

The Lord's Service

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 24, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Contemplation
Beneath Thy Wings O'ershading*

Please use the prelude as a time of silent preparation for the worship of the Triune God.

OLIVE N. RUSSELL
VAN DENMAN THOMPSON

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

⊗ WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 105:

Q. What do we pray for in the fifth petition?

A. In the fifth petition, which is, “And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,” we pray that God, for Christ’s sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by His grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 95:1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Amen!

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent Jesus, our good shepherd, to gather us together. May we not wander from his flock, but follow wherever he leads us, listening for his voice and staying near him, until we are safely in your fold, to live with you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



THE KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

☒ THE PEACE

☒ GLORIA PATRI

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INTERLUDE

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PSALM 95:1-11

p. 590

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

PHILIPPIANS 1:1-2

p. 1164

☒ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 67

O God, to Us Show Mercy

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☒ GOSPEL READING

JOHN 16:16-33

p. 1072

☒ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Introduction to Philippians

⌘ THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Meditation on "Something for Thee"

ROBERT LOWRY / ARR. JACK C. GOODE

⌘ 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

⌘	HYMN OF DEPARTURE	<i>Rejoice, the Lord Is King</i>	309
⌘	CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
⌘	POSTLUDE	<i>Praise the Almighty, My Soul Adore Him</i>	TUNE 1665 / SETTING BY FLOR PEETERS

MINISTER: Mr. Justin Chiarot
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.

Missions Work Highlight

ADAM GORDON, ALL 4 JESUS MINISTRIES

Today's Great Commission Focus is upon Adam Gordon and the strategic mission of All 4 Jesus Ministries, Inc. Its mission "to fulfill the great commission and to ignite a passion in others to do the same," is pursued by working with local Gospel centered churches, conducting gospel outreaches in towns and cities, and investing deeply in the lives of college students. Accordingly, two multi-week evangelism classes were conducted this summer. God provided several fine young men who having taken the evangelism training, regularly shared the gospel in 1 to 1 witness along with Adam on the streets of Poughkeepsie, Beacon, New Paltz and Pawling NY. For returning-students, four bible study groups at New Paltz and two at Orange have commenced, and weekly leadership meetings for the students launched. WPC's Prof. James Phillips RE, is a regular guest speaker at the New Paltz meetings. Weekly Gospel outreaches are planned for Orange and New Paltz. During freshman outreach, 80 Bibles were given out and connections made with students who became involved with the bible study groups. Some are brand new to Christianity and their growth is exciting.

We joyfully celebrate with Adam and his wife Karla as their first wedding anniversary approaches. Please join with them in earnest prayer that the Lord grant them a more spacious residence for building their family and as a base for ministry.

Announcements

This morning we welcome Mr. Justin Chiarot to minister the Word of God to us. We also welcome our church plant, Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley, which is worshipping with us this morning.

Sunday School classes are held from 11:45-12:30pm. The Adult Sunday School class is an "Introduction to Covenant Theology" taught by Pastor Kevin Chiarot.

The Orange County Life Chain, a peaceful, prayerful, public witness for the unborn will take place on Sunday, October 1st, from 2:00 – 3:30 PM, on Route 211 in Middletown, NY. Participants will line up on the south side of Rt. 211 starting at the Galleria at Crystal Run and ending at Shop Rite Supermarket.

On 10/8/23 there will be a Fall Harvest Luncheon following Sunday School. The congregation is asked to bring main dishes, side dishes, salads and desserts. To encourage a variety of dishes, there is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen. Please stop by the kitchen to add your name and what you would like to bring.

We need nursery volunteers for October and November. Please sign up in the nursery.

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.

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