

# The Lord's Service

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*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

MARCH 22, 2026



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured  
O Come and Mourn with Me*

CHARLES H. GRIFFEN  
JOHN B. DYKES

*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 HEBREWS 13:5-6  
Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have,  
**for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”**  
So, we can confidently say, “The Lord is my helper;  
**I will not fear; what can man do to me?”**

- ☒ PRAYER OF THE DAY  
O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; manifest your strength in our weakness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

- ☒ HYMN OF PRAISE *O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping through Us* 341

CONFESSION OF SINS

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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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***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.***

### INTERLUDE

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

JOHANN FRANCK

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

DEUTERONOMY 7:6-8

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 PETER 2:9-12

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 51      *God, Be Merciful to Me*      486

⌘ GOSPEL LESSON      JOHN 17

⌘ RESPONSE

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

SERMON

*Blessed Election*

⌘ THE ATHANASIAN CREED      PART II

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

*Where Is He Now*

JEFF LIPPENCOTT

-  DOXOLOGY 731  
*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen, amen.*
-  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 WITH 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.**
-  HYMN OF DEPARTURE 336  
*Spirit. Strength of All the Weak*
-  CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
-  POSTLUDE JEFF LIPPENCOTT  
*Saints of Zion*

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## Missions Work Highlight

ADAM GORDON – ALL 4 JESUS MINISTRIES, NEW YORK

Adam Gordon is the leader of All 4 Jesus Ministries, Inc., whose mission is “to fulfill the Great Commission and to ignite a passion in others to do the same”. This mission entails one-on-one witnessing in the public arena and college campuses, teaching and preaching God’s Word at strategic seminars and partnering with the local church to equip and encourage believers for the work of evangelism.

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## Prayer Requests

### **Saints/Families of the Month**

Coleman family, Cooke family, Linda Croce, Galen Crusan

### **Weekly Prayer & Praise Focus**

Rich Family, Pulpit Search Committee, Esther Riffard, Kameron Riffard (Esther’s grandson), Mary McCorvey, Alice Watson (Chaz Watson’s mother), Barbara Booth (John Grammer’s mother), Liz Berg (with child; Berg’s daughter-in-law), Linda Dennis, Brandy Diedrich, Stanley Osiecki (Ed Norris’ nephew), Sarah Bermudez (with child)

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## Announcements

It is our joy to welcome Mr. Jared Smith, a licensed to preach Ruling Elder, from Covenant Presbyterian Church in Short Hills, N.J., to minister God’s Word to us today.

The Fellowship Committee is planning an Easter Brunch on April 5th following the Worship Service (no Sunday School). If anyone would like to participate, we are looking for the following items: Quiches or other egg dishes, Ham/Bacon/Sausage, Deviled Eggs, Rolls/Muffins/Bread Pudding, Fruit Salad, French Toast Casserole, Yogurt, Bagels/Cream Cheese/Butter, Coffee cakes, or Juice. There is a sign-up sheet in the kitchen for anyone wishing to participate.

Evening service 6pm

The next midweek services during this Lenten season will be on Maundy Thursday (4/2) and Good Friday (4/3).

## 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

*Vacant*

### Assistant Pastor

Rev. Justin Chiarot

### Session (Ruling Elders, with Class Year)

Mike Bonagura (2026), Robert David (2026), James Phillips (2026), Gary Berg (2027), Ron Bonagura (2027), Bob Maucher (2027), Adam Kuliszewski (2028)

### Board of Deacons (with Class Year)

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