

The Lord's Service

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

FEBRUARY 08, 2026



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Behold the Bread of Life
Prelude in E Flat*

JOHN B. DYKES / ARR. OLIVE NELSON RUSSELL
ALEXANDRE GUILMANT

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 47:5-8

God has ascended amid shouts of joy;

the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets!

God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a song of praise!

God reigns over the nations! The Lord is seated on his holy throne!



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above the heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his church on earth, even to the end of the age; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule over our lives. We have followed the ways of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us of the guilt of our sin, and liberate us from its power, that we may be holy and faithful, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, the ascended ruler of all, and the great head and king of the church, in whose name we pray. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

☒ RESPONSIVE READING: OUR LIFE OF GRATEFUL OBEDIENCE MATT 5:1-12

Jesus opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,

For they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you

And utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven,

For so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

☒ THE PEACE

☒ GLORIA PATRI 735

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

Oh, Bless the House, Whate'er Befall

JOHANN CHRISTOPH BACH

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

ISAIAH 64:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

EPHESIANS 1:2-10

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 67 *O God, to Us Show Mercy* 437

⌘ GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 6:5-13

⌘ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.

Praise be to God.

SERMON

Our Father in Heaven

⌘ THE ATHANASIAN CREED PART I

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. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is one, the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son and such is the Holy Spirit. The Father is uncreated, the Son is uncreated, and the Holy Spirit is uncreated. The Father is immeasurable, the Son is immeasurable, and the Holy Spirit is immeasurable. The Father is eternal, the Son is eternal, and the Holy Spirit is eternal. And yet there are not three eternal beings; there is but one eternal being. So too there are not three uncreated or immeasurable beings; there is but one uncreated and immeasurable being.

Likewise, the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, and the Holy Spirit is almighty. Yet there are not three almighty beings; but one almighty being. So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. Yet they are not three gods; there is but one God. Thus, the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is Lord. Yet there are not three lords; there is but one Lord.

Just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be both God and Lord, so are we forbidden by the catholic religion to say there are three gods or three lords. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Prelude in D

CESAR FRANCK

⌘ DOXOLOGY

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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

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

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*At the lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.*

*Praise we Christ, whose blood was
shed; paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.*

*Where the paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.*

*Mighty victim from the sky,
pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;
death is conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light:
hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.*

⌘ HYMN OF DEPARTURE

O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire

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⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌘ POSTLUDE

The Heavens Rejoice

TODD KENDALL

PREACHER: Rev. Steve Froehlich

WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David

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

Missions Work Highlight

BRIAN AND CARIN ROBERG – DISCIPLEMAKERS, PA

Brian and Carin Roberg work with the Christian campus ministry called DiscipleMakers based in Pennsylvania, a ministry with the goal of raising up the next generation of leaders for the Church by training college students in Bible Study, gospel driven discipleship, and evangelism. Having had the Lord work deeply in their lives through this ministry as college students, they have joined in the efforts of DiscipleMakers at its headquarters and on campus at Penn State. Please pray for DiscipleMakers as they reach out to the students - that God would prepare their hearts to hear and respond to His Word.

Website: dm.org/brian-carin-roberg

Prayer Requests

Saints/Families of the Month: Babick family, Berg family, Chang-Fong family, Claire Clason, Clement family

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), Janis Berg's aunt Marilynn, Liz Berg (with child; Berg's daughter-in-law), Linda Dennis, Brandy Diedrich

Announcements

We are blessed 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 be a Fellowship luncheon today following Sunday School. Everyone is welcome.

Second Service to follow the fellowship luncheon.

We extended our Christian sympathies to Becky Melvin and her family on the passing of her mother, Arlene Winslow. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held at Westminster Church on Saturday, Feb. 21, at 10:30 a.m., followed by burial at the Nyack cemetery.

We extended our Christian sympathies to James Phillips and his family on the passing of his mother, Jeanne. A Memorial service will be held in the Ellingsworth Auditorium at Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community, 625 Robert Fulton Hwy., Quarryville, PA, on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. The family will greet friends in the auditorium from 10-11 a.m.

The Rev. Michael Alford's memorial service will be on Feb. 14, 2026, 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church Schenectady, NY. Pastor Alford was a friend of Westminster, providing pulpit supply in years past.

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)

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