

# The Lord's Service

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*The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

OCTOBER 06, 2024



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*A Moment of Prayer  
In Sacred Memory*

DAVID PAXTON  
DONALD LEE MOORE

*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

HEBREWS 12:1-3

**Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,** let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, **and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,** looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, **who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,** despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. **Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself,** so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, 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 blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, even in affliction, 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

*The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns*

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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

*Great King of Nations, Hear Our Prayer*

WILLIAM CROFT

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.  
**Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING ISAIAH 63:7-9 *p. 739*

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

⊗ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 33 *You Righteous, in the Lord Rejoice* 43

⊗ GOSPEL READING JOHN 16:25-33 *p. 1073*

⊗ RESPONSE  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Praise be to God.**

SERMON *In Affliction, with Joy*

⊗ 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 *Cantilena* ROBERT LAU

⊗ 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

*Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?*

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☒ CHARGE AND BEDICTION

☒ POSTLUDE

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

HOLDEN / BIRCHWOOD

MINISTER: Rev. John Hanna  
WORSHIP LEADER: James Phillips  
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpon, D.M.A.

# In Affliction, with Joy

1 THESS. 1:6-8

## 1. Imitators (v. 6)

Imitation is of the \_\_\_\_\_ of discipleship.

“Be imitators of me, as I am of \_\_\_\_\_.”

Paul conceives of himself as the ch\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

“I fill-up what is lacking in the a\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.”

There’s not a hint of t\_\_\_\_\_ in this summons.

We don’t imitate what is u\_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus’ mission.

We imitate his self-e\_\_\_\_\_, taking the form of a \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Peter 2: We imitate his n\_\_\_\_-v\_\_\_\_\_ suffering love.

For the \_\_\_\_ set before him, he endured the \_\_\_\_\_.

“In much \_\_\_\_\_ with the \_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit.”

Imitation is cr\_\_\_\_\_. It is imitation in s\_\_\_\_\_.

Through many tribulations we must enter the \_\_\_\_\_.

Affliction is the th\_\_\_\_\_ for true Christian joy.

To you it has been \_\_\_\_\_ to suffer for his name sake.

Everyone will have afflictions, not \_\_\_\_\_ will have \_\_\_\_\_.

## 2. Examples (vv.7-8)

Imitators become e\_\_\_\_\_.

In this way, the gospel spread v\_\_\_\_\_ abroad.

Are we earnestly seeking to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus?

# 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:** Helena Wolfe, Libby Woodcock, Maria Beach

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

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## Announcements

Fall Cleanup will be happening on October 12 (rain date Oct 26) at 9:00AM.

Next Sunday, 10/13/24, there will be a Fall Harvest Luncheon following Sunday School. The congregation is asked to bring main dishes, casseroles, side dishes, salads and desserts. Beverages will be provided.

Anyone interested in coordinating the Operation Christmas Child mission for this year, please speak to Jo-Anne Weber. Shoe boxes have been ordered.

## 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).

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Rev. Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

### Assistant Pastor

Rev. Justin Chiarot

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Mike Bonagura (2026), James Phillips (2026),  
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