

# The Lord's Service

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*First Sunday in Lent*

MARCH 09, 2025



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Now We Pray unto Thee  
The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

DIETRICH BUXTEHUDE  
SETTING BY HEALEY WILLAN

*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 91:1–2

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust.”**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, light of the hearts that see you, life of the souls that love you, strength of the thoughts that seek you: to turn from you is to fall, to turn to you is to rise, to abide in you is to stand fast forever. Although we are unworthy to approach you, or to ask anything at all of you, grant us your grace and blessing for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

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CONFESSION OF SINS

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through 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



By the mercies of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice,

**Holy and acceptable to God, which is our fitting service.**

Do not be conformed to this age,

**But be transformed by the renewal of your mind.**

That by testing you may discern what is the will of God,

**What is good and acceptable and mature.**

Let no one think of himself more highly than he ought.

**But think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith God has provided.**

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;

**Hold fast to what is good.**

Love one another with brotherly affection.

**Outdo one another in showing honor.**

Do not be slothful in zeal,

**Be fervent in the Spirit, serving the Lord.**

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,

**Be constant in prayer.**

Contribute to the needs of the saints,

**And seek to show hospitality.**

Bless those who persecute you.

**Bless and do not curse them.**

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

**Weep with those who weep.**

Live in harmony with one another;

Do not be haughty,

**But associate with the lowly and never be conceited.**

Repay no one evil for evil,

**But give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.**

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

**But give place to the wrath of God.**

For it stands written:

**“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord”**

To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him;

**If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.**

For by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head.”

**Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.**



## 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

*Abide, O Dearest Jesus*

JOHANN PACHELBEL

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Grant, Almighty God, that as you shine on us by your Word, we may not be blind at midday, nor willfully seek darkness, and thus lull our minds asleep: but, may we be roused daily by your words, and may we stir up ourselves more and more to fear your name and thus present ourselves and all our pursuits, as a sacrifice to you, that you may peaceably rule and perpetually dwell in us, until you gather us to your celestial habitation, where there is reserved for us eternal rest and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 KINGS 6:8-23

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ROMANS 12:9-21

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 79      *Remember Not, O God*      488

⌘ GOSPEL READING      LUKE 6:27-36

⌘ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.  
Praise be to God.

SERMON

*“The Eyes of Elisha”*

⌘ 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

*Andante*

ADOLPH HESSE

⌘ 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 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.*

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

*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.*

*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

*O God of Mercy, God of Might*

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⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌘ POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Terra Beata"*

EDWARD BROUGHTON

MINISTER: Rev. Matthew Abbatiello  
WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David  
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.



# Missions Work Highlight

JEREMIAH & JULIE DIEDRICH

Since 2006, Jeremiah, Julie and their children, Miriam, Nehemiah, Hadassa and Simeon have been aiding Bible translation through the use of aircraft in the Amazon region of Brazil. In 2022, after nine years of flying a Cessna aircraft, and then four years of flying a helicopter in Brazil, Jeremiah and Julie were asked to take a permanent role in training and recruiting at the JAARS center in Waxhaw, North Carolina. Leaving their home and work in Brazil had been difficult for their family, but they are very excited to be able to use their years of field experience preparing the next generation of missionary aviators. They are thrilled that their new roles will have an even broader impact speeding the work of church planters, evangelists, Bible translators, and other gospel centered workers around the world.

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## Prayer Requests

**Families of the Month:** Stephen Elmendorf family, Tim Elmendorf family, Faudree family, Fletcher family, Grammer family

**Weekly Prayer Focus:** Pulpit Search Committee, JoAnn Maucher (broken wrist), Angela DeMatteo Davis' mother Jane (recovery from surgery), David Babick (many months of recovery from leg surgery), Kameron Riffard (Esther's grandson battling alcoholism), Mary McCorvey (cancer), Jeanne Phillips (James's mother, limited responsiveness), Megan Brossman (mental health), Rand Edwards (aggressive stomach cancer. Friend of Harold Vance)

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## Announcements

It is our joy to welcome Rev. Matthew Abbatiello, Assistant Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Schenectady to minister the Word and Sacrament for us today.

We will hold our monthly fellowship meal today, all are welcomed.

Please join us for mid-week Lenten services on Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

The Sunday School Prayer List for March 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!

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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)

Robert David (2025), Gary Berg (2025),  
Mike Bonagura (2026), James Phillips (2026),  
Ron Bonagura (2027), Bob Maucher (2027)

### Board of Deacons (with Class Year)

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Noah Watson (2026), John Grammer (2027),  
Ethan Westlund (2027)

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