

The Lord's Service

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FEBRUARY 02, 2025



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Andante Religioso
If You but Trust in God to Guide You

FELIX MENDELSSOHN
SETTING, FRANKLIN D. ASHDOWN

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.



CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 88

Lord, God of our salvation, we cry out day and night before you.

Let our prayers and worship come before you; incline your ear to our cry! Amen!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God, through your Son, you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom. Like Christ's first apostles, may we hear his call to discipleship, and, forsaking old ways, proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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CONFESSION OF SINS

O Lord, we marvel that thou should become incarnate, be crucified, dead, and buried. The sepulcher calls forth our adoring wonder, for it is empty and thou art risen; the four-fold gospel attests it, the living witnesses prove it, our heart's experience knows it. Give us to die with thee that we may rise to new life, for we wish to be as dead and buried to sin, to selfishness, to the world; that we might not hear the voice of the tempter, and might be delivered from his lusts. O Lord, there is much ill about us and sin within us - crucify it, much flesh within us - mortify it. Purge us from selfishness, the fear of man, the love of praise, the shame of being thought old-fashioned, the desire to be cultivated or modern. Grant us to stand with our dying Savior, to be content to be rejected, to be willing to take up unpopular truths, and to hold fast despised teachings until death. Grant us more and more of the resurrection life: may it rule us, may we walk in its power, and be strengthened through its influence. For the glory of our living Savior. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✠ OUR LIFE OF GRATEFUL OBEDIENCE

FROM MATTHEW 5:1-12

Jesus opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,

For they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you

And utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven,

For so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

✠ 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

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

A. R. REINAGLE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed, and do what you have commanded. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

EXODUS 12:21-28

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 138 *With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring* 88

⌘ GOSPEL READING MARK 14:12-35

⌘ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON

"Breaking the Spell"

⌘ THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Kyrie

ANTONIO DE CABEZON

⌘ 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

☒ 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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Pax Yao, Joseph Dove,
Kerly Paul, Ryan Chien

ADMINISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Michael Park

THE COMMUNION

(Outer ring alone is grape juice)

COMMUNION HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast

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*At the lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.*

*Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.*

*Praise we Christ, whose blood was
shed; paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.*

*Mighty victim from the sky,
pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
death is conquered in the fight,
thou hast bought us life and light:
hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.*

☒ HYMN OF DEPARTURE

Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness

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☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

Ricecar

GIROLAMO FRESCOBALDI

MINISTER: Rev. Justin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: James Phillips
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson D.M.A.

Missions Work Highlight

TIM & THERESE GALAGE

Tim serves as MTW's Regional Director of Southern Africa. He's responsible to lead and shepherd a team of missionaries in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Malawi. The team's focus is on church planting, theological education, and university ministry. He also mentors and advises national partners involved in reformed Presbyterian church planting and presbytery development. Therese supports Tim in his role and has an active ministry among missionary wives and African women in ministry.

Prayer Requests

Families of the Month: Elbert De Jager, Linda Dennis, Dove family, Eksuzian family, and Dan Elmendorf family

Weekly Prayer Focus: Pulpit Search Committee, David Babick (many months of recovery from leg surgery), Kameron Riffard (Esther's grandson battling alcoholism), Eton Gayle (Cancer), Mary McCorvey (cancer), Megan Brossman (mental health), Jeanne Phillips (James's mother, limited responsiveness)

Announcements

It is our joy to witness the baptisms of covenant children Pax Yao and Joseph Dove. Also, we rejoice with Kerly Paul and Ryan Chien in their baptisms and Michael Park in his vow of membership.

We welcome our brothers and sisters at Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley for worship together this morning.

There will be a Fellowship Luncheon next Sunday, 2/9/25 following Sunday School. The congregation is asked to bring main dishes, casseroles, salads, side dishes and desserts. Beverages will be provided. The second service will follow at 2:00pm.

The Sunday School Prayer List for February is posted on the bulletin in the upper hallway. Please sign up to pray for both the teacher and students by name for whichever class you choose. The commitment is to pray seriously once a week for the month.

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).

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Assistant Pastor

Rev. Justin Chiarot

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