# The Lord's Service

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

JUNE 28, 2026



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE *You Who Own the Faith of Jesus* arr. Noel Jones
*Orgelstuck* A. Kehrer

*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 ROMANS 6:13-14

Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness,

**but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life;**

and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness.

**For sin shall no longer be your master,**
**because you are not under the law, but under grace.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace, you have given us new and living hope in Jesus Christ. We thank you that by dying Christ destroyed the power of death, and by rising from the grave opened the way to eternal life. Help us to know that because he lives, we shall live also; and that neither death nor life, nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator* 97

CONFESSION OF SINS

**God of grace, love and communion: We confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind; and to love our neighbor as ourselves. We resist and grieve your Holy Spirit. We ignore your commandments, stray from your way, and follow other gods. Have mercy on us, Holy God. Pardon our sins by the blood of Christ. Embrace us anew in the love of the Father. Fill us afresh with your Spirit, that we may serve you faithfully, and give honor to your holy name. 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 FROM ROMANS 12

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

**Holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.**

Do not be conformed to this world,

**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 perfect.**

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 assigned.**

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 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. Never be wise in your own sight.**

Repay no one evil for evil,

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

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

**But leave it to the wrath of God.**

For it is 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 overcome by evil, but overcome 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 *Jesus Calls Us* WILLIAM H. JUDE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON — JEREMIAH 28:5-9

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON — ROMANS 6:12-23

PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 130 — *From Depths of Woe I Raise to Thee* — 554

GOSPEL LESSON — MATTHEW 16:13-20

RESPONSE

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

SERMON — *Peter's Confession*

THE HEIDELBERG CATECHISM, QUESTION 1

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY — *He Who Would Valient Be* — Charles Wilfred Douglas

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 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 *Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face* 378

***Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;***
***here would I touch and handle things unseen,***
***here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace,***
***and all my weariness upon thee lean.***

***Here would I feed upon the bread of God,***
***here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n;***
***here would I lay aside each earthly load,***
***here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.***

***This is the hour of banquet and of song;***
***this is the heav'nly table spread for me:***
***here let me feast, and, feasting, still prolong***
***the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee.***

HYMN OF DEPARTURE *O Jesus, I Have Promised* 654

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Anima Christi* ARR. NOEL JONES

PREACHER: Rev. Matt Abbatiello
WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David
ORGANIST: Diane Pedrosa

# Missions Work Highlight

THE BALKAN CENTER FOR LIFE - MACEDONIA

Formerly known as the Lydia Center, the Balkan Center for Life is located in Macedonia. The goal of the ministry is to change the cultural concepts surrounding abortion and adoption in the Balkans. It is dedicated to counseling and helping women while promoting the value of life and the rights of the unborn baby. Svetlana Jovanova is the Founder and CEO of The Balkan Center for Life and is now the Director. She is LAS certified by Heartbeat International and is certified as a reproductive loss trainer for the Institute of Reproductive Grief Care.

Website: *www.heartbeatinternational.org/*

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# Prayer Requests

**Saints/Families of the Month**
Stephen Elmendorf family, Tim Elmendorf family, Faudree family, Eton Gayle

**Weekly Prayer & Praise Focus**
Rich Family, Pulpit Search Committee, Kameron Rifflard (Esther's grandson), Mary McCorvey, Alice Watson (Chaz Watson's mother), Barbara Booth (John Grammer's mother), Linda Dennis, Stanley Osiecki (Ed Norris' nephew), Bert Roosje, Baby Amelia Bermudez and family

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# Announcements

It is our joy to welcome Rev. Matt Abbatiello, assistant Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Schenectady, to minster the Word and Sacrament for us today.

All are invited to the evening service at 6 PM. Deacon Noah Watson will be leading.

Get ready for VBS 2026 "Road Trip: On the Go with God" on July 13th, 14th, and 15th! It will be held from 9am-12pm on all three days. Please see Brenda Grammer if you'd like to be involved in VBS this year or if you would like to register your children. Invite your friends!

Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary will be hosting the Westminster Conference on September 18th and 19th at Providence Presbyterian Church (PCA) in McKees Rocks, PA. This year's topic will be: "Last Things: On the State of Man After Death". Speakers include Dr. Matthew Everhard, Dr. Richard Gamble, Dr. Jeff Stivason, Dr. David Whitla and Dr. CJ Williams. *You may register online at www.rpts.edu/westminster. Early registration discounts end on August 18. If you have any questions, please email June Whitla at jwhitla@rpts.edu*

## 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**

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| Worship | 10:00AM |
| Sunday School *(Sept–June)* | 11:45 AM |
| Sunday Evening Service | 6:00 PM |

**Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley**

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| 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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*Vacant*

**Assistant Pastor**

Rev. Justin Chiarot

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