

# The Lord's Service

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*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

JULY 27, 2025



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Awakening  
Chant Vesperal*

H. ENGELMANN  
RACHEL LAURIN

*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

1 PETER 1:23-25

You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable,  
through the living and abiding word of God;

**For “All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass.**

The grass withers, and the flower falls,

**but the word of the Lord remains forever.”**

☒ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you pour out the spirit of grace and supplication on all who desire it. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

☒ HYMN OF PRAISE

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

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CONFESSION OF SINS

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your lovingkindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. 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

*Thou Art Near*

ROBERT H. JUST

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the  
spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our  
hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PSALM 103 *p.594*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

COLOSSIANS 2:6-15 *p.1169*

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 23

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

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⊗ GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 11:1-13 *p.1033*

⊗ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.  
Praise be to God.

SERMON

*Giving and Receiving All*

⊗ 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

*Adagio in Ab*

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.**

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

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!*

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⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌘ POSTLUDE

*Postlude in A Major*

FRIEDRICH W. ZACHAU

MINISTER: Rev. John Hanna  
WORSHIP LEADER: James Phillips  
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson D.M.A.



# 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.

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## 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)

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## Announcements

It is our joy to welcome back Rev. John Hanna to minister Word and Sacrament to us this morning. Rev. Hanna is a PCA minister from New Jersey involved in "Ministry to State" to NJ State government officials.

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

We thank the Lord for the opportunity of many in the church to minister to the children who came to Vacation Bible School, "Hero Hotline: Called Together to Serve Christ." Continue to pray the Lord of the Harvest to grow them in His strength in the Kingdom.

## 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

### 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)

### Board of Deacons (with Class Year)

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

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### Staff

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