

The Lord's Service

Second Sunday of Easter

APRIL 12, 2026



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Da Jesus An Dem Krauze Stund
O Sons and Daughters*

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
GREGORIAN CHANT

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 ROMANS 4:25; ACTS 2:24
Jesus was delivered up for our transgressions.
He was raised for our justification.
God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death,
because it was not possible for him to be held by it.

- ⌘ PRAYER OF THE DAY
Risen Christ, whose absence leaves us paralyzed but whose presence is overwhelming:
Breathe on us with your abundant life, that where we cannot see we may have courage
to believe that we may be raised with you. To you belong honor and glory, forever and
ever. **Amen.**

- ⌘ HYMN OF PRAISE *Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord* 16

CONFESSION OF SINS

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the crucified King. 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

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

MICHAEL PRAETORIUS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

DANIEL 9:15-19

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 95 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* 302

⌘ GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 6:9-13

⌘ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Forgive Us Our Sins: Part 1

⌘ 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

OFFERTORY

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

AMERICAN FOLK TUNE



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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.*

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

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

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

*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

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

No More Grave

JEFF LIPPENCOTT

PREACHER: Rev. Steve Froehlich
WORSHIP LEADER: Adam Kuliszewski
ORGANIST: Diane Pedrosa

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), Linda Dennis, Brandy Diedrich, Stanley Osiecki (Ed Norris' nephew), Sarah Bermudez (with child), Deborah Watson, baby Jocelyn (Diane Pedrosa's nephew's daughter), Bert Roosje

Announcements

It is our joy to welcome back our interim pastor, the Rev. Steve Froehlich, retired from New Life PCA in Ithaca, NY, to minister Word and Sacrament to us this morning.

Congratulations to Gary and Janis Berg on the birth of their third grandchild, Benjamin Albright Berg, born on April 3rd.

Evening service at 6pm

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)

Board of Trustees

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Adam Kuliszewski (Vice-Chairman)

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