

# The Lord's Service

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*The First Sunday in Lent*

FEBRUARY 18, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*O Love How Deep, How Broad, How High  
How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

ARR. DAVID N. JOHNSON  
REINAGLE / SETTING BY HEALEY WILLAN

*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

1 PETER 1:23-25A

You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable,  
**through the living and abiding word of God.**

For “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass.

**The grass withers, and the flower falls,  
but the word of the Lord remains forever.”**

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, that we may become instruments of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Lift High the Cross*

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CONFESSION OF SINS

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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

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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### ⌘ INTERLUDE

*O Praise the Lord for He is Good*

ARR. SAMUEL WEBBER, JR.

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.**

FIRST LESSON ISAIAH 53:4-12 *p.* 729

SECOND LESSON ACTS 17:1-15 *p.* 1100

☒ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 98 *Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord* 16

☒ GOSPEL READING LUKE 24:25-27, 44-47 *p.* 1052

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

SERMON *Reasoning from the Scriptures*

☒ THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* W. J. DOANE / ARR. P. W. MACDONALD

⊗	DOXOLOGY		731
⊗	SURSUM CORDA Lift up your hearts. <b>We lift them up to the Lord.</b> Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. <b>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>		
⊗	PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
⊗	THE LORD'S PRAYER		
	THE COMMUNION		
	COMMUNION HYMN	<i>Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless</i>	424
	<i>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,</i>	<i>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.</i>	
⊗	HYMN OF DEPARTURE	<i>God, in the Gospel of His Son</i>	141
⊗	CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
⊗	POSTLUDE	<i>Largo</i>	G. F. HANDEL / ARR. LAWRENCE GRANT

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot  
 WORSHIP LEADER: Johnson Chang-Fong  
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# Reasoning from the Scriptures

ACTS 17:1-15

## 1. Paul and Scripture

Scripture here means the G\_\_\_\_\_ Testament.

The P\_\_\_\_\_ principle: Scripture is the supreme n\_\_\_\_\_.

They are the S\_\_\_\_\_ J\_\_\_\_\_ in all controversies of religion.

There's a c\_\_\_\_\_ between Scripture and reason.

Doctrine is not i\_\_\_\_\_.

The Word of God l\_\_\_\_\_ r\_\_\_\_\_.

We reason not al\_\_\_\_\_ or a\_\_\_\_\_ but f\_\_\_\_\_ Scripture.

Christianity is the \_\_\_\_\_ of reason.

To "explain" means, he o\_\_\_\_\_ up the text.

Scripture, from beginning to end, speaks of C\_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. The Bereans and Scripture

They had a two-fold n\_\_\_\_\_.

They displayed open-minded r\_\_\_\_\_.

They are seeking the \_\_\_\_\_, not d\_\_\_\_\_ their position.

They were de\_\_\_\_\_ the text.

There's a kind of \_\_\_\_\_ loop that operates in the saints.

True religion i\_\_\_\_\_ ex\_\_\_\_\_.

Scripture's glory derives from the One it p\_\_\_\_\_.

## Missions Work Highlight

TIM AND THERESE GALAGE

*South Africa*

Tim and Therese Galage, MTW Missionaries in the Republic of South Africa have had an exciting year of travel for leadership training, women's ministries, university outreach, a new church plant, and new interns enrolled in the church planting program. They greatly appreciate our prayer and financial help in this vital work in South Africa.

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## Announcements

If you desire to churchwide emails please sign and provide your email on the sheet in the narthex.

We are hosting a luncheon for newcomers to Westminster on 2/25 after the Sunday School time. Please sign the sheet in the narthex or contact Cheryl Chiarot or Brenda Grammer if you plan to attend.

# 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	11:00 AM
Sunday School	12:30 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

Rev. Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

## Assistant Pastor

Rev. Justin Chiarot

## Session (Ruling Elders, with Class Year)

Johnson Chang-Fong (2024), Adam Kuliszewski (2024), Robert David (2025), Mike Bonagura (2026), James Phillips (2026)

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