

# The Lord's Service

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*The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

SEPT 09, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All  
Let All Together Praise Our God*

POWELL BAMBY  
JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

*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 65

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.

**O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.**

When iniquities prevail against us, you atone for our transgressions.

**Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! Amen!**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Our Lord and our God, we come to You this day and we acknowledge that You are the only wise God. You are God almighty, You are the God of hosts, and You are the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel and all those who believe by that faith of Abraham in the one true God through Your gracious covenant to us in Jesus Christ. We acknowledge and here declare our desire and purpose to worship You and worship You alone, and we ask for Your assistance and acceptance as we do. We adore You, we give You honor, we give to You this day the glory due Your name. **Amen.**



HYMN OF PRAISE

*Arise, My Soul, Arise*

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CONFESSION OF SINS

**Father, look with mercy on the sins we have this day committed, and in mercy make us feel them deeply, that our repentance may be sincere and our resolutions steadfast in endeavoring against the commission of such in the future. Teach us to understand the sinfulness of our hearts and bring to our knowledge every fault of temper and every evil habit in which we have indulged to the discomfort of our fellow creatures and the danger of our own souls. May we now and on each return of night, consider how the past day has been spent by us, what have been our prevailing thoughts, words and actions during it. Have we thought irreverently of Thee? Have we disobeyed thy commandments? Have we neglected any known duty or willingly given pain to any human being? Incline us to ask these questions, oh God, and save us from deceiving ourselves by pride and vanity. Have mercy on us, for Christ's sake. 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 EPISTLES

You shall have no other gods before me.  
**For from him and through him and to him are all things.**

You shall not make for yourself a graven image.

**In Christ we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.**

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.  
**Let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name.**

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work; but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.  
**Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another in all wisdom, and sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.**

Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land which the Lord your God gives you.  
**Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.**

You shall not kill.

**Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.**

You shall not commit adultery.  
**You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.**

You shall not steal.

**Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his hands, so that he may be able to give to those in need.**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ.**

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, or anything that is your neighbor's.

**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

*Spirit of Life, in This New Dawn*

H. PERCY SMITH

### 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

GENESIS 29:1-30

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ROMANS 5:1-11

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 48

*Within Your Temple, Lord*

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⌘ GOSPEL READING

MARK 9:30-37

⌘ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.  
Praise be to God.

SERMON

*"Becoming Kings of France"*

⌘ 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

*God's Time is the Best*

J.S. BACH / ARR. E. POWER BIGGS

⌘ 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

☒ 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

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

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☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

*Ricercar*

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MINISTER: Rev. Justin Chiarot

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



## 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.

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## 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)

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## Announcements

Beginning this week, 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 today after worship.

The Fellowship Committee will be holding a church barbecue today, following the Sunday School Opening Ceremony. Hamburgers, hot dogs and beverages will be provided.

# 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

## Session (Ruling Elders, with Class Year)

Robert David (2025), Gary Berg (2025),  
Mike Bonagura (2026), James Phillips (2026),  
Ron Bonagura (2027), Bob Maucher (2027)

## Board of Deacons (with Class Year)

Joe Hall (Chair: 2025), Bill Cooke (2025),  
Ed Timberger (2025), David Babick (2026),  
Noah Watson (2026), John Grammer (2027),  
Ethan Westlund (2027)

## Board of Trustees

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## Staff

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