

# The Lord's Service

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*Palm Sunday*

APRIL 13, 2025



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Behold the King  
The Palms*

LANI SMITH

JEAN BAPTISTE FAURE / ARR. LANI SMITH

*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

ZECHARIAH 9:9

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
**Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**  
Behold, your king is coming to you;  
**righteous and having salvation is he,**  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
**on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all, you gave your only-begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross. Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

*Ride On, Ride On In Majesty*

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the crucified King. 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

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

G. F. KAUFMANN

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, whose Word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PSALM 118:19-29

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

2 TIMOTHY 2:14-15

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 145      *All Creatures of Our God and King*      115

⌘ GOSPEL LESSON      LUKE 19:28-40

⌘ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.  
**Praise be to God.**

SERMON

*“Preparing for the Divine Presentation”*

⌘ 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

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

ARR. BILL INGRAM

⌘ 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

*Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands*

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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.*

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

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

*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

*The Holy City*

(see Insert)

☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

*All Glory, Laud and Honor*

G. F. KAUFMANN

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## Notes

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# 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.beaconoflightpsc.org](http://www.beaconoflightpsc.org).

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## 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)

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## Announcements

It is our joy to welcome Rev. Matt Mierski, Assistant Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Schenectady to minister the Word and Sacrament for us today.

Please join us for Maundy Thursday (4/17) and Good Friday (4/18) services at 7PM.

Easter Sunday Service will start at 9AM

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

There will not be an April Luncheon today. Instead, next Sunday, 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.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh is holding its 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](http://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!

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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

*Vacant*

## Assistant Pastor

Rev. Justin Chiarot

## Session (Ruling Elders, with Class Year)

Robert David (2025), Gary Berg (2025),  
Mike Bonagura (2026), James Phillips (2026),  
Ron Bonagura (2027), Bob Maucher (2027)

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Noah Watson (2026), John Grammer (2027),  
Ethan Westlund (2027)

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