

The Lord's Service

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

APRIL 30, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

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

⌘ WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 84:

Q. What does every sin deserve?

A. Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

⌘ CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 16:8, 11

I have set the Lord always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

You make known to me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy;

at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

⌘ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, in whom our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice: Show us the path of your presence, that we may follow it in hope and be filled with resurrection joy; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

⌘ HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule over our lives. We have followed the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us of the guilt of our sin, and liberate us from its power, that we may be holy and faithful, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, the ascended head and king of the church, in whose name we pray. 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

Hear, O people of God, the law that the Lord speaks in your hearing this day, that you may know his statutes and walk according to his ordinances.

Teach us, O Lord, the grace of your law, and give us life by your Word.

The God who saved us in Jesus Christ gave this law, saying: I am the Lord your God! You shall have no other gods before me.

We will worship the Lord our God and serve only him.

You shall not make for yourself an image of anything to worship it.

Living no more in bondage to earthly gods, we will worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.

We will use the holy name of God with reverence, praising him in everything we do and say.

You shall observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, for in six days you shall labor and do all your work.

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

You shall honor your father and mother, that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving to you.

As children we will be obedient to our parents in the Lord; as parents we will correct our children and guide them in the training and instruction of the Lord; we will respect the lawful authorities appointed by God.

You shall not murder.

We will be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us.

You shall not commit adultery.

We will use our bodies in ways that are holy and honorable, and abstain from immorality and impurity.

You shall not steal.

We will do what we can for our neighbor's good, and work faithfully so that we may share with the poor.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

We will speak the truth with our neighbor in love, render judgments that are true and make for peace, and not devise in our hearts any evil against anyone.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

We will be content whatever the circumstances through the strength of Christ within us.

Thus, we must love our neighbor as ourselves.

For the Lord requires of us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. Amen!

⌘ THE PEACE

INTERLUDE

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.**

FIRST READING PSALM 16:1-11 *p. 535*

SECOND READING ACTS 2:25-36 *p. 1082*

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 16 *To You, O Lord, I Fly* 692

⌘ GOSPEL READING LUKE 20:41-44 *p. 1046*

⌘ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Lord and Christ

⌘ THE ATHANASIAN CREED

PART 2

Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith. And the catholic faith is this:

That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in unity, neither confounding the persons, nor dividing the substance.

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten; the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father; the Spirit was neither made nor created, but he proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the unity in Trinity. Whoever desires to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

☒ DOXOLOGY

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☒ 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

COMMUNION HYMN

Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured

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*Let thy blood in mercy poured,
let thy gracious body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord,
of thy boundless love the token.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
by the spear wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now
claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*Thou didst die that I might live;
blessed Lord, thou can'st to save me;
all that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King,
of thy matchless love forgive me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

☒ HYMN OF DEPARTURE *The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns*

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☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Johnson Chang-Fong

ORGANIST: Elaine Simpson

Lord and Christ

ACTS 2:25-36

1. Raised (vv. 25-32)

The citation is from Psalm ____.

The Psalm is first and foremost about C_____.

There is an i_____ perception that _____ is with us.

This the ground of our st_____.

What is true of Christ is true of the m_____ of his b_____.

Nothing can s_____ us from God, who is w_____ and f_____ us.

We dwell in full-b_____ quiet a_____.

There is a u_____ pr_____ of Christ in view.

_____ cannot be the one spoken of in the Psalm.

David, a p_____, fo_____ Christ's r_____.

There is now a d_____ witness to the resurrection.

2. Exalted (vv. 33-36)

The resurrection begins the Son's e_____.

The throne of David is now in _____.

The _____ is not given until Jesus is g_____.

Pentecost comes because Christ is r_____ and e_____.

The Psalm of exaltation is Psalm ____.

In the Psalm the _____ speaks to the S_____.

Jesus was b_____ as Lord and Christ.

Now he is op_____ dis_____ as Lord and Christ.

The Lord who must be called upon for _____ is _____.

This One is at our right hand, thus we cannot be s_____.

Missions Work Highlight

BEACON OF LIGHT PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER, INC.

Serving Pregnant Women in Need

We are ever so grateful for God's faithfulness, for our prayer warriors and for all those serving in this ministry. And we are thankful for the wonderful and supportive connection we have with Westminster Church. Beacon of Light could not do what it does without the support of people like yourselves.

Every Friday morning My Choice has a virtual prayer meeting open to all and it is growing. We have seen mothers draw strength from these meetings and change their mind about aborting their child. We also continue to hold those women in prayer who call our office but do not make an appointment or cancel a scheduled one. Our Maternity Home levies no charge on the women living here with their babies. Our prayer for current and past residents is that they encounter the Living God and find salvation in Christ.

Pray with us for two additional nurses for the clinics, new board members, a house manager for the Maternity Home, and new ways to make our ministry better known in our communities.

Announcements

There is no evening or second service on Mother's Day 5/14.

The Fellowship Committee is in need of a person to coordinate the meals for the "Care Ministry of Fellowship". It includes coordinating volunteers in providing meals for our shut-ins, families with new babies, and the sick, as needed. Please talk to JoAnn Maucher or Betty Rossetter for more information.

Vacation Bible School at WPC— Save The Date: August 7-11, 2023 (9-12pm). If interested in helping, please see Brenda Grammer.

The annual congregational meeting will be held on 5/7 during the Sunday School hour. There will be no Sunday School on that day.

- Mike Bonagura and James Phillips will be standing for election as ruling elders.
- David Babick and Noah Watson will be standing for election as deacons.

Spring Church clean up will be held on Saturday, May 13 at 10AM (Rain date 5/27)

We are in need of Nursery Helpers for the months of May and June. Please look for the sign-up sheets in the Nursery. We appreciate your help!

The Safety Team is seeking volunteers. Please see Joe Schlegel.

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	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 Minister

The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

Session (Ruling Elders, with Class Year)

Bob Maucher (2023), Johnson Chang-Fong (2024),
Adam Kuliszewski (2024), Robert David (2025)

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Joe Hall (2024), Bill Cooke (2025),
Ed Timberger (2025)

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