

# The Lord's Service

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*The Day of Pentecost*

MAY 19, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

*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

ACTS 1:8; ROM. 5:5

You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.

**The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**

## ⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, at the feast of Pentecost you sent your Holy Spirit to the disciples, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel; empower us with that same Spirit, to worship and be witnesses to your redeeming love, that all men would be drawn to Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## ⊗ HYMN OF PRAISE

*Holy Ghost, Dispel Our Sadness*

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## CONFESSION OF SINS

**Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a flaming desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON



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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INTERLUDE

*O Christ, Our Heart's Desire*

ROBERT J. POWELL

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 GENESIS 11:1-9 *p. 9*

NEW TESTAMENT READING ACTS 2:1-21 *p. 1081*

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 42 *As Pants the Hart for Cooling Streams* 661

⌘ GOSPEL READING JOHN 1:43-51 *p. 1054*

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

SERMON *The Anti-Pentecost*

⌘ THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.**

**And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*Spirit Of the Living God*

DANIEL IVERSON



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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

*Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless*

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*Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless  
your chosen pilgrim flock  
with manna in the wilderness,  
with water from the rock.*

*Hungry and thirsty, faint and weak,  
as you when here below,  
our souls the joys celestial seek  
which from thy sorrows flow.*

*We would not live by bread alone,  
but by your word of grace,*

*in strength of which we travel on  
to our abiding place.*

*Be known to us in breaking bread,  
but do not then depart;  
Savior, abide with us, and spread  
your table in our heart.*

*There sup with us in love divine;  
your body and your blood,  
that living bread, that heav'nly wine,  
be our immortal food.*



HYMN OF DEPARTURE

*Our God Is Mighty, Worthy of All Praising*

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



POSTLUDE

*When Thou Art Near*

FORTIFIED HEINRICH STÖLZEL

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Johnson Chang-Fong

ORGANIST: Diane Pedrosa

PIANIST: Arlene Sokoloski

## The Anti-Pentecost

GENESIS 11:1-9

### The Project (vv. 1-4)

Travelling e\_\_\_\_\_ is a sign of judgment.

The builders seek to make a n\_\_\_\_\_ for themselves.

The tower is a temple-c\_\_\_\_\_.

Builders were afraid of being sc\_\_\_\_\_ over the earth.

### The Inspection (vv. 5-7)

The Lord came d\_\_\_\_\_ to see the city.

This is a ju\_\_\_\_\_ inspection.

You “mix up” bricks, I will “mix up” your la\_\_\_\_\_.

### The Judgement (vv. 8-9)

God sc\_\_\_\_\_ them abroad.

Babel means to c\_\_\_\_\_ or mix up.

Jesus is J\_\_\_\_\_ ladder.

P\_\_\_\_\_ is the undoing of Babel.

The city of God comes d\_\_\_\_\_ out of h\_\_\_\_\_.

## Missions Work Highlight

RICHARD AND ROBYN CRANE

Richard, born in Chile, completed his early education in the US. He received his ministerial education and training at Covenant College and Covenant Seminary, earning B.A. and M.Div. degrees, respectively. He also studied at Westminster Seminary and has Chilean Certification in Systems Family Therapy. Robyn is from Pennsylvania and earned her B.A. in Bible and teacher certification at Covenant College. She also studied at Covenant Seminary. From 1979 to 1991, the Cranes working with the National Presbyterian Church in Chile, helped to plant various churches and founded a Christian Counseling and Training Center (PEPP). From 1992 to 1999 they developed EMEP, a Chilean expression of Marriage Encounter that helps bring couples to Christ and into the Cristo Rey Church where Richard was a pastor until 2002. In 2003 the Cranes moved to Miami where Richard works with various organizations connected to MTW developing distance education courses in pastoral psychology. They reach Spanish speakers all over the globe, conducting leadership training by extension via the internet, printed material, and intensive courses overseas.

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## Announcements

Please join us downstairs immediately following worship to honor our high school and college graduates of 2024 with some cake and congratulations.

There is no Sunday school today. The congregational meeting will be held at 11:45 AM— Gary Berg, Bob Maucher, and Ron Bonagura will be standing for election as ruling elders, and Ethan Westlund, John Grammer, and Joe Hall will be standing for election as deacons.

Next week, June 2nd, will be our last week of Sunday school. We will have our Sunday school program on June 9th after the worship service.

The Fellowship Committee will be holding a church barbecue on Sunday, June 9th following the Sunday School Closing Ceremony. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes, salads and desserts.

# 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

Rev. Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

## Assistant Pastor

Rev. Justin Chiarot

## 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

Robert David (Chairman)  
Adam Kuliszewski (Vice-Chairman)

## Staff

Administrative Secretary	Jo-Anne Weber
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