

The Lord's Service

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOVEMBER 02, 2025



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Prelude
Prayer*

THEODORE KULLAK / ARR. LAWRENCE GRANT
ALFRED HOLLINS / ARR. ROBERT L. BEDELL

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.

⌘ CALL TO WORSHIP

JAMES 1:17-18

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above,
coming down from the Father of lights,
with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.
Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth,
that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

⌘ PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, author and giver of all good things, plant in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

⌘ HYMN OF PRAISE

O Father, You Are Sovereign

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CONFESSION OF SINS

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through 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 ROMANS 12

By the mercies of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice,

Holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Do not be conformed to this world,

But be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

That by testing you may discern what is the will of God,

What is good and acceptable and perfect.

Let no one think of himself more highly than he ought.

But think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith God has assigned.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;

Hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with brotherly affection.

Outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not be slothful in zeal,

Be fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,

Be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints,

And seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you.

Bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

Weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; Do not be haughty,

But associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight.

Repay no one evil for evil,

But give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

But leave it to the wrath of God.

For it is written:

“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink;

For by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.



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

Come, We That Love the Lord

AARON WILLIAMS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

PSALM 34

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 PETER 3:8-18

☒ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 106 *O Praise the Lord, O Thank the Lord* 52

☒ GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 5: 1-12

☒ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord.
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Reason for Hope

☒ 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

Prelude

CURSCHMANN

☒ 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

'Twas on That Night When Doomed to Know

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*'Twas on that night when doomed to know
the eager rage of every foe,
that night in which he was betrayed,
the Savior of the world took bread;*

*"My broken body thus I give for you,
for all. Take, eat, and live.*

*And oft the sacred rite renew
that brings my saving love to view"*

*My blood I thus pour forth, he cries, to
cleanse the soul in sin that lies; in this the
covenant is sealed, and heav'n's eternal
grace revealed.*

⌘ HYMN OF DEPARTURE

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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⌘ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

⌘ POSTLUDE

March of the Israelites

COSTA

PREACHER: Rev. John Hanna

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Missions Work Highlight

REFORMED FORUM – WORLDWIDE

Reformed Forum is an organization committed to providing Reformed Christian theological resources to pastors, scholars, and anyone who desires to grow in their understanding of Scripture and the theology that faithfully summarizes its teachings. It is committed to the principles of the Protestant Reformation and the truths of its historic creeds and confessions and it develops resources that are intended for people who desire to grow in their Christian faith throughout an entire lifetime.

Website: reformedforum.org/

Prayer Requests

Saints/Families of the Month: Joe Schlegel family, Elaine Simpson, Bob and Arlene Sokoloski, Lois Spagnola

Weekly Prayer & Praise Focus: Rich Family, Pulpit Search Committee, Micheal Park's 4-yr nephew Jeremy, Esther Riffard, Kameron Riffard (Esther's grandson), Mary McCorvey, Jeanne Phillips (James' mother), Megan Brossman, Alice Watson (Chaz Watson's mother), Barbara Booth (John Grammer's mother)

Announcements

We are blessed to welcome back Rev. John Hanna to minister Word and Sacrament to us this morning. Rev. Hanna is a PCA minister from New Jersey involved in "Ministry to State" to NJ State government officials.

No evening service today.

This past Friday, October 31, marked 508 years since the Protestant Reformation. We give thanks for the recovery of the gospel, salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone, and for the enduring witness of Scripture as our highest authority. Soli Deo Gloria!

The New Members class continues today during Sunday school in the sanctuary. All are invited. Final class: 11/30.

The Sunday School Prayer List for November is posted on the bulletin in the upper hallway. Please sign up to pray for both the teacher and students by name for whichever class you choose. The commitment is to pray seriously once a week for the month.

There will be a November Fellowship Luncheon on 11/9/25. The congregation is asked to bring main dishes, casseroles, side dishes and desserts. Beverages will be provided.

Fellowship will be hosting a Soup Supper on Wednesday, 11/26/25 at 6pm. Anyone wishing to contribute soups, salads, rolls or desserts should let Merilee Timberger know.

A service to the witness of the resurrection of Paul Schoonmaker will take place Saturday, November 29, at 11:00 a.m. here at WPC.

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).

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Assistant Pastor

Rev. Justin Chiarot

Session (Ruling Elders, with Class Year)

Mike Bonagura (2026), Robert David (2026), James Phillips (2026), Gary Berg (2027), Ron Bonagura (2027), Bob Maucher (2027), Adam Kuliszewski (2028)

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