

The Lord's Service

The Resurrection of the Lord

APRIL 05, 2026



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Voluntary on Old 100th
Go Down Moses
Salvation is Created
Were You There? (verse 5)*

HENRY PURCELL / TRAN. JOHN CORLEY
SPIRITUAL / ARR. WALTER BARNES
TCHESNOKOV / ARR. DAVID THOMPSON
SPIRITUAL

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

LUKE 24:34

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

☒ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Brightness of God's glory and exact image of God's person, whom death could not conquer, nor the tomb imprison, as you have shared our frailty in human flesh, grant us to share your immortality in the Spirit. Let no shadow of the grave terrify us, and no fear of darkness turn our hearts from you. Reveal yourself to us this day and all our days, as the first and the last, the Living One, our immortal Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

☒ HYMN OF PRAISE

The Strife is O'er

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We fail to proclaim the gospel in word and deed, we ignore your call to discipleship. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn. Forgive us, God of mercy! Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant, given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. 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 PSALMS

God spoke all these words, saying; I am the LORD your God, you shall have no other gods before me.

Against thee, thee only, I have sinned, and done that which is evil in thy sight.

You shall not make for yourself graven images...you shall not bow down to them or serve them.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

O LORD, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Honor your father and your mother.

Remember not the sins of my youth, or my transgressions; according to thy steadfast love remember me, for thy goodness' sake, O LORD!

You shall not kill.

Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any wicked way in me.

You shall not commit adultery.

Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

You shall not steal.

Have mercy on me, O God, blot out my transgressions.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Put false ways far from me; and graciously teach me thy law!

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

Incline my heart to thy testimonies, and not to gain! Deliver me from all my transgressions.

The LORD is near to all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him, he also hears their cry, and saves them.

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.



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

O God Beyond All Praising

GUSTAV HOLST / ARR. CHARLES DEPAOLO

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PSALM 118:1-2; 14-24

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ACTS 10:34-43

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 150 *Hallelujah! Hallelujah!* 10

⌘ GOSPEL LESSON LUKE 24:1-48

⌘ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Christ is Risen

⌘ 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

⌘ 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.

THE COMMUNION

(Outer ring alone is grape juice)

COMMUNION HYMN

According to Thy Gracious Word

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*According to Thy gracious word,
 in meek humility,
 this will I do, my dying Lord:
 I will remember Thee.*

*Thy body, broken for my sake,
 my bread from heaven shall be;
 Thy testamental cup I take,
 and thus remember Thee.*

*When to the cross I turn mine eyes
 and rest on Calvary,*

*O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,
 I must remember Thee.*

*Remember Thee and all Thy pains
 and all Thy love to me;
 yea, while a breath, a pulse remains,
 will I remember Thee.*

*And when these failing lips grow dumb
 and mind and mem'ry flee,
 when Thou shalt in Thy kingdom come,
 Jesus, remember me!*

⌘ HYMN OF DEPARTURE *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

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⌘ CHARGE AND BEDICTION

⌘ POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals* SIGFRID KARG-ELERT / ARR. MICHAEL ALLEN

PREACHER: Rev. John Hanna

WORSHIP LEADER: James Phillips

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.

VOCAL ENSEMBLE DIRECTOR: Lori Steinberger

BRASS QUINTET: Steve Austin and Jake Hoover (*trumpets*); Megan Decker (*horn*); Sam Shackleton (*trombone*); Adam Kuliszewski (*euphonium and tuba*)

Missions Work Highlight

STEPHEN & LAURA SPANJER
WON BY ONE INTERNATIONAL – GERMANY

Stephen and Laura Spanjer have been involved in church planting in Neuenburg am Rhein, Germany, since 1997, when Stephen arrived as a player/coach for the Neuenburg Atomics baseball club. He and a fellow Christian began Bible studies in their apartment, using pizza boxes as a blackboard. After being ordained in the PCA in 2006, Stephen returned as a Pastor-Evangelist to establish a church with local converts. The Neuenburg International Church (NIC) held its first service on Easter 2008 and has grown to 80 members, with 3 elders and 3 deacons. In 2020, NIC joined the ERKWB. The Spanjers have four children: Elsie (2013), Adeline (2015), Will (2020), and Johnny (2024).

Website: www.wboidotnet.wordpress.com/

Prayer Requests

Saints/Families of the Month

Sabi David family, Robert David family, Angela DeMateo Davis family, Elbert De Jager

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), Deborah Watson, baby Jocelyn (Diane Pedrosa' niece), Bert Roosje

Announcements

It is our joy to welcome back Rev. John Hanna to minister Word and Sacrament to us this morning. Rev. Hanna is a PCA minister from New Jersey involved in "Ministry to State" to NJ State government officials.

There will be a fellowship Easter brunch today following the worship service. Everyone is invited to attend.

No Sunday school and evening service today.

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).

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)

David Babick (2026), Noah Watson (2026), John Grammer (2027, Chair), Ethan Westlund (2027), Joe Hall (2028), Ed Timberger (2028)

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Adam Kuliszewski (Vice-Chairman)

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