

The Lord's Service

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 02, 2026



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Meditation
Draw us to Thee*

DUBOIS / ADAPT. BY OLIVE NELSON RUSSELL
JOHANN B. WALTHER

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 PSALM 145

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God. Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Thank you, good, great and gracious Father, for the gift of salvation revealed to your people in the gospel of your Son. Thank you for your Holy Spirit who seals our deliverance and guarantees our eternal inheritance. We give all praise and glory to You alone, O Triune God. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Our Father, you have given us a rich inheritance according to your purpose, and yet we have tried to squander our wealth. We know that you work all things according to the counsel of your will, and yet we doubt that you are good. We have uncertainty, and we mistakenly think that your purposes are not certain. Forgive us. Help us to know the riches of your salvation. Give us eyes to see our hope and glorious inheritance. Help us to trust the immeasurable greatness of your power towards us. May our knowledge of you lead to your praise and glory, 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 – OUR LIFE OF GRATEFUL OBEDIENCE

MATT 5:1-12

Jesus opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,

For they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you

And utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad for your reward is great in heaven,

For so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



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

God, Be Merciful to Me

RICHARD REDHEAD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

EZEKIEL 36:24-28

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

EPHESIAN 1:11-14



PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 68

Stand Up, O God Be Present Now

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GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 20:1-8



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Signed, Sealed, Delivered



THE ATHANASIAN CREED PART II

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. The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten; the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father; the Spirit was neither made nor created, but he proceeds from the Father and the Son. Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits. And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the unity in Trinity. Whoever desires to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

The King of Love, My Shepherd Is

SETTING BY HEALEY WILLAN

⌘ 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 *How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place* 469

*How sweet and awesome is the place
with Christ within the doors,
while everlasting love displays
the choicest of her stores.*

*While all our hearts and all our songs
join to admire the feast,*

*Each of us cries, with thankful tongue,
“Lord, why was I a guest?”*

*‘Twas the same love that spread the feast
that sweetly drew us in;
else we had still refused to taste,
and perished in our sin.*

⌘ HYMN OF DEPARTURE *Lead On, O King Eternal* 580

⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌘ POSTLUDE *Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand* JOHN B. DYKES, SETTING BY LANI SMITH

PREACHER: Rev. Robert Maeder
WORSHIP LEADER: James Phillips
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.

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Missions Work Highlight

TIM & THERESE GALAGE – MTW AFRICA

Tim serves as MTW's Regional Director of Southern Africa. He's responsible for leading and shepherding a team of missionaries in South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Malawi. The team's focus is on church planting, theological education, and university ministry. He also mentors and advises national partners involved in reformed Presbyterian church planting and presbytery development. Therese supports Tim in his role and has an active ministry among missionary wives and African women in ministry.

Website: mtw.org/missionaries/details/tim-and-therese-galage

Prayer Requests

Saints/Families of the Month

Adam Kuliszewski family, Ezra Kuliszewski family, Art Luse, Mackay family, Mathews family

Weekly Prayer & Praise Focus

Rich Family, Pulpit Search Committee, Kameron Riffard (Esther's grandson), the family of Mary McCorvey, Alice Watson (Chaz Watson's mother), Barbara Booth (John Grammer's mother), Linda Dennis, Stanley Osiecki (Ed Norris' nephew), Bert Roosje

Announcements

It is our joy to welcome Rev. Rob Maeder, ordained Teaching Elder from the West Hudson Presbytery (NJ), to minister the Word and Sacrament for us today. Pastor Rob will lead us on most Sundays this summer.

There is no evening service today. The next evening service will be Sunday, August 16.

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)

Board of Deacons (with Class Year)

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

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Adam Kuliszewski (Vice-Chairman)

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