

A Worship Service of the New York State Presbytery  
Presbyterian Church in America

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*The Ordination of Justin Chiarot  
as  
Minister of Word and Sacrament*



*November 5, 2023*

Westminster Presbyterian Church

ROCK TAVERN, NY

PRELUDE

*Air from Overture in D  
Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH  
SETTING BY JOHN BARR

WELCOME

Rev. Kevin Chiarot (convener)

☒ CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

**People: Who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ.**

☒ OPENING HYMN

*How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place*

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☒ PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Minister: Almighty God, before whom all hearts are open and all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may fully love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

☒ THE PEACE

OFFERING FOR PRESBYTERY

*Offertory*

☒ DOXOLOGY

☒ SURSUM CORDA

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

☒ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 4:1-17

*Ruling Elder Mark Dobson*

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON	Ephesians 3:8-12	<i>Ruling Elder Robert David</i>	<i>p. 1160</i>
☒ GLORIA PATRI			
☒ GOSPEL LESSON		Luke 4:1-13	<i>p. 1021</i>
SERMON	<i>A Glorious Insufficiency</i>	Rev. William Spanjer	
☒ THE NICENE CREED			<i>p. 846</i>
THE ORDINATION			
CONVENER'S REMARKS			
QUESTIONS TO THE CANDIDATE (BCO 21.5 QUESTIONS 1-7)			
QUESTIONS TO THE SESSION (BCO 21.6 QUESTIONS 1-4)			
THE ORDINATION PRAYER			
THE RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP			
THE PRONOUNCEMENT			
CHARGE TO THE MINISTER		Rev. Kevin Chiarot	
CHARGE TO THE SESSION AND CONGREGATION		Rev. J. Cody Gibson	
☒ CLOSING HYMN	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>		347
☒ BENEDICTION		Rev. Justin Chiarot	
☒ POSTLUDE	<i>Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring</i>	<i>JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH</i>	

*A reception follows in the fellowship hall, all are invited.*

ORGANIST: Elaine Simpson, DMA

“How, then, will those who are responsible for teaching God’s people avoid vain and futile questions? And how will they resist those who misrepresent the gospel? Namely, by relying upon God and applying themselves to the task. For, while we heed the world we cannot help becoming debauched by distracting trivia...That is why St. Paul now brings Timothy face to face with God: “Do your best to present yourself to God...” In short do we really wish to abstain from superfluous and empty questions? Then let us teach as if God were present, as an envoy would speak before his prince or before those who administer justice for he is an agent of the supreme sovereign. In such manner must we speak, knowing which person is given to us, if we wish to proclaim God’s word faithfully...Let us never approach the sacred desk without having first solemnly said, “I am here as before God. I am even as His mouth, and I must be reformed in order that everything that is of man may be put in subjection so that I may be able to attest in truth that what I say is of God, and that I have received it from him...” Let us hold to the simplicity of the gospel. We see our salvation founded on God’s goodness and in His immutable counsel. Then we see how He has called us privately to Himself. We see that we have been reconciled to Him in the person of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom we have remission of our sins, the fullness of every grace, and an increase of gifts from His Holy Spirit. Then we shall know how our life is to be regulated and what the sacrifices God asks are. We shall learn how to reform our carnal affections and pass through this world by aspiring to God and contemplating the immortal glory which He has promised us. Then we shall understand how we have access to Him through prayer and what the use and benefit of the sacraments are. What more could we ask? We should like to rise even above the clouds! No matter how strenuous our efforts, we cannot proceed a single inch except God lead us. Let us, therefore, hold to the simplicity of the gospel if we do not wish to be thrown back into ruinous occasions.”

John Calvin, *Sermon on II Timothy 2:14-15*

