

The Lord's Service

Third Sunday of Easter

MAY 04, 2025



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Christ Lag in Todesbad
The Blessed Christ is Risen Today*

J.S. BACH

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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 30:4-5

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment,

and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night,

but joy comes with the morning.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, we praise you that in love you have reached across the abyss of our sin and brought us into your embrace. We thank you for the sacrifice of your Son on the cross, for the breaking of his body for our sakes, and for the spilling of his blood to seal us in the covenant of your love. By your Spirit, give us the grace of repentance, and guide us in ways of righteousness, as we follow Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

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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. **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 PSALMS

God spoke all these words, saying; I am the Lord your God, you shall have no other gods before me.

Against thee, thee only, I have sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight.

You shall not make for yourself graven images...you shall not bow down to them or serve them.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. **How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

Honor your father and your mother. **Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to thy steadfast love remember me, for thy goodness' sake, O Lord!**

You shall not kill.

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me.

You shall not commit adultery.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

You shall not steal.

Have mercy on me, O God, blot out my transgressions.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Put false ways far from me; and graciously teach me thy law!

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Incline my heart to thy testimonies, and not to gain! Deliver me from all my transgressions.

The Lord is near to all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him, he also hears their cry, and saves them.

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.



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 Come, Let Us Sing Unto to the Lord

EDINBURGH PSALTER

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

ISAIAH 42:5-18

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-13

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 30 *O Lord, by Grace Delivered* 626

⌘ GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 9:1-38

⌘ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON

"Who Sinned"

⌘ 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

Prayer

ALFRED HOLLINS

⌘ 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 *According to Thy Gracious Word* 423

*According to thy gracious word,
in meek humility,
this will I do, my dying Lord,
I will remember thee.*

*Thy body, broken for my sake,
my bread from heav'n shall be;*

*thy testamental cup I take,
and thus remember thee.*

*When to the cross I turn mine eyes,
and rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,
I must remember thee.*

⌘ HYMN OF DEPARTURE *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* 278

⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌘ POSTLUDE *Praise, My Soul, The King of Heaven* LANI SMITH

MINISTER: Rev. Steve Froehlich
WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.

Missions Work Highlight

RICHARD AND ROBYN CRANE— MISSION TO THE WORLD

In 2003, the Cranes relocated to Miami where Richard works with numerous organizations connected to MTW developing distance education courses in pastoral psychology. Richard and Robyn reach Spanish speakers all around the globe as they conduct leadership training by extension using the internet, printed material, and intensive courses internationally. More information is available for Mission to the World and the Cranes at *www.mtw.org*.

Notes

Prayer Requests

Saints/Families of the Month: Ezra Kuliszewski family, Ruth Lettieri, Art Luse, Gill Mackay family, John Mathews 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)

Announcements

We are delighted to welcome Rev. Steve Froehlich, who will typically be ministering the Word and Sacrament to us on the first three Sundays of each month. Rev. Froehlich is a retired PCA minister from Ithaca, NY, and he most recently served as the interim pastor of a church in New Mexico during their search for a pastor.

There is Sunday School for all ages today.

Please join us at 6pm for evening service.

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

Our final chart (May/June) for praying for Sunday School classes and teachers is posted in the upper hallway. As the Lord leads, please sign up to pray once a week for the remaining six weeks for each student and teacher listed. Thank you to the faithful people praying this year.

Coldenham Reformed Presbyterian Church is having a Psalm Sing 5/18 at 3:00 PM. Refreshments to follow. 469 Coldenham Rd., Walden NY. All are welcome.

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.

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).

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

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