

READY FOR Christmas?

First Sunday of Advent | November 30, 2025 | 10:00am

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.

GATHERING

Welcome

Call to Worship

I Thank God

The Lion And The Lamb

Lighting the First Advent Candle: Hope | Isaiah 2:2-5
Mike, Kati, Ava, and Gavin Baker

Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Baptism

Ava and Gavin Baker, children of Mike and Kati Baker

LISTENING

Greeting

Bible Reading | Romans 13:11-14
Shelley Wiechman

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Make Room

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

RESPONDING

The Joy / Joy To The World

Benediction

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

November Income: \$53,025

Previous Year Nov Income: \$80,000

Goal*: \$96,000

Fiscal Year-to-Date

Fiscal YTD: \$352,790

Previous July-November Income: \$371,000

Goal*: \$451,000

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

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