

The Lord's Service

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPT 01, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*O Lord, Most High
In Deep Humility I Pray*

SETTING BY HEALEY WILLAN
LANI 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

PSALM 48:1-2, 10

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

His holy mountain is the joy of the whole earth!

Mount Zion is the city of the great King!

God's praise reaches to the ends of the earth!

☒ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

☒ HYMN OF PRAISE

The Church's One Foundation

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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 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

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

HENRY BAKER

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 48:1-14 p. 558

NEW TESTAMENT READING COLOSSIANS 3:1-4 p. 1169

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 48 *Within Your Temple, Lord* 373

⌘ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 5:33-37 p. 963

⌘ RESPONSE
The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON *The City of the Great King*

⌘ 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 *The Lord's My Shepherd* TODD KENDALL

⌘ 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

☒ 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

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

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☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

Festive Prelude

RICHARD A. WILLIAMSON

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot

WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David

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

The City of the Great King

PSALM 48

1. The City of God (vv. 1-2)

Greatness speaks of the m_____ of God's perfections.

His greatness is to be reflected in the church's p_____.

Fulfilled in the new _____, the h_____ Zion.

Beautiful in _____, the ____ of the whole earth.

The m_____ is beginning to fill the whole earth.

2. Deliverance and Security (vv. 3-8)

God Himself the f_____ of the city.

The deliverance comes _____ human intervention.

The text points to the final e_____ exodus.

Earthly Jerusalem was _____ numerous times.

3. Praise (vv. 9-11)

In the body of Christ, we m_____ on our deliverance.

Praise s_____ to the ends of the earth.

Righteousness and _____ go hand in hand.

4. Procession and Proclamation (vv. 12-14)

The church's life is _____ with Christ in God.

No o_____ possibility of salvation outside the church.

Missions Work Highlight

ADAM GORDON

All 4 Jesus Ministries

Adam Gordon is the leader of All 4 Jesus Ministries, Inc., whose mission “to fulfill the great commission and to ignite a passion in others to do the same,” is pursued by working with local Gospel centered churches, conducting Gospel outreaches in town and cities and investing in lives of college students.

Prayer Requests

Families of the Month: Jo-Anne Weber, Mark and Susan Wilson, Carl Wolfe

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

Announcements

There is no evening service tonight.

Beginning next week, 9/8, through 9/29 we will be accepting officer nominations. Please prayerfully consider this matter. May the Lord raise up leaders to serve his church.

Sunday School will resume on next Sunday 9/08, after worship.

The Fellowship Committee will be holding a church barbecue next Sunday, 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!

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

Session (Ruling Elders, with Class Year)

Robert David (2025), Gary Berg (2025),
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Ethan Westlund (2027)

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