

The Lord's Service

Fourth Sunday of Easter

APRIL 26, 2026



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Andante Con Moto
With Songs and Honors Sounding Loud

JOSEF RHEINBERGER
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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 16:8,11

I have set the Lord always before me;

because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

You make known to me the path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God, in whom our hearts are glad and our souls rejoice: Show us the path of your presence, that we may follow it in hope and be filled with resurrection joy; through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Worship Christ, the Risen King

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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

Christ, We Adore and Worship Thee

THEODORE DUBOIS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

DANIEL 3:8-18

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 PETER 1:3-9

⊗ 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

Do Not Lead Us into Temptation

⊗ 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 423

*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 604
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌘ POSTLUDE E.L. ASHFORD
Easter Gladness

PREACHER: Rev. Steve Froehlich
 WORSHIP LEADER: Gary Berg
 ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.

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.

There will not be a Fellowship Luncheon in May. The next Fellowship Luncheon will be on June 14th following the Sunday School Closing Ceremony.

The Habitat for Humanity Walk for Housing will take place at Mount Saint Mary College (330 Powell Ave., Newburgh), with registration beginning today at 1:00 PM and the walk starting at 2:00 PM.

We will have Sunday School classes today following fellowship.

No 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)

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Adam Kuliszewski (Vice-Chairman)

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