



September 13, 2026 | 8:30am

*When he opened the fifth seal,
I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain
because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.
- Revelation 6:9*

Prelude | *Posen*, George Blake

Introit | *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*, Anthony Spain

Gathering

Call to Worship | 1 Chronicles 16:23-31

Sing to the LORD, all the earth!

Tell of his salvation from day to day

Declare his glory among the nations

His marvelous works among all the peoples!

Splendor and majesty are before him;

Strength and joy are in his place.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,

Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD, the glory due his name;

bring an offering and come before him!

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;

Tremble before him, all the earth.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel from everlasting to everlasting!

Then all the people said 'Amen!' and praised the LORD.

Hymn #27 | *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Hymn #121 | *Before the Throne of God Above*

Greeting

Prayer of Dedication

Offering & Offertory

God Be in My Head (from the 1558 Sarum Primer), Raymon Weidner

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

The Word

Sermon | Unexpected: Martyrs in Revelation | Revelation 6:9-11

Laurie Brenner

Gloria Patri

**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.**

Prayers of the People and 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.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever, Amen.**

Sending

Hymn #183 | *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

Benediction

Postlude | *Prayer*, Rene Vierne

PRAYER OF BELIEF

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment, and offering forgiveness. I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior. Amen.

(If you are saying this prayer for the first time today, please let one of our pastors know.)

NEW HERE?

Welcome! We're glad you're here. If you are new or visiting, we'd love to connect. Fill out the Connect Card (in the pew rack) or scan this QR. Stop by the Welcome Center for your free gift bag!



WELCOME TO WEST SIDE | Today after each service

Want to learn more about who we are and what we believe? Join us in the chapel (just down the hall) following each service to find out more.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH | TODAY

8:30am | Kids are invited to the kid's table in the lobby during the sermon for an art/craft project.

10am | Kids (5th grade & under) are dismissed during the service to learn and play at Sunday School downstairs. Middle School Mornings return next Sunday, Sept. 20, for all 6th – 8th graders.

8:30am & 10:00am | Nursery available for kids 0-3.

6pm | Youth group returns on Sept. 20, 6-8pm.

MOM COMMUNITY & CONNECTIONS

MOM-CO | Fridays 9:15–11am

Join the Mom Community for moms of newborn to 5th graders. Motherhood is complicated! Come find your people and grow together. Fridays 9:15–1:15am; starts Sept. 18. Register with QR or westsidemomco@gmail.com



MOMS OF TEENS | Wednesdays 7-8:30p

Connect with moms of kids 6th grade to college. As our kids grow into young adults, we need Jesus and each other. Come learn, laugh, and pray together on Wednesdays. westsidemomsofteens@gmail.com

DAILY BIBLE READINGS | Seeing Jesus Together

Mon: Job 8, Revelation 16 (focus 16:1-7)

Tues: Job 9, Revelation 17 (focus 17:14)

Wed: Job 10, Revelation 18 (focus 18:20)

Thurs: Job 11, Revelation 19 (focus 19:1-3)

Fri: Job 12, Revelation 20 (focus 20:11-15)

Sat: Psalm 90 (focus 90:1-4)

LIFE AT WEST SIDE

BAPTISM CELEBRATION | Today at 11am

Hannah and Derek Schappacher invite all to celebrate their son Teddy's baptism with a lunch reception after the 10am service in the auditorium.

MEN'S COFFEE MORNING | Sat., Sept. 19

All men are invited for good coffee and great conversation over donuts at church 8:30 – 10am.

ON MISSION TOGETHER CLASS | Sun., Sept. 20

Next week after both services, explore how you can find the space God is calling you to uniquely be – with *your* passions and gifts – in the body of Christ and the kingdom of God.

WEDNESDAYS @ WEST SIDE | Wed., Sept. 30

Come for all-ages dinners, connect groups, classes, and kids' fun, 5:30 – 7:30pm Wednesdays, Sept. 30 - Nov. 16. Want to help serve? Snap the QR:



GOTTMAN MARRIAGE WORKSHOP | Oct. 2 & 3

Invest in your marriage with Gottman's famous *7 Principles for Making Marriage Work*. Learn and apply research-backed tools on Fri., Oct. 2, 5-8pm (with dinner) and Sat., Oct. 3, 9am-4pm (with lunch). Free childcare. RSVP by Sept. 20 here >>



PRAYER RETREAT | Saturday, October 24

Save the date to grow closer to God and the Holy Spirit with author and pastor Mike Neelley.

GIVING

Give online at wspc.org/give or by QR:



Giving as of August 2026
Fiscal 2027: 7/1/2026 – 6/30/2027

Actual (Fiscal Year to Date): **\$154,606**
Goal (Fiscal Year to Date): **\$250,000**
Annual Goal \$1,500,000

The fiscal year-end goal of \$1,500,000 includes budgeted operations, worship, missions, payroll, and administrative expenses.