

# The Lord's Service

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*The Third Sunday in Lent*

MARCH 03, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*A Lenten Supplication  
O Blessed Jesu*

RUDOLF DITTRICH  
JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

*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 115:1-3

Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,  
**for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!**

Why should the nations say, “Where is their God?”

**Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.**

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, in your steadfast love and faithfulness, you delivered Israel from the worship of false gods. Redeem your people in every age from the pursuit of all that is worthless, dehumanizing and untrue, through Jesus our Savior, who came to bring us life in all its fullness. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Sing Praise to the Lord!*

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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 EPISTLES

You shall have no other gods before me.  
**For from him and through him and to him are all things.**

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.  
**In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.**

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.  
**Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.**

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.  
**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.**

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.  
**Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.**

You shall not kill.  
**Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.**

You shall not commit adultery.  
**You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.**

You shall not steal.  
**Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need.**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
**Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, or anything that is your neighbor's.  
**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

*O Lamm Gottes*

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON PSALM 115:1-18 *p. 604*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-6 *p. 1136*

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 115 *Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven* 67

⊗ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 6:19-24 *p. 964*

⊗ RESPONSE

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

SERMON *The Maker of Heaven and Earth*

⊗ THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH OF CREATION CHAPTER 4

**It pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for the manifestation of the glory of His eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, in the beginning, to create or make of nothing the world, and all things therein, whether visible or invisible, in the space of six days, and all very good.**

**After God had made all other creatures, He created man, male and female, with reasonable and immortal souls, endued with knowledge, righteousness, and true holiness after His own image, having the law of God written in their hearts, and power to fulfill it; and yet under a possibility of transgressing, being left to the liberty of their own will, which was subject unto change. Besides this law written in their hearts, they received a command not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; which while they kept were happy in their communion with God, and had dominion over the creatures. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

	OFFERTORY	<i>O Lamb of God, Spotless and Pure</i>	GEORG PHILLIP TELEMANN
⊗	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.</i>	<i>in strength of which we travel on to our abiding place.</i>	
	<i>Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak, as you when here below, our souls the joys celestial seek which from thy sorrows flow.</i>	<i>Be known to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart; Savior, abide with us, and spread your table in our heart.</i>	
	<i>We would not live by bread alone, but by your word of grace,</i>	<i>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>The God of Abraham Praise</i>	34
⊗	CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
⊗	POSTLUDE	<i>Agnus Dei</i>	GEORGES BIZET / ARR. LAWRENCE GRANT

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot  
 WORSHIP LEADER: Adam Kuliszewski  
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# The Maker of Heaven and Earth

PSALM 115

## 1. God (verses 1-3)

God's name is his u\_\_\_\_\_ p\_\_\_\_\_.

L\_\_\_\_\_ and f\_\_\_\_\_ are c\_\_\_\_\_ words.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is the s\_\_\_\_\_ of our relationship with God.

Israel's God is i\_\_\_\_\_, i\_\_\_\_\_, and i\_\_\_\_\_.

The text does not r\_\_\_\_\_ God in heaven.

## 2. The Idols (verses 4-8)

The critique is s\_\_\_\_\_ l and s\_\_\_\_\_ c.

Idols are made from h\_\_\_\_\_ h\_\_\_\_\_.

God made h\_\_\_\_\_ and e\_\_\_\_\_.

Calvin: Our hearts are a f\_\_\_\_\_ of i\_\_\_\_\_.

You b\_\_\_\_\_ like what you w\_\_\_\_\_.

## 3. Trust (verses 9-11)

You cannot worship G\_\_\_\_\_ and g\_\_\_\_\_.

## 4. Blessing (verses 12-15)

The original intentions for c\_\_\_\_\_ will not be thwarted.

The c\_\_\_\_\_ promises to A\_\_\_\_\_ still stand.

We are promised: land, s\_\_\_\_\_, and b\_\_\_\_\_.

## 5. Praise (verses 16-18)

Praise in an a\_\_\_\_\_ to the mocking nations.

By extolling God we lead in the g\_\_\_\_\_n of verse 1.

## Missions Work Highlight

JEREMIAH & JULIE DIEDRICH  
*Serving with JAARS*

JAARS provides support in transportation, technology, media, and training to enable Bible translation and language development among unreached communities. The organization's helicopter service, located in Cruzeiro do Sul, Brazil, near the border with Peru, plays a pivotal role in facilitating missions to remote regions. Over the past year they have been based in North Carolina recruiting and training future pilots. The Diedrichs recently welcomed students from Liberty University School of Aeronautics, offering them a vision trip and fostering mentorship opportunities. Through shared meals, Bible studies, and late-night conversations around the fire, they aim to disciple the next generation of missionary aviators.

Jeremiah and Julie are immensely grateful for WPC's partnership, both materially and in prayer, as they continue their mission.

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## Announcements

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

Our Lenten Wednesday evening services continue this week at 7PM. We are using the letters of the risen Christ to the churches in the Book of Revelation as a guide for the season.

Next Sunday, there will be a Fellowship luncheon following Sunday School. The congregation is asked to bring main dishes, casseroles, salads, side dishes and desserts.

3/31/24 - Fellowship is hosting an Easter Brunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for anyone wishing to contribute brunch-type food.

Starting on Monday, April 4th, Adam Kuliszewski will be 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 from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Great Room. If you are interested, please contact Adam.

The Sunday School Prayer List for March is posted on the bulletin in the upper hallway. Please sign up to pray for both the teacher and students by name for whichever class you choose. The commitment is to pray seriously once a week for the month.

# 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

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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