

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

10:00am | **Middle School Discipleship**
Dismissed during the service to gather downstairs for Bible study.
6:00pm | **High School Youth Group**
Meets Sundays, 6-8pm, for Bible study, snacks and games.

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 you can scan the QR code for it.

Mon: Judges 18, James 2 (James 2:14-17)
Tues: Judges 19, James 3 (James 3:3-5)
Wed: Judges 20, James 4 (James 4:13-17)
Thurs: Judges 21, James 5 (James 5:16)
Fri: Ruth 1, Matthew 1 (Matthew 1:18-25)
Sat: Psalm 47, (Psalm 47:1-2)



CELEBRATE JANET SQUIRES

Join us between services on **November 23** to celebrate Janet and her 31 years of faithfully serving at West Side as our office manager.

COFFEE MORNINGS AT WEST SIDE

Women: Saturday November 22, 8:30-10:00am
Join us for fellowship, coffee and conversation on blending faith, prayer, and God's word.

SAVE THE DATE! ECCLESIASTES STUDY

Have you ever wondered why the book of Ecclesiastes is in the Bible? How do the messages in the book relate to living a Christian life today? 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. 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.

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.

Sunday, November 30
Deck the Halls! (Hanging of the Greens)
Decorate the church for Christmas, 11:30am

Sunday, December 7
Worship with selections from Handel's Messiah, 10am
All Church Brunch, 11:30am

Sunday, December 14
Christmas Worship, 10am
Christmas Faire, 11:30am

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

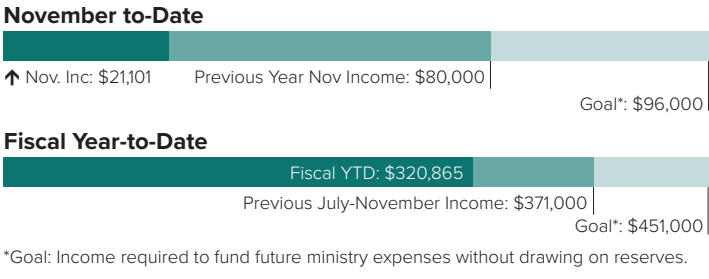
Sunday, December 21
Longest Night Service, 7pm

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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE



ONLINE GIVING

Scan the code for our online giving page >>>



SCAM EMAIL REMINDER

We want to remind you of email scams that periodically target our community. Individuals receive emails claiming to be from Pastor Laurie, requesting the purchase of gift cards. These messages may also ask for discretion in responding.

Please note: these emails are not legitimate. The sender typically uses a Gmail address, not Pastor Laurie's official WSPC email account (laurieb@wspc.org). **No member of our staff will ever ask you to make purchases on their behalf.**

If you receive such an email, do not respond or engage. Simply delete the message.

Thank you to everyone who has alerted us to this issue—we appreciate your vigilance in helping keep our community safe.



TOGETHER
Faith, Hope & Love
in a Fractured Age

Whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.
—1 Corinthians 6:17

Prelude | *Wondrous Love*, Stewart Landon

GATHERING

Introit | *O Be Joyful*, Hopson

Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declaire 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 say, “Amen!” and praised the Lord.

Prayer

Prayer of Confession
Pam Kennedy

**Father, you tell us in your Word
that whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.
We confess that we have frequently relaxed our faith.
We have allowed ourselves to become cynical,
and our cynicism has boiled over
with slander, criticism, prayerlessness, and pessimism.
How easily we’ve allowed ourselves
to crumple under the stresses of our lives.
Forgive us for our smallness of faith.
In your mercy, hear us,
for Jesus’ sake.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hear these comforting words:
If you repent and believe in God’s redeeming mercy,
your sins are forgiven.
Trust in God’s promises and begin anew your life
with God and all people
in the name of Jesus Christ.

The Peace

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
ALL: And also with you.

Hymn #452 | *In The Cross Alone I Glory*

Story of Faith | Alan Koenigsberg

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory | *A Gaelic Blessing*, John Rutter

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination
Alan Koenigsberg

Lord God,
help us to turn our hearts to you
and hear what you will speak,
for you speak peace to your people
through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Old Testament Reading | Song of Songs 5:6-8

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading | Matthew 22:23-30

The Gospel of Christ.
All: Praise be to you, O Christ!
The grass withers
and the flower fades,
but the Word of the Lord
endures forever.
All: Amen!

Sermon | Body and Spirit Together | 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Laurie Brenner

Affirmation of Faith #460

Prayers of the People & Lord’s Prayer
Virginia McDonagh

SENDING

Hymn #449 | *Have Thine Own Way*

Charge and Benediction
Ron Rice

Postlude | *From Heaven Above to Earth I Come*, Martin Luther