in Newburgh. Registration is at 1 pm and the Walk begins at 2 pm. Habitat's mission is stated as "Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Having built over 110 homes in 25 years, we are working hard to keep housing affordable to those in need." Come out and support our effort!! Here is a link to register: giveeffect.com/campaigns/36892-walk-for-housing-2025/join

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	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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