

# The Lord's Service

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*Second Sunday of Easter*

APRIL 27, 2025



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.**



## CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 150:1–2

Praise the LORD!

**Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens!**

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

**praise him according to his excellent greatness!**



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Risen Christ, by Your Father's command You promised never to leave us or forsake us: Breathe on us Your Spirit with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage to believe that we may be raised with you. To you belong honor and glory, forever and ever. **Amen.**



## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Up From the Grave He Arose*

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## CONFESSION OF SINS

**Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We fail to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, we ignore your call to discipleship. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn. Forgive us, God of mercy! Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant, given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. 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

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Creator Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth, who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism, who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost: Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word of life and be renewed by your power, for you live and reign with the Father and the Son, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 5:27-32

SECOND LESSON

REVELATION 1:4-8

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 57      *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun*      395

⌘ GOSPEL LESSON      JOHN 20:1-18

⌘ RESPONSE

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

SERMON

*"The Voice"*

⌘ 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

⌘ 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

*Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌘ POSTLUDE

MINISTER: Rev. John Hanna  
WORSHIP LEADER: James Phillips  
ORGANIST: Diane Pedrosa

# 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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## 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, Abigail Elmendorf with child (due 9/25), 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 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.

Sunday School resumes today.

Evening services also resume today. Please join us 6pm.

There will be no Sunday School classes on Mothers' Day (5/11). There will also be no luncheon in May. The next Fellowship Luncheon will be on 6/8 following the Sunday School Closing Ceremony.

The annual congregational meeting will be held on 5/25 after a joint service with Christ's Church. There will be no Sunday School on that day. Adam Kuliszewski, Gary Berg, and Robert David will be standing for election as ruling elder. Joe Hall and Ed Timberger will be standing for election as deacons.

Coldenham Reformed Presbyterian Church is having a Psalm Sing May 18 at 3:00 PM. Refreshments to follow. 469 Coldenham Rd., Walden NY. All are welcome.

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh is holding it's annual Walk for Housing later today. 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)

## Board of Deacons (with Class Year)

Joe Hall (Chair: 2025), Bill Cooke (2025),  
Ed Timberger (2025), David Babick (2026),  
Noah Watson (2026), John Grammer (2027),  
Ethan Westlund (2027)

## Board of Trustees

Robert David (Chairman)  
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## Staff

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