

The Lord's Service

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

Andante Con Moto
O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord

JOSEF RHEINBERGER
HEALEY WILLAN

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 2 PETER 1:10-11

Be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election,
for if you practice these qualities of faith and virtue you will never fall.

**For in this way, there will be richly provided for us an entrance
into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

☒ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, by the gospel you have knit together your elect, in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son, Christ our Lord. Give us grace so to follow your way in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

☒ HYMN OF PRAISE *Amazing Grace!* 460

CONFESSION OF SINS

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

JOHN S. B. HODGES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING DEUTERONOMY 7:6-11 *p. 179*

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-10 *p. 1172*

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

⌘ GOSPEL READING JOHN 6:35-40 *p. 1060*

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

SERMON *We Know That He Has Chosen You*

⌘ 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 *Melodie* CHRISTIAN VON GLUCK

⌘ 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

How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

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☒ CHARGE AND BEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

Voluntary in Baroque Style

KEVIN UPPERCUE

MINISTER: Rev. Kevin Chiarot
WORSHIP LEADER: Bob Maucher
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpon, D.M.A.

We Know That He Has Chosen You

1 THESSALONIANS 1:4-5

This is the u_____ cause of Paul's gratitude.

1. Election (v.4)

The titles of I_____ are attributed to the _____.

Paul knows that "He has _____ you."

For Paul, election is a pa_____ doctrine.

Peter says we must c_____ our calling and _____.

Election cuts out any notion of salvation by _____.

The elect receive grace in Christ before the a_____ be_____.

Election is an eternal decision of l_____.

"Full of s_____, pl_____, and uns_____ comfort."

2. The Gospel (v. 5)

Knows they're chosen because the _____ came in power.

The Gospel: Proclamation of Christ c_____ and r_____.

The i_____ of the gospel, are not the gospel.

Gospel came not only in word, but also in _____.

The gospel comes by pr_____, by w_____.

The power of the gospel is s_____.

Election is v_____ in the embrace of the gospel.

Trace your gratitude back to the e_____ l_____ of God.

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

We will be accepting officer nominations through 9/29. Please give your nominations to Jo-Anne Weber or Pastor Chiarot. Please prayerfully consider this matter. May the Lord raise up leaders to serve his church.

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

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Robert David (2025), Gary Berg (2025),
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