The Lord's Service

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

OCTOBER 11, 2026



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE *Blessed Jesus, We Are Here*
Prelude on "Brother James's Air"
JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH
SETTING BY SEARLE WRIGHT

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 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah

that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Ever-living God, before the earth was formed and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* 53

CONFESSION OF SINS

Our Father, we confess that we have not walked worthily of the unity and new life you have given us. We have been proud, rough, impatient, selfish with our gifts, and willing to follow our hearts into sin. Forgive us for divisions in the body and for walking out of step with the gospel. Give us new hearts by your grace. Unite us around your Word, teach us to build one another up, and renew our minds so that we may put on the new self in righteousness and holiness. We pray this in Jesus' 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 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 ADMINISTRATION OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS — Ana Paula Watson

THE PEACE

GLORIA PATRI — 735

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. HUGHES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God, source of all light, by your Word you give light to the soul. Pour out upon us the spirit of wisdom and understanding that, being taught by you in Holy Scripture, our hearts and minds may be opened to know the things that pertain to life and holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON PSALM 22:25-31

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON EPHESIANS 4:1-6

PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 133 *How Beautiful the Sight* 356

GOSPEL LESSON JOHN 17:9-19

RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON *Unity*

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 *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* LOWELL MASON / ARR. H. 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 *Come, Ye Disconsolate* 615

Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish,
come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel;
here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
earth has no sorrows that heav'n cannot heal.

Joy of the comfortless, light of the straying,
hope of the penitent, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, in mercy saying,
"Earth has no sorrows that heav'n cannot cure."

Here see the Bread of life; see waters flowing
forth from the throne of God, pure from above;
come to the feast prepared; come, ever knowing
earth has no sorrows but heav'n can remove.

HYMN OF DEPARTURE *The Church's One Foundation* 347

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light* JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

PREACHER: Rev. Robert Maeder
WORSHIP LEADER: Robert David
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson, D.M.A.

Missions Work Highlight

JODY COLLINGE – MEXICO / WORLDWIDE

Dr. Jody resides in and works from the resort city of Zihuantanejo on Mexico's Pacific Coast, northwest of Acapulco. She works with Global Community Health Evangelism Network, a ministry that serves in over 100 countries worldwide; and she develops training materials for Children's Community Health Evangelism, a member of the network. Her job also takes her to other countries to work with others who are similarly involved with Children's ministries and to provide training.

Website: chenetwork.org/network/service-team

Prayer Requests

Saints/Families of the Month
Nixon family, Ed Norris, Mary Nottingham, Carolyn Nystrom, Michael Park

Weekly Prayer & Praise Focus
Rich Family, Pulpit Search Cmte., Kameron Rifflard (Esther's grandson), Alice Watson (Chaz Watson's mother), Barbara Booth (John Grammer's mother), Linda Dennis, Stanley Osiecki (Ed Norris' nephew), Bert Roosje, Jane (Angela DeMatteo Davis' mother), William Mitchell (on the passing of his brother, Leslie)

Announcements

It is our joy to publicly welcome Ana Paula Watson, wife of Noah, into membership.

It is our joy to welcome Rev. Rob Maeder, Teaching Elder from the West Hudson Presbytery (NJ), to minister the Word and Sacrament for us today. Pastor Rob will lead us on most Sundays this fall.

Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley particularization service will be on 10/25/26 6pm at Chapel Field Elementary School (225 Fleury Rd. Pine Bush, NY). All are welcome.

We will have Sunday School classes today from 11:45am-12:30pm.

There will be a Fellowship Luncheon today following Sunday School. Everyone is invited to attend.

We invite everyone to join us for the afternoon service at 2:00 PM, following the fellowship meal. Rev. Maeder will lead.

Orange County Right to Life's 53rd Annual Banquet is Sunday, 11/01 at 2 PM at the Knights of Columbus, *18 Hallock Dr., Washingtonville.* Tickets are $50/adult and $35/student or guest under 18, with a $5/person discount for tables of 8–10. For reservations or questions, call Jennifer Quirk at (845) 500-6776.

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 *(Sept–June)*	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)

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David Babick (2027), John Grammer (2027, Chair), Noah Watson (2027), Ethan Westlund (2027), Joe Hall (2028), Ed Timberger (2028)

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