



August 24, 2025 | 9:00am

I have the same hope in God as these men themselves have, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. —Acts 24:15

Prelude | *Prelude in A minor*, Sir G. A. Mcfarren

GATHERING

Call to Worship

Friends, the tomb is empty!

The stone has been rolled away!

ALL: Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!

For three days he lay in that cold and lonely cave.

ALL: But God's love cannot be contained by anything, not even death!

Thanks be to God,

who gives us victory throughout our Risen Lord.

ALL: Death has been swallowed up in victory!

Where, O death, is your victory?

ALL: Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen!

ALL: He is risen, indeed!

Come, let us worship the Risen Christ!

Hymn #296, verses 1, 3, 5-6 | *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

But For The Cross Of Christ

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Ron Rice

The Goodness Of Jesus

LISTENING

Greeting

Prayer of Dedication

May the Mind of Christ my Savior

Maggie Molvik, Janet Laudan, Jonathan Williams; vocal ensemble

Sermon | Irrepressible Hope | Acts 24:1-21

Laurie Brenner

RESPONDING

Doxology

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Kraig Kennedy

Death Was Arrested

Benediction

Ron Rice

Starting Sunday, September 7, we'll be transitioning back to our two-service schedule:

8:30 AM – Traditional Service

10:00 AM – Contemporary Service

We're excited to gather with you—whichever service fits your style!

NEW HERE?

We're glad you're here! If you are visiting us, we'd love to meet you! Let us know you are here by either filling out the Connect Card in the pew rack or by scanning the QR code.



WEST SIDE FAMILY

Jim Loski passed into the presence of the Lord on August 18. Please lift up Jim's family in prayer as they mourn his loss.

WEST SIDE KIDS

9:00am | Kids (5th grade and under) are dismissed during the service to attend Sunday School.

Nursery | Available for kids ages 0-3.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Fall is fast approaching and we are looking for Sunday school teachers for all age levels, particularly kindergarten and younger! We are looking for people to teach twice a month. Contact Erika Aronson if interested (erikaa@wspc.org).

WEST SIDE YOUTH

9:00am | Middle School Discipleship

Dismissed during the service to gather downstairs.

6:00pm | Middle and High School Youth Group

TONIGHT: pool party for all middle and high schoolers who have memorized our summer study Matthew 5:1-16 (The Beatitudes, you are salt, and you are light)! 6-8PM at Arbor Heights Swim Club. Questions? Text 206-203-7773.

DAILY READINGS

The scripture references in parentheses are for use in the *Seeing Jesus Together* journals. Our SJT readings through summer will catch us up to the SJT Solitude readings that came with the journal once we reach September 1. You can pick up a handout with our Daily Readings at the Welcome Center or access it by scanning the QR.

Mon: Deuteronomy 16, Revelation 1 (Revelation 1:1-3)

Tues: Deuteronomy 17, Revelation 2 (Revelation 2:1-4)

Wed: Deuteronomy 18, Revelation 3 (Revelation 3:19)

Thurs: Deuteronomy 19, Revelation 4 (Revelation 4:8-11)

Fri: Deuteronomy 20, Revelation 5 (Revelation 5:9-10)

Sat: Psalm 35, Revelation 6 (Revelation 6:9-17)



SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY

West Side has long partnered with Highland Park Elementary through service and donations. As the new school year begins on September 3, we're collecting school supplies to support their students once again. A box will be next to the Welcome Center to collect backpacks, paper, pens, pencils, erasers, notebooks, binders, nut free snacks, and such. Scan the QR code for a more detailed list by grade. Please bring to church by **Sunday, August 31**.



JOIN THE WEST SIDE RINGER HANDBELLS

We currently have an opening and welcome new members of all skill levels—no experience necessary! We meet Wednesdays from 3:30-5pm and perform at local retirement communities as a way to serve and uplift our seniors through music. If you're interested in joining or want to learn more, please contact Alonda at anjdroege@gmail.com or call 360-535-3065.

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.)

KEEPING UP WITH OUR MISSIONARIES

Throughout the summer we will be updating you on our missionaries around the world.

Marlon & Denise Hovland

The Hovlands have served with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Dallas since 2001, after beginning their missionary work in Turkey. They returned to the U.S. due to challenges finding suitable education for their children.

Marlon works in Wycliffe's Language Technology Department, helping develop software for literacy, Bible translation, and linguistic tools. He focuses on testing, documentation, and user-friendly design, maintaining the Helps sections as programs evolve. One key project, Bloom, now offers books in over 1,000 languages. The team is also exploring how to integrate AI, especially for oral-only Bibleless communities, where users must train AI tools themselves due to the lack of existing data.

Denise serves with SIL International's Translation Resources, editing Scripture and Translators Notes into Easy English to support Mother-Tongue Translators. She recently revised Exodus 25 and 26, simplifying seminary-level language and archaic KJV terms. She also edits SIL newsletters.

Beyond her translation work, Denise leads discipleship training for Muslim-background believers in India and Hindu-background believers in Nepal, traveling twice a year. Last fall, she taught on Godly Marriage and began a Character of God course, which she plans to complete this October. West Side's Christmas Offerings have supported her travel and provided scholarships for 30 Nepali pastors.



CREATE! RESUMES SEPTEMBER 3

Create! group will start up after our summer break. If you enjoy fellowship while creating arts, crafts, or just doodling, please join us! Create! meets Wednesdays from 9:30-11:30am in the church library.

BLESS BIG LOCAL IS COMING!

Who do you generously partner with in time, prayer or financial support? We want to partner with organizations that our members already support and hope to discover new partners as well. If you would like to bring a potential mission partner to Session's attention for matching funds, please fill out the form (scan the QR) by **September 14**.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

August to-Date

August Income: \$43,508

Previous Year August Income: \$80,000

Goal*: \$96,000

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Fiscal YTD: \$130,956

Previous July-August Income: \$144,000

Goal*: \$176,000

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

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