

The Lord's Service

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

APRIL 28, 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

PSALM 105:1-2

Call on the name of the Lord in praise;
Make known God's deeds among the nations!

**Sing to God with joyful songs;
tell of God's wonderful deeds!**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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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



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: spoken, sung

⌘ RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW FROM THE GOSPELS

You shall have no other gods before me.
It is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.
God is a spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool... Let what you say be simply Yes or No; anything more than this comes from evil.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath; so the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

Honor your father and your mother.
For God commanded, he who speaks evil of father or mother, let him surely die.

You shall not kill.
Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

You shall not commit adultery.
Everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

You shall not steal.
For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery...theft...These are what defile a man.

You shall not bear false witness.
For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

You shall not covet.
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

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INTERLUDE

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 EZEKIEL 33:1-6 *p. 856*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ACTS 20:17-38 *p. 1105*

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 22 *The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear* 368

⌘ GOSPEL READING LUKE 9:51-62 *p. 1031*

⌘ RESPONSE
The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON *Ephesian Farewell Part 1*

⌘ THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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 *God in the Gospel of His Son* 141

⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⊗ POSTLUDE

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: James Phillips
ORGANIST: Marilyn Hollwegs
PIANIST: Thyra Hollwegs

Ephesian Farewell Part 1

ACTS 20:17-27

The only speech to an exclusively C_____ audience.

1. The Past (vv. 17-21, 26-27)

“Let me set my _____ before you as an e_____.”

Calvin speaks against lo_____.

Humility is the first mark of a_____ ministry.

S_____ is a feature of apostolic Christianity.

In his teaching Paul “did not s_____.”

Paul evokes the language of E_____ chapter ____.

He didn’t just teach or proclaim, he _____.

The gospel was the c_____, the g_____ of his proclamation.

2. The Future (22-25)

Paul was called to _____ for the sake of the Name.

Paul embodied the _____ of the _____.

We enter the kingdom through many t_____.

What matters to Paul is f_____ well.

He testifies to the g_____ of the g_____ of God.

We are to i_____ him as he _____ Christ.

We should be people of the w_____ of Scripture.

Do not _____ your life ex_____.

Missions Work Highlight

BEACON OF LIFE PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER

Faithful followers of Christ recognize the high value of each human life for it is created in the image of God. Accordingly, our mission focus today is on the Beacon of Life Pregnancy Support Center (BOL), a Christian ministry that advocates for unborn babies in word and deed, by providing free medical services and resources which empower their parents to choose life through the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 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.

Announcements

Today is Compassion Sunday. See the display in the narthex presented by Joe Schlegel.

Adam Kuliszewski is 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 on Monday's from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Great Room. If you are interested, please contact Adam.

May 12th is Mother's Day and we will not be having our monthly luncheon. However, there will still be Coffee and Fellowship time following the service. Also, there is no Sunday school or second service that day.

The congregational meeting will be held at 11:45 AM on Sunday May 19th— Gary Berg, Bob Maucher, and Ron Bonagura will be standing for election as ruling elders, and Ethan Westlund, John Grammer, and Joe Hall will be standing for election as deacons.

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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Rev. Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

Assistant Pastor

Rev. Justin Chiarot

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