

The Lord's Service

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 20, 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 113

Praise the Lord!

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised! Amen!



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Heavenly Father, eternal God, creator of salvation, architect of all eternity, we come to You with humility and reverence before Your throne of grace. Your majesty covers the whole earth. Your wisdom transcends time and Your love penetrates the depth of our souls. We exalt You for Your limitless power, for Your mercy that has no end, for Your relentless pursuit of our hearts. May you be magnified in this our service of covenant renewal. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

I Need Thee Every Hour

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Father, we come, not as those who are strong in faith, but those whose faith is feeble, weakened because we have trusted in ourselves—in our own abilities, in our own strength, in our own intellect—instead of trusting in you.

We have awakened from our beds this morning, and partaken of meals, and moved our limbs, and used our senses with thankless hearts, ignoring you, the Sovereign Lord over every detail of our lives.

We confess that we have thought you to be a little God, and the people of the land to be like giants. We have feared men, rather than God. Father, we admit we have too often set our affections on the things of this world. Cleanse us of our disordered affections and draw us to you through your son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. 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 PSALMS

God spoke all these words, saying;
I am the LORD your God, you shall
have no other gods before me.

**Against thee, thee only, I have sinned,
and done that which is evil in thy sight.**

You shall not make for yourself graven
images...you shall not bow down to
them or serve them.

**O come, let us worship and bow
down, let us kneel before the LORD,
our Maker! For he is our God, and we
are the people of his pasture, and the
sheep of his hand.**

You shall not take the name of the
Lord your God in vain.

**O Lord, open thou my lips, and my
mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
**How lovely is thy dwelling place, O
LORD of hosts! For a day in thy courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.**

Honor your father and your mother.
**Remember not the sins of my youth,
or my transgressions; according to thy
steadfast love remember me, for thy
goodness' sake, O LORD!**

You shall not kill.

**Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts! And see if
there be any wicked way in me.**

You shall not commit adultery.
**Thou hast set our iniquities before
thee, our secret sins in the light of
thy countenance.**

You shall not steal.
**Have mercy on me, O God, blot out
my transgressions.**

You shall not bear false witness against
your neighbor.
**Put false ways far from me; and
graciously teach me thy law!**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house;
you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or
his manservant, or his maidservant, or his ox,
or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.
**Incline my heart to thy testimonies,
and not to gain! Deliver me from all
my transgressions.**

The Lord is near to all that call upon
him, to all that call upon him in truth.
He fulfills the desire of all who fear him,
he also hears their cry, and saves them.
**My mouth will speak the praise of the
LORD, and let all flesh bless his holy
name forever and ever.**



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, let those in darkness see your light. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear the
wondrous words that you have condescended to lisp to your children. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PSALM 133

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 CORINTHIANS 3:1-9

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 23 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* 184

⊗ GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 13:31-38

⊗ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Made for Harmony

⊗ 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

⊗ 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

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*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 lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.*

*Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'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

Blessed are the Sons of God

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⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌘ POSTLUDE

MINISTER: Rev. Justin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David
ORGANIST: Diane Pedrosa

Missions Work Highlight

JODY COLLINGE — MEXICO

Dr. Jody resides in and works from the resort city of Zihuantanejo on Mexico's Pacific Coast, northwest of Acapulco. She works with Global Community Health Evangelism Network, a ministry that serves in over 100 countries worldwide; and she develops training materials for Children's Community Health Evangelism, a member of the network. Her job also takes her to other countries to work with others who are similarly involved with Children's ministries and to provide training.

Prayer Requests

Saints/Families of the Month: Nixon family, Mary Nottingham, Carolyn Nystrom, Mike Park, Kerly Paul

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

We are delighted to welcome our Assistant Pastor, Rev. Justin Chiarot, to share the Word and Sacrament with us.

Please join us for our evening service at 6 PM. Elder James Phillips will be sharing from John 5.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) "Hero Hotline: Called Together to Serve Christ" starts **tomorrow**, July 21st! 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 for this wonderful event!*

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)

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

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

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Adam Kuliszewski (Vice-Chairman)

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