

# The Lord's Service

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*The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

AUGUST 25, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Psalm of David*

ROSSI / TRANS. ISADORE FREED

*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

PSALM 46:1-2, 4-5

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our strength, you are the only refuge of all who trust you. Fortify us with your goodness to live in quietness of spirit, that we may serve you all our days; through Jesus Christ, your Son. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

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CONFESSION OF SINS

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

*Interlude in Eb*

CHARLES H. RINCK

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God our helper, by your Holy Spirit, open our minds, that as the Scriptures are read  
and your Word is proclaimed, we may be led into your truth and taught your will, for  
the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

PSALM 46:1-11

*p. 577*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

REVELATION 22:1-5

*p. 1234*



PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 46

*God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

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GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 1:18-23; 28:16-20

*p. 959, 993*



RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.  
Praise be to God.

SERMON

*A Mighty Fortress*



THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made: Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.**

**And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast*

M. LUTHER / ARR. BENTON PRICE



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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

☒ 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

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*

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*Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,  
leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,  
come into the daylight's splendor,  
there with joy your praises render.  
Bless the One whose grace unbounded  
this amazing banquet founded;  
he, though heavenly, high and holy,  
deigns to dwell with you most lowly.*

*Now in faith I humbly ponder  
over this surpassing wonder  
that the bread of life is boundless,  
though the souls it feeds are countless;*

*with the choicest wine of heaven  
Christ's own blood to us is given.  
Oh, most glorious consolation,  
pledge and seal of my salvation.*

*Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,  
truest friend and dearest treasure,  
peace beyond all understanding,  
joy into all life expanding:  
humbly now, I bow before you,  
love incarnate, I adore you;  
worthily let me receive you,  
and, so favored, never leave you.*

☒ HYMN OF DEPARTURE

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

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☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

*Postlude in D*

CHARLES H. RINCK

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# A Mighty Fortress

## PSALM 46

This is the voice of the c\_\_\_\_\_ of G\_\_\_\_\_.

### 1. The Tumult (vv. 1-3)

Refuge is d\_\_\_\_\_ and strength is o\_\_\_\_\_.

He is the ever-present, at\_\_\_\_\_ God.

A d\_\_\_\_\_ statement of trust: We shall \_\_\_\_\_.

The threat is depicted as c\_\_\_\_\_ c\_\_\_\_\_.

A fourfold repetition of the word “\_\_\_\_\_.”

### 2. City (vv. 4-7)

The river here is the H\_\_\_\_\_.

God d\_\_\_\_\_ in this city bringing g\_\_\_\_\_.

We are made to drink this water in b\_\_\_\_\_.

The \_\_\_\_\_ abides though the c\_\_\_\_\_ collapses.

Morning points to the Day of r\_\_\_\_\_.

World history in \_\_\_ words.

Lord of “hosts” means that God is a w\_\_\_\_\_ king.

### 3. The Nations (vv. 8-11)

The end of God’s speech is d\_\_\_\_\_ on the earth.

The word for “c\_\_\_\_\_” is related to the word for “S\_\_\_\_\_.”

God himself destroys the im\_\_\_\_\_ of war.

God fights to establish s\_\_\_\_\_.

The command is actually issued to the restless \_\_\_\_\_.

Christ is I\_\_\_\_\_, the Lord of hosts who is \_\_\_\_\_ us.

Zion in the text points to the \_\_\_\_\_ of C\_\_\_\_\_.

## Missions Work Highlight

BRIAN AND CARIN ROBERG  
*DiscipleMakers, Pennsylvania*

Brian and Carin Roberg: Brian and Carin work with the Christian campus ministry called DiscipleMakers based in Pennsylvania, a ministry with the goal of raising up the next generation of leaders for the Church by training college students in Bible Study, gospel driven discipleship, and evangelism. Having had the Lord work deeply in their lives through this ministry as college students, they have joined in the efforts of DiscipleMakers at its headquarters and on campus at Penn State. Please pray for DiscipleMakers as the ministry heads into the final year of a goal that was set 10 years ago to reach 25 campuses by 2025. The fall semester is approaching, please pray for the fall outreach which includes the staff making plans and meeting new students. Also, please pray that God would prepare the student's hearts to hear and respond to His Word.

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## Prayer Requests

**Families of the Month:** Barbara Verdesi, Dick Wallace, Chaz and Deborah Watson

**Weekly Prayer Focus:** Eton Gayle (cancer), Susa Roosje (hospice), Donna Conklin (MS), Mary McCorvey (lung biopsy), Jeanne Phillips (James' mother, limited responsiveness), Jo Ann Pugh (clear diagnosis), Megan Brossman (mental health)

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## Announcements

Sunday School will resume on 9/08 after worship.

The Fellowship Committee will be holding a church barbecue on 9/08, 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.

# 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

Rev. Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

## Assistant Pastor

Rev. Justin Chiarot

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Mike Bonagura (2026), James Phillips (2026),  
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Noah Watson (2026), John Grammer (2027),  
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