

The Lord's Service

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JULY 26, 2026



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Arise O God
All Hail the Power*

R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS
OLIVER HOLDEN / ARR. ETHEL SMITH

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

from I JOHN 3:1-2

See what kind of love the Father has given to us,

that we should be called children of God...

Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared;

**but we know that when he appears we shall be like him,
because we shall see him as he is.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious Father, we call on you now as your children because we know you have loved us through your Son who laid down his life for us. Give us faith to worship you by your Spirit and to love one another in deed and in truth until Christ's appearing. Through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

Jesus, with Thy Church Abide

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Our Father, forgive us for ever thinking you would owe us blessings for our good works. We repent for thinking you would ever be indebted to your own creation. We confess that we have lived as orphans, denying you as father and trying to rule ourselves. We are quick to see challenges and slow to see your provision. Thank you for giving us every spiritual blessing in Christ. We praise you for making us holy and blameless in your sight. Help us to trust Christ's work on the Cross to be effective in our lives because you love us. We pray this in Jesus' 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 COLOSSIANS 3

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry.

On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you too once walked, when you were living in them.

But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices

and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience,

bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



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

Shine Thou Upon Us, Lord

JEWISH MELODY / ARR. MEYER LYON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

1 KINGS 3:5-12

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ROMANS 8:26-39

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 23 *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want* 86

⌘ GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 3:16-18

⌘ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON

God So Loved the World

⌘ WESTMINSTER CONFESSION CH. 33: OF THE LAST JUDGMENT, PAR. 3

As Christ would have us to be certainly persuaded that there shall be a day of judgment, both to deter all men from sin, and for the greater consolation of the godly in their adversity: so will He have that day unknown to men, that they may shake off all carnal security, and be always watchful, because they know not at what hour the Lord will come; and may be ever prepared to say, Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

Communion Hymn (trad. Korean melody)

MICHAEL RYAN

⌘ 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

<i>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.</i> <i>Here would I feed upon the bread of God, here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n;</i>	<i>here would I lay aside each earthly load, here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.</i> <i>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.</i>
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⌘ HYMN OF DEPARTURE *Be Thou My Vision* 642

⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌘ POSTLUDE *Postlude in D* RINCK

PREACHER: Rev. John Hanna
 WORSHIP LEADER: James Phillips
 ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.
 PIANIST: Janis Berg

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Missions Work Highlight

TONI & DUBRAVKA URUMOV - NORTH MACEDONIA

Toni and his wife Dubravka live in Strumica, North Macedonia, with their three boys. He serves as an elder at the Baptist Church Strumica through preaching and teaching. Their church is also planting a new church in another place called Josifovo. They recently opened the Macedonian Bible Institute in cooperation with “Grace To You” and The Master’s Academy International. Toni and his wife are also translating Christian literature into the Macedonian language.

Website: facebook.com/urumov/

Prayer Requests

Saints/Families of the Month

Grammer family, Joe Hall, Terry Hinderman, Dawn Hoagland, Marilyn & Thyra Hollwegs

Weekly Prayer & Praise Focus

Rich Family, Pulpit Search Committee, Kameron Riffard (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 (recovering from eye surgery)

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.

All are invited to the evening service at 6 PM. Elder James Phillips will be leading from John 8:21-32.

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)

Gary Berg (2027), Ron Bonagura (2027),
Robert David (2027), Bob Maucher (2027),
James Phillips (2028), Adam Kuliszewski (2028),
Mike Bonagura (2029)

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Noah Watson (2027), Ethan Westlund (2027),
Joe Hall (2028), Ed Timberger (2028)

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