The Lord's Service

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 15, 2026



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Prelude — Jacques-Nicola Lemmens
May God Be Gracious To Us — Johann Pachelbel

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 — from PSALM 111

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Give us, O Lord, steadfast hearts, which no unworthy affection may drag downward; give us unconquered hearts, which no tribulation can wear out; give us upright hearts, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside. Bestow on us also, O Lord our God, understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and a faithfulness that may finally embrace you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE — *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder* — 172

CONFESSION OF SINS

Our Father, we confess that our words, relationships, desires, and partnerships have often grieved your Spirit. We have failed to speak truth in love, failed to forgive as we have been forgiven, have imitated the world, and joined ourselves to what is foolish and unfruitful. Forgive us for not discerning what is pleasing to you. 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 735

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 *Give To Our God Immortal Praise* FRANCIS DUCKWORTH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON NUMBERS 18:8-20

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON EPHESIANS 5:1-6

PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 9 *O Lord Most High, with All My Heart* 48

GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 4:18-22

RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON *Imitators of God*

WESTMINSTER LARGER CATECHISM QUESTION 90

What shall be done to the righteous at the day of judgment?

At the day of judgment, the righteous, being caught up to Christ in the clouds, shall be set on His right hand, and there openly acknowledged and acquitted, shall join with Him in the judging of reprobate angels and men, and shall be received into heaven, where they shall be fully and forever freed from all sin and misery; filled with inconceivable joys, made perfectly holy and happy both in body and soul, in the company of innumerable saints and holy angels, but especially in the immediate vision and fruition of God the Father, of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Holy Spirit, to all eternity. And this is the perfect and full communion, which the members of the invisible church shall enjoy with Christ in glory, at the resurrection and day of judgment.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Jesus, I Am Resting* JAMES MOUNTAIN

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 WITH 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 *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 that 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 *And Can it Be that I Should Gain* 455

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Let All Things Now Living* TRADITIONAL WELSH MELODY

PREACHER: Rev. Rob Maeder
WORSHIP LEADER: Bob Maucher
ORGANIST: Diane Pedrosa

Missions Work Highlight

CUBA DIACONAL FUND #92751 – MTW CUBA

Richard Crane and his wife Robyn, formerly supported by WPC, are now retired and are helping coordinate funding to the Cuba Diaconal Fund. Donations to this fund help supply much-needed medicine, food, and clothes, both to Havana and to Sancti Spiritus. This fund also enables the buying of solar panels and batteries to run refrigerators, lights, appliances, the sound system in the Puente church plant, and even a limited amount of AC. Pastor Raicol of the Puente church invites his neighbors into his home to charge their phones and strikes up a gospel conversation in the process!

Prayer Requests

Saints/Families of the Month
Pedrero family, Diane Pedrosa family, Thomas Pedrosa family, Phillips family, Pillsworth family

Weekly Prayer & Praise Focus
Rich Family, Pulpit Search Cmte., Kameron Rifflard (Esther's grandson), Alice Watson (Chaz Watson's mother), Barbara Booth (John Grammer's mother), Linda Dennis, Stanley Osiecki (Ed Norris' nephew), Bert Roosje, Jane (Angela DeMatteo Davis' mother), David Babick

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Announcements

It is our joy to welcome Rev. Rob Maeder, Teaching Elder from the West Hudson Presbytery (NJ), to minister the Word and Sacrament for us today.

We will have Sunday School classes today from 11:45am-12:30pm.

No evening service tonight. The next evening service will be 12/13 at 2 PM.

A joint WPC and CCHV Thanksgiving Eve soup supper and service: Fellowship will host a Thanksgiving Soup Supper on Wednesday, 11/25/26, at 6pm, followed by a service at 7pm. Anyone wishing to contribute soups, salads, rolls, or desserts should let Merilee Timberger know.

If you haven't received offering envelopes for your giving but are interested in them for next year, please share your request with Jo-Anne Weber.

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 *(Sept–June)*	11:45 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 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

Session (Ruling Elders, with Class Year)

Gary Berg (2027)
Robert David (2027)
Bob Maucher (2027)
Adam Kuliszewski (2028)
James Phillips (2028)

Board of Deacons (with Class Year)

David Babick (2027)
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Noah Watson (2027)
Joe Hall (2028)
Ed Timberger (2028)

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Adam Kuliszewski (Vice-Chairman)

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