

The Lord's Service

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 24, 2025



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Cheer Thee My Soul
If Thou But Trust in God to Guide You*

J. S. BACH / ARR. ELLEN JANE LORENZ

SETTING BY FRANKLIN D. ASHDOWN

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

BASED ON PSALM 51

May your love and mercy be upon us today, O Lord.

Cleanse us from every transgression.

Let your joy and gladness dawn in our spirits,

and the recreating power of your Spirit make us new.

Have mercy upon us O God,

and let your Spirit lead us in truth and righteousness.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires, known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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 GOSPELS

You shall have no other gods before me.
It is written, You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.
God is a spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool... Let what you say be simply Yes or No; anything more than this comes from evil.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath; so the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath.

Honor your father and your mother.
For God commanded, he who speaks evil of father or mother, let him surely die.

You shall not kill.
Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven.

You shall not commit adultery.
Everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

You shall not steal.
For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery...theft... These are what defile a man.

You shall not bear false witness.
For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.

You shall not covet.
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

Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine

H. PERCY SMITH

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

PSALM 90 *p. 588*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

HEBREWS 12:18-29 *p. 1197*



PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 95

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

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GOSPEL LESSON

LUKE 13:10-17 *p. 1037*



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Numbering Our Days



THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

ARR. RICHARD WARNER



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.*

*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.*

*Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with thee the royal wine of heav'n;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.*

⌘ HYMN OF DEPARTURE

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

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⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌘ POSTLUDE

Lasst uns alle froehlich sein

HEALEY WILLAN

MINISTER: Rev. John Hanna

WORSHIP LEADER: Gary Berg

ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.

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Missions Work Highlight

CHAPEL FIELD CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS — PINE BUSH, NY

Chapel Field is a PreK–12 Classical Christian school in Pine Bush, NY, devoted to the formation of students who love truth, pursue wisdom and virtue, and live for the glory of Jesus Christ. Since its founding in 1986 by the Spanjer family, the school has ministered to children and families throughout the Hudson Valley, offering an education rooted in the classical tradition and grounded in a distinctly biblical worldview.

Partnering with parents, Chapel Field works to cultivate a joyful community of students who seek what is true, good, and beautiful— and who are equipped to thrive academically, socially, and spiritually.

Prayer Requests

Saints/Families of the Month: Pedrero family, Pedrosa family, Phillips family, Pillsworth family

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

Announcements

We are blessed to welcome back the Rev. John Hanna, PCA Minister to State in New Jersey, to share God's Word and serve us Communion this morning.

Please join us for our evening service at 6 PM. Elder James Phillips will be leading.

Sunday school classes will resume on September 14.

Following the Sunday School kickoff on 9/14/25, there will be a Fellowship Barbecue Luncheon. The Fellowship Committee will be providing the hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes, salads, and desserts.

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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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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