

NEW HERE?

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



WEST SIDE KIDS

8:30am | Kids are invited to the kid's table in the narthex during the sermon to work on an art or craft project.
10:00am | Kids (5th grade and under) are dismissed during the service to attend Sunday School.
Nursery | Available for kids ages 0-3.

WEST SIDE YOUTH

ALL YOUTH AND FAMILIES: Join us after the second service for a Deck the Halls party to help decorate West Side for Christmas.
10:00am | **Middle School Discipleship**
Dismissed during the service to gather downstairs for Bible study.
Looking Ahead: NO MS Discipleship December 7 and 14.

High School Youth Group
No evening Youth Group tonight.

DAILY READINGS

The scripture references in parentheses are for the *Seeing Jesus Together* journals. The schedule came with your journal, or you can pick up a copy at the Welcome Center, or scan the QR code for it.

Mon: 1 Samuel 3, Matthew 7 (Matthew 7:12)
Tues: 1 Samuel 4, Matthew 8 (Matthew 8:14-17)
Wed: 1 Samuel 5, Matthew 9 (Matthew 9:9-13)
Thurs: 1 Samuel 6, Matthew 10 (Matthew 10:40-42)
Fri: 1 Samuel 7, Matthew 11 (Matthew 11:28-30)
Sat: Psalm 49, (Psalm 49:16-20)



COFFEE MORNINGS

Women: Saturday, December 13, 9:00-10:30am @ Pastor Laurie's
Men: Saturday, December 13, 8:30-10:00am @ West Side

SAVE THE DATE! ECCLESIASTES STUDY

Join us for a look at Ecclesiastes as we discuss the book *Living Life Backward: How Ecclesiastes Teaches Us to Live in Light of the End* by David Gibson (please purchase the book and read the first two chapters for Jan. 20). Gibson's reflections on Ecclesiastes provide interesting insights and will prompt lively discussion! Tuesdays, Jan. 20-Feb. 17 at 10am. Contact Susan Henn (hennsu@gmail.com) or Patricia Ramsey (ptramz@live.com) for further information.

ANGEL TREE DONATIONS

We're partnering again with Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree to give children of incarcerated parents and grandparents a gift in their name. We'll remind them they are loved by the gift-giver and God!

- On **Dec. 7:** Sign-up in the lobby to buy gifts
- By **Dec. 18:** Drop the UNWRAPPED gifts at the Welcome Center
- On **Dec. 21:** Help host a Christmas party where families enjoy treats and activities, as well as receive their gifts with love (3:00-5:30PM).

Interested? Contact Cooper at guidry.cooper.2023@gmail.com, Sonia at sghayem@gmail.com, or Lisa at west.la@comcast.net.

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.)

ADVENT AT WEST SIDE

Join us this Christmas season for meaningful services and festive activities as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. All are welcome to celebrate hope, peace, joy, and love with us.

TODAY! Sunday, November 30
Deck the Halls! (Hanging of the Greens)
Decorate the church for Christmas following the 2nd service

Sunday, December 7
Worship with selections from Handel's Messiah, 10am
All Church Potluck Christmas Brunch, 11:30am (see below!)

Sunday, December 14
Christmas Worship and carol sing, 10am
Festive Christmas Faire for all ages, 11:30am

Sunday, December 21
Traditional Lessons & Carols, 8:30am
Contemporary Lessons & Carols, 10am

Sunday, December 21
Longest Night Service, 7pm

December 24, Christmas Eve
5pm, Family Service
Join us for family worship and our "pop-up Nativity."

7pm, Candlelight Service
Gather to worship with a traditional candlelight service. All ages welcome.

Nursery available at all events.

ALL CHURCH CHRISTMAS BRUNCH | DECEMBER 7

Everyone is invited to our Annual Potluck Christmas Brunch. Bring your favorite dish to share, such as:

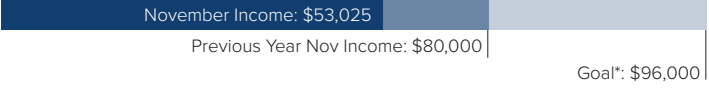
- Hot dishes: eggs, strata, potatoes/veggies
- Baked goods: muffins, scones, coffee cake, pumpkin/banana bread
- Vegan options of choice
- Fruit

We will have warming ovens available during the service. Can bring an item or help with set-up/clean-up? Scan the QR code or email stacy@wspc.org.

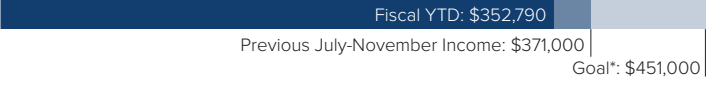


FINANCIAL UPDATE

November to-Date



Fiscal Year-to-Date



*Goal: Income required to fund future ministry expenses without drawing on reserves.

ONLINE GIVING

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First Sunday in Advent | November 30, 2025 | **8:30am**

Today, we light the candle of expectation and hope. May it remind each and everyone one of us of God's great promise to us. He is our hope, He is our Redeemer, and He is Savior.

Prelude | *God Bless the Mothers*, Donald Lee Moore

GATHERING

Introit | *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*, Anthony Spain

Call to Worship #662 | We Thank You for Our Salvation
Colossians 1:13; 1 Chronicles 29:13

For delivering us from the domain of darkness,

we thank you, our God.

For transferring us to the kingdom of your beloved son,

we thank you, our God.

Prayer #660

Hymn #665 | *Come Ye Thankful People Come*

Lighting the First Advent Candle: Hope | Isaiah 2:2-5
Drew, Rebecca, Ava, and James Coombs

Scripture Reading | Romans 13:11-14
Ron Rice

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession

**O promised Christ:
We are a world at war.
Our peace depends on your coming.
We are a sinful people.
Our pardon depends on your coming.
We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises;
our only hope of doing God’s will
is that you should come and help us do it.
Lord Christ, Word made flesh,
our world waits for your peace,
for your pardon,
and for your grace.
Even so: Come, Lord Jesus.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Jesus, the long-expected Savior, was born to set us free.
He releases us from our fears and sins
and helps us find our rest in him.
Jesus delivers us from the way of sin and death.
Yet he remains the desire of people in every nation,
and he will direct us into the ways of his kingdom.
And so, with hopeful hearts we call to him:

**Come now, long-expected Jesus,
come again to rule in our hearts. Amen.**

Hymn #723 | *Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

LISTENING

Greeting

Hymn #334 | *Doxology*

Prayer of Dedication

Offering and Offertory | *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*, arr. Kyle Haugn

Sermon | Ready for Christmas? | Matthew 24:36-44
Laurie Brenner

Affirmation of Faith #728 | Emmanuel

RESPONDING

Hymn #715, verse 1 | *O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer
Jill Bickmore

Hymn #745 | *Christmas Sanctus (Holy Holy Holy)*

Benediction
Ron Rice

Postlude | *Allegretto con Moto in A*, A. F. Hesse