

# The Lord's Service

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*The Second Sunday of Easter*

APRIL 16, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*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

⌘ WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 82:

Q. Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

**A. No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but does daily break them in thought, word, and deed.**

⌘ 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

*Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor*

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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

Hear, O people of God, the law that the Lord speaks in your hearing this day, that you may know his statutes and walk according to his ordinances.

**Teach us, O Lord, the grace of your law, and give us life by your Word.**

The God who saved us in Jesus Christ gave this law, saying: I am the Lord your God! You shall have no other gods before me.

**We will worship the Lord our God and serve only him.**

You shall not make for yourself an image of anything to worship it.

**Living no more in bondage to earthly gods, we will worship the Lord our God in spirit and in truth.**

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord.

**We will use the holy name of God with reverence, praising him in everything we do and say.**

You shall observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, for in six days you shall labor and do all your work.

**This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

You shall honor your father and mother, that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving to you.

**As children we will be obedient to our parents in the Lord; as parents we will correct our children and guide them in the training and instruction of the Lord; we will respect the lawful authorities appointed by God.**

You shall not murder.

**We will be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave us.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**We will use our bodies in ways that are holy and honorable, and abstain from immorality and impurity.**

You shall not steal.

**We will do what we can for our neighbor's good, and work faithfully so that we may share with the poor.**

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

**We will speak the truth with our neighbor in love, render judgments that are true and make for peace, and not devise in our hearts any evil against anyone.**

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

**We will be content whatever the circumstances through the strength of Christ within us.**

Thus, we must love our neighbor as ourselves.

**For the Lord requires of us to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God. Amen!**

### ⊗ THE PEACE

INTERLUDE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Creator Spirit, who hovered over the waters at creation's birth, who descended in the form of a dove at Jesus' baptism, who was poured out under the signs of fire and wind at Pentecost: Come to us, open our hearts and minds, so that we may hear the Word of life and be renewed by your power, for you live and reign with the Father and the Son, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING 1 PETER 1:3-9 *p. 1203*

SECOND READING ACTS 2:22-24 *p. 1081*

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 16 *To You, O Lord, I Fly* 692

⌘ GOSPEL READING JOHN 20:19-31 *p. 1078*

⌘ RESPONSE  
**The Word of the Lord  
 Praise be to God.**

SERMON *God's Action in Christ*

⌘ THE ATHANASIAN CREED PART 2

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

⊗ DOXOLOGY

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⊗ 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

COMMUNION HYMN

*Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured*

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*Let thy blood in mercy poured,  
let thy gracious body broken,  
be to me, O gracious Lord,  
of thy boundless love the token.  
Thou didst give thyself for me,  
now I give myself to thee.*

*By the thorns that crowned thy brow,  
by the spear wound and the nailing,  
by the pain and death, I now  
claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.  
Thou didst give thyself for me,  
now I give myself to thee.*

*Thou didst die that I might live;  
blessed Lord, thou can'st to save me;  
all that love of God could give  
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.  
Thou didst give thyself for me,  
now I give myself to thee.*

*Wilt thou own the gift I bring?  
All my penitence I give thee;  
thou art my exalted King,  
of thy matchless love forgive me.  
Thou didst give thyself for me,  
now I give myself to thee.*

⊗ HYMN OF DEPARTURE

*Thine Be the Glory*

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⊗ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⊗ POSTLUDE

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot  
WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David  
ORGANIST: Wilma de Jager

# God's Action in Christ

ACTS 2:22-24

## 1. Life (v. 22)

The central actor in this text is \_\_\_\_ the F\_\_\_\_\_.

God acc\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.

When? In the p\_\_\_\_\_ m\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus before the cross.

How? M\_\_\_\_\_ works, w\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke heard from \_\_\_\_\_ and now he tells us.

To whom? M\_\_\_\_\_ of I\_\_\_\_\_.

No one can plead \_\_\_\_\_ of this attestation of God.

## 2. Death (v. 23)

It is \_\_\_\_ who d\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus over to death.

Delivered up by God's d\_\_\_\_\_, predet\_\_\_\_\_ plan.

Foreknowledge means God's e\_\_\_\_\_ love.

Christ was \_\_\_\_\_ before the foundation of the world.

God is not the a\_\_\_\_\_ of e\_\_\_\_\_.

Human r\_\_\_\_\_ is in no way removed.

"You crucified and killed" refers to I\_\_\_\_\_.

This is not a b\_\_\_\_\_ statement condemning all \_\_\_\_\_s. Blame for the crucifixion? L\_\_\_\_\_ in the m\_\_\_\_\_.

## 3. Resurrection (v. 24)

This is the re\_\_\_\_\_ ref\_\_\_\_\_ of the book of Acts.

The apostles are unique w\_\_\_\_\_ to the resurrection.

The abyss could not \_\_\_\_\_ b\_\_\_\_\_ Christ.

The resurrection is Christ's public v\_\_\_\_\_.

He was raised for your j\_\_\_\_\_.

You too will be l\_\_\_\_\_ from the p\_\_\_\_\_ of death.

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## Missions Work Highlight

BEACON OF LIGHT PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER, INC.

*Serving Pregnant Women in Need*

We are ever so grateful for God's faithfulness, for our prayer warriors and for all those serving in this ministry. And we are thankful for the wonderful and supportive connection we have with Westminster Church. Beacon of Light could not do what it does without the support of people like yourselves.

Every Friday morning My Choice has a virtual prayer meeting open to all and it is growing. We have seen mothers draw strength from these meetings and change their mind about aborting their child. We also continue to hold those women in prayer who call our office but do not make an appointment or cancel a scheduled one. Our Maternity Home levies no charge on the women living here with their babies. Our prayer for current and past residents is that they encounter the Living God and find salvation in Christ.

Pray with us for two additional nurses for the clinics, new board members, a house manager for the Maternity Home, and new ways to make our ministry better known in our communities.

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## Announcements

Vacation Bible School at WPC— Save The Date: August 7-11, 2023 (9-12pm). If interested in helping, please see Brenda Grammer.

The annual congregational meeting will be held on 5/7 during the Sunday School hour. There will be no Sunday School on that day.

- Mike Bonagura and James Phillips will be standing for election as ruling elders.
- David Babick and Noah Watson will be standing for election as deacons.

We are in need of Nursery Helpers for the months of April, May and June. Please look for the sign-up sheets in the Nursery. We appreciate your help!

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## 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

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| 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

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| Worship       | 11:00 AM |
| Sunday School | 12:30 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 Minister

The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

### Session (Ruling Elders, with Class Year)

Bob Maucher (2023), Johnson Chang-Fong (2024),  
Adam Kuliszewski (2024), Robert David (2025)

### Board of Deacons (with Class Year)

Paul Mowat (Chair: 2023), Jim Rutigliano (2023),  
Joe Hall (2024), Bill Cooke (2025),  
Ed Timberger (2025)

### Board of Trustees

Bob Maucher (Chairman)  
Adam Kuliszewski (Vice-Chairman)

### Staff

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