

The Lord's Service

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

AUGUST 30, 2026



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Air from "Faust"
Prelude on Nettleton*

CHARLES GOUNOD
ELIZABETH A. KROUSE

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 27:4-5

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord, you are the rock of our salvation, the chief cornerstone of our faith. We come to gaze on your beauty as we meet in this house of worship, for with you there is life and purpose and hope. Cause us to seek you and trust you with all the troubles of our lives so that we may worship you in Spirit and truth, with due reverence and fear. We bless you Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

All Creatures of Our God and King

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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 – 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

Communion

ALEXANDRE GUILMANT

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

EXODUS 3:1-15

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

ROMANS 12:1-8

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 68 *Stand Up, O God Be Present Now* 71

⌘ GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 7:15-29

⌘ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON

The Solid Rock

⌘ 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

Nearer My God to Thee

LOWELL MASON / ARR. HERBERT COLVIN

⌘ 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 *Great is Thy Faithfulness,* 32

⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌘ POSTLUDE *Recessional* JOSEPH ROFF

PREACHER: Rev. John Hanna
WORSHIP LEADER: Adam Kuliszewski
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

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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 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 today at 6 PM. Elder Adam Kuliszewski will share from I John 1:1-4.

The Fellowship Committee will be holding a church barbecue on Sunday, September 13th, following the Sunday School Opening Ceremony. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided. The congregation is asked to bring side dishes, salads and desserts.

A memorial service for Mary McCorvey will be held at church on Saturday, September 19, at 11 AM.

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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