

# The Lord's Service

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*The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

OCTOBER 22, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*We Worship Thee, O God  
Fantasia*

PALESTRINA  
JOHANN PACHELBEL

*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 121:3-6

The Lord will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

**Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

**The sun shall not strike us by day, nor the moon by night.**

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, in the folly of the cross you reveal the great distance between your wisdom and human understanding. Open our minds to the simplicity of the gospel, that, fervent in faith and tireless in love, we may become light and salt for the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

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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 light of the world. 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

### ⌘ GLORIA PATRI

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PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*Holy Is the Lord*

ARR. ANNA LAURA PAGE



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

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

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

*Song #22*

THEME BY GIBBONS / SETTING BY STANFORD

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Adam Kuliszewski

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

# That Word Above All Earthly Powers

ACTS 12:1-24

## 1. James (vv. 1-2)

James is one of the t\_\_\_\_\_.

Jesus had told him “You will \_\_\_\_\_ my \_\_\_\_\_.

The way to g\_\_\_\_\_ is the way \_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_.

James now sits at Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ h\_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. Peter (vv. 3-19)

The church only has s\_\_\_\_\_ weapons.

The k\_\_\_\_\_ is righteousness, peace, & joy in the Holy Spirit.

P\_\_\_\_\_ is the church’s chief p\_\_\_\_\_ weapon.

“Earnest” evokes Jesus in G\_\_\_\_\_.

Peter was so confident that he was \_\_\_\_\_.

The angel’s deliverance of Peter employs E\_\_\_\_\_ language.

Hebrews ch. \_\_\_\_\_ shows t\_\_\_\_\_ comes in different forms.

## 3. Herod (vv. 20-23)

The angel of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ him down.

The church will b\_\_\_\_\_ all of her persecutors.

## 4. The Word (v.24)

The Word does what A\_\_\_\_\_ was supposed to do.

In this text are \_\_\_\_\_ triumphs of the Word of God.

## Missions Work Highlight

STEPHEN & LAURA SPANJER

Stephen first came to in Neuenburg am Rhein in Southwest Germany in 1997 as a baseball coach of a small club called the Neuenburg Atomics. Through strong relationships with the locals, he and another Christian brother started Bible studies in their basement apartment, using pizza boxes as their blackboard. Stephen was ordained in the PCA in 2006 and sent back to Neuenburg as a Pastor-Evangelist to plant a church with the handful of Christians in that community. The first worship service of the Neuenburg International Church (NIC) was held on Easter morning, 2008. Stephen's ministry continues to use sports as an inroad to local German communities and the church has grown slowly over the years.

NIC currently has 70 members with 3 elders and 3 deacons. In 2020 the church was able to join a local Presbyterian and Reformed denomination called the ERKWB. It was imperative for the sake of building local leadership that the NIC become a member of a linguistically German denomination, however there were no Reformed denominations in Germany when they moved there in 2007. By God's grace they found this small denomination made up of Swiss and Austrian Reformed churches and were able to join them. The NIC is the first German church in the denomination, but it is our goal is to add more by way of evangelism, faithful Bible teaching, and church planting.

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## Announcements

The monthly Fellowship Luncheon will be held on 11/12, following Sunday School. The congregation is asked to bring main dishes, casseroles, salads, side dishes and desserts. Beverages will be provided.

As a reminder to the congregation, the Stephen Ministries has been established here at Westminster. This is a Christ centered ministry designed to bring the Lord's love and compassion to anyone bearing a spiritual and emotional burden and who wants a brother or sister in Christ to help carry and release it. Everything is kept in strictest confidence. Please call or email Jim Rutigliano if you have any interest or questions.

We need nursery volunteers for November and December. Please sign up in the nursery.

# 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	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)

Johnson Chang-Fong (2024), Adam Kuliszewski (2024), Robert David (2025), Mike Bonagura (2026), James Phillips (2026)

## Board of Deacons (with Class Year)

Joe Hall (Chair: 2024), Bill Cooke (2025), Ed Timberger (2025), David Babick (2026), Noah Watson (2026)

## Board of Trustees

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