

The Lord's Service

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JUNE 29, 2025



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Holy Ghost, with Light Divine
Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

HEALEY WILLAN

JACK C. GOODE

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 2:6-9

“As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

**I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me,
“You are my Son; today I have begotten you.**

Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

and the ends of the earth your possession.

You shall break them with a rod of iron

and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us your Son, the beloved one who was rejected, the Savior who appeared defeated. Yet the mystery of his kingship illumines our lives. Show us in his death the victory that crowns the ages, and in his broken body the love that unites heaven and earth. We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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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 THE EPISTLES

You shall have no other gods before me.
For from him and through him and to him are all things.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.
In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.

You shall not kill.
Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

You shall not commit adultery.
You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

You shall not steal.
Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, or anything that is your neighbor's.
Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.



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

We Worship Thee, O God

PALESTRINA

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

EXODUS 17:1-16 p. 69

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25 p. 1157

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 149

Come, We That Love the Lord

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⊗ GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 9:51-62 p. 1031

⊗ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Washed, Sanctified, Justified

⊗ 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

Nocturne from "Midsummer's Night's Dream"

MENDELSSOHN

⊗ 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.

⌘ HYMN OF DEPARTURE *Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah* 110

⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌘ POSTLUDE *Tocatta in C* JOHANN S. BACH

MINISTER: Mr. Jared Smith
WORSHIP LEADER: James Phillips
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson D.M.A.

Missions Work Highlight

JANE BRINKERHOFF — SERVING IN JAPAN

Jane participated in Mission to the World's 1983 summer missions program in Asia, where the Lord laid on her heart the great need for workers in His harvest field. Learning that the Christians in Japan were only one-half of one percent of the population, and that many towns had no churches, Jane joined a church-planting team. She has used evangelistic Bible studies, small groups and mercy ministries to help spread the gospel and start churches in unchurched towns in the greater Nagoya area.

Prayer Requests

Saints/Families of the Month: Maucher family, Mary McCorvey, Diane Menhart, Joan Mesaris, Mowat family

Weekly Prayer Focus: Rich Family (grieving the loss of Luke), Pulpit Search Cmte., Abigail Elmendorf (with child due 9/25), David Babick (leg surgery recovery), Kameron Riffard (Esther's grandson battling alcoholism), Mary McCorvey (cancer), Jeanne Phillips (James' mother, limited responsiveness), Megan Brossman (mental health)

Announcements

It is our joy to welcome Mr. Jared Smith, a Ruling Elder licensed to preach, from Covenant Presbyterian Church in Short Hills, NJ, to minister God's Word to us today.

Please join us for our evening service at 6 PM. Elder James Phillips will be sharing from John 4.

Sunday school classes will resume on September 14.

Get ready for Vacation Bible School (VBS) "Hero Hotline: Called Together to Serve Christ" on July 21-July 25th this summer! It will be held from 9am to 12pm each day with a closing program on Friday night at 7pm. *Please see Brenda Grammer, or contact her at (845) 863-6716, to register your children and to ask how you can volunteer for this wonderful event!* Flyers are available in the narthex.

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)

Robert David (2026), Mike Bonagura (2026), James Phillips (2026), Ron Bonagura (2027), Bob Maucher (2027), Gary Berg (2027), Adam Kuliszewski (2028)

Board of Deacons (with Class Year)

John Grammer (Chair: 2027), Noah Watson (2026), David Babick (2026), Ethan Westlund (2027), Ed Timberger (2028), Joe Hall (2028)

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Adam Kuliszewski (Vice-Chairman)

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