

# The Lord's Service

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*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

MARCH 30, 2025



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Prelude in E Flat*  
*How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

ALEXANDRE GUILMANT  
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.**



CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 32:1–2

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
**whose sin is covered.**

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
**and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you are exalted over all the nations, and just in all your ways. Strengthen us to worship you with our deeds and to proclaim your greatness with our lips, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

*When All Your Mercies, O My God*

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CONFESSION OF SINS

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

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

*O Splendor of God's Glory Bright*

CHRISTA RAKICH

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of all creation! You have taught us by your Word.  
Open our hearts to your Spirit and lead us in the paths of Christ, your Son, and our  
Savior. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 134

NEW TESTAMENT READING

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 86     *Bow Down Thine Ear, O Lord, and Hear*     91

⌘ GOSPEL READING     MATTHEW 5: 1-12

⌘ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.  
Praise be to God.

SERMON

*“Dual Blessing of Worship”*

⌘ 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

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word*

ELIZABETH A. KROUSE

⌘ 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.**

☒ HYMN OF DEPARTURE      *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*      86

☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE      *Blessing and Honor*      CARL SIMEONE

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# 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.

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## 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)

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## Announcements

It is our joy to welcome Jared Smith, a licensed Ruling Elder at Covenant Presbyterian Church of Short Hills & Millburn NJ, to minister God's Word to us today.

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

Easter Sunday Service will start at 9AM

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh is holding it's annual Walk for Housing on April 27th. The route starts and ends at Mount St Mary College in Newburgh. Registration is at 1 pm and the Walk begins at 2 pm. Habitat's mission is stated as "Seeking to put God's love into action, Habitat for Humanity of Greater Newburgh brings people together to build homes, communities, and hope. Having built over 110 homes in 25 years, we are working hard to keep housing affordable to those in need."

Come out and support our effort!! Here is a link to register:

[giveeffect.com/campaigns/36892-walk-for-housing-2025/join](https://giveeffect.com/campaigns/36892-walk-for-housing-2025/join)

## 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	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

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Mike Bonagura (2026), James Phillips (2026),  
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