

The Lord's Service

The Second Sunday of Easter
APRIL 07, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church
POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Meditation from "Thais"

Jules Massenet

Jesus Christ, Our Savior Who Overcame Death

Buxtehude

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 118:24

This is the day that the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

☒ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

☒ HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness

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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

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

May the Mind of Christ My Savior

Cyril Barham-Gould

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.**

⊗	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	<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>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	334
⊗	CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
⊗	POSTLUDE	<i>O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing</i>	J.S. Bach

MINISTER: Rev. Justin Chiarot
 WORSHIP LEADER: Adam
 Kuliszewski
 ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.

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 we welcome our Assistant Pastor, Rev. Justin Chiarot, to minister the Word and Sacrament to us.

Starting tomorrow, Monday, April 8th, 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.

Pastor Chiarot will be on vacation until 4/15. Please contact your shepherding elder (or any elder) if you need assistance. Please send all prayer requests to Jo-Anne Weber at: office@westminsterchurch-ny.org.

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

The Beacon of Light Pregnancy Support Center is a ministry that Westminster Church has supported for some time. They exist to reach, empower, equip and pray for women facing unplanned pregnancies in our community. You are invited to attend their annual fundraising banquet event on April 18th. You will hear an update on all their ministries. Live and taped testimonies from the women this ministry serves will be highlighted. Further information or to purchase tickets can be found at Banquet - Beacon of Light (beaconoflightpsc.org).

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).

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),

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