

The Lord's Service

The Third Sunday in Lent

MARCH 23, 2025



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.



CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 63:3–4

Because your steadfast love is better than life,

my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;

in your name I will lift up my hands.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, who in smoke and fire upon Mount Sinai gave the law to Moses, and who revealed the new covenant in the fire of the Spirit: Grant, we pray, that kindled by that same Spirit which you wondrously poured forth upon your apostles, we may receive and deploy with joy your manifold gifts. We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

How Firm a Foundation

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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 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 OF THE LAW

ROMANS 12:1-21

By the mercies of God, present your bodies
as a living sacrifice,

**Holy and acceptable to God, which is our
fitting service.**

Do not be conformed to this age,

**But be transformed by the renewal of
your mind.**

That by testing you may discern what is the
will of God,

What is good and acceptable and mature.

Let no one think of himself more highly
than he ought.

**But think with sober judgment, each
according to the measure of faith God
has provided.**

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;

Hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with brotherly affection.

Outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not be slothful in zeal,

Be fervent in the Spirit, serving the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,

Be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints,

And seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you.

Bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

Weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another;

Do not be haughty,

**But associate with the lowly and never
be conceited.**

Repay no one evil for evil,

**But give thought to do what is honorable
in the sight of all.**

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

But give place to the wrath of God.

For it stands written:

**“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says
the Lord”**

To the contrary, “if your enemy is
hungry, feed him;

**If he is thirsty, give him something
to drink.**

For by doing so you will heap
burning coals on his head.”

**Do not be conquered by evil, but
conquer evil with good.**



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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the
scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say
to us today. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

SECOND LESSON

HEBREWS 1:1-9

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 79 *Remember Not, O God* 488

⌘ GOSPEL READING JOHN 14:1-11

⌘ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON

“The Way, the Truth, the Life”

⌘ THE ATHANASIAN CREED PART II

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 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

☒ 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

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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 bought 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

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

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☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

MINISTER: Rev. John Hanna

WORSHIP LEADER: Bob Maucher

ORGANIST: Diane Pedrosa

Missions Work Highlight

JEREMIAH & JULIE DIEDRICH

Since 2006, Jeremiah, Julie and their children, Miriam, Nehemiah, Hadassa and Simeon have been aiding Bible translation through the use of aircraft in the Amazon region of Brazil. In 2022, after nine years of flying a Cessna aircraft, and then four years of flying a helicopter in Brazil, Jeremiah and Julie were asked to take a permanent role in training and recruiting at the JAARS center in Waxhaw, North Carolina. Leaving their home and work in Brazil had been difficult for their family, but they are very excited to be able to use their years of field experience preparing the next generation of missionary aviators. They are thrilled that their new roles will have an even broader impact speeding the work of church planters, evangelists, Bible translators, and other gospel centered workers around the world.

Prayer Requests

Families of the Month: Stephen Elmendorf family, Tim Elmendorf family, Faudree family, Fletcher family, Grammer family

Weekly Prayer Focus: Pulpit Search Committee, Angela DeMatteo Davis' mother Jane (recovery from surgery), David Babick (many months of recovery from leg surgery), Kameron Riffard (Esther's grandson battling alcoholism), Mary McCorvey (cancer), Jeanne Phillips (James's mother, limited responsiveness), Megan Brossman (mental health)

Announcements

It is our joy to welcome back Rev. John Hanna to minister Word and Sacrament to us this morning. Rev. Hanna is a PCA minister from New Jersey involved in "Ministry to State" to NJ State government officials.

Please join us for mid-week Lenten services on Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

The Sunday School Prayer List for March is posted on the bulletin in the upper hallway. Please sign up to pray for both the teacher and students by name for whichever class you choose. The commitment is to pray seriously once a week for the month.

Easter Sunday Service will start at 9AM

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).

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Assistant Pastor

Rev. Justin Chiarot

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