

Our Service Today

This morning in worship we going to focus on the call to look to God as the source of our hope. As we study and listen to the book of Revelation, we are going to begin with a vision of Heaven, Revelation 5, given to inspire those of us on earth with real hope. There is a lot in the world today that saps us of our courage and hope. It is easy to be discouraged and overwhelmed. But if we lift our eyes and see the world through Heaven's eyes, hope is what we will find. Revelation is for most people the most ignored book of the Bible. For others, it seems like it is all they read. The book of Revelation is a great book, but it is not what most people think. It is neither a scary book nor it is a giant puzzle that when put together correctly provides a time table to the end of days. It is revelation of what is and what will be. Its purpose is to inspire us with strength and hope to live an over-coming life, today, in Jesus' name.

Here at West Side we believe everyone has a next step, so as you worship today, consider the following as potential next steps for you:

- **I am going to develop the practice of seeing the world through Heaven's eyes and looking to Jesus Christ for security and hope. I am going to do this by reframing situations of stress and anxiety by including Jesus in the picture.**
- **I am going to start studying and grow in my understanding of Christian hope.**
- **To serve with other men at the Women's Festival of Tables (Dec. 2).**

These next steps are also the same as the next steps on the connection card so that you can take a copy home with you.

Advent Sermon Series Begins Dec. 3: "Christmas Gifts - Five Gifts God Wants To Give You This Christmas"

Christmas is America's favorite holiday! As one well-known song puts it, "it is the most wonderful time of the year!" For followers of Jesus, it is especially significant. It is one of the few times where faith and cultural traditions blend together with harmony and joy. Whether your family enjoys singing Christmas carols, trimming trees, shopping for gifts, or gathering for a Candle Light Service on Christmas Eve, these are some of the many ways we can share the joy of the holiday with Christians and non-Christians alike.

At the same time, it can be a hectic time of the year. From the pressure on parents trying to make ends meet and still have gifts for kids to the busyness of trying to pack as much as we can into these few weeks, it seems easy to lose the sense of the holiness of the holiday. In the four Sundays leading up to Advent, we are going to slow down and pay attention to the fact that the good news of Christmas is that it is about gifts, but primarily it is about what God wants to give us.

If you are feeling worn out, tired, or overwhelmed, take time to let God's Word redirect you to the real purpose of Christmas. If you are looking for something deeper, richer, and more lasting than anything you can buy, listen to the good news that a Savior has been born for you!

Dec. 3 - The Gift of Assurance: Forever God is For Us
Dec. 10 - The Gift of His Presence: Forever God is With Us
Dec. 17 - The Gift of His Power: Who Can Stand Against Us?
Dec. 24 - The Gift of His Glory: More than Conquerors
Christmas Eve Services (4:00, 5:30, 7:00 pm) - The Greatest Gift of Christmas



Prayers This Week

West Sider :: Suzanne Lindberg

West Side Ministry :: Children & Family Ministries

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Local Church :: First Baptist Church, West Richland

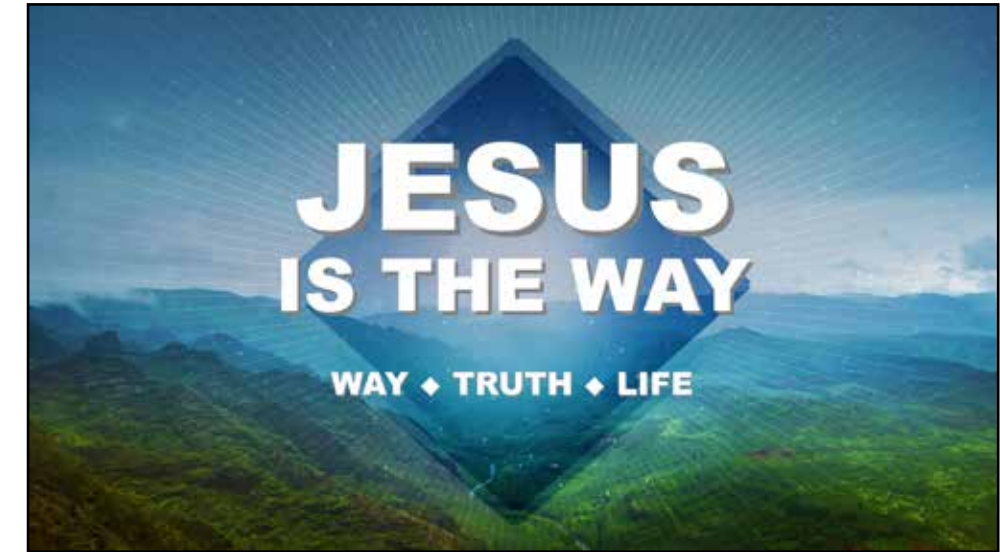
Additional Concerns :: Robert & Margaret Storms, Harvey Huisingh, Roger Johnson, Carrie Ward, Lil Leggett, Margaret Storms, The Family of Carolina Bullard, The Family of Patricia Muñoz

In Military Service :: Guam-Jared Hoey; North Carolina-Mike Parkman; South Carolina-Adam Hardy; California- Sam & Charina Erhart, Devin Glade; Washington-Matt Serene

This week we are praying for Joanna Cox with ISI at George Fox University. She recently wrote about one of the international students that she works with: *"I wish I had an American friend ...' M. said while attending an intercultural discussion night that one of our volunteers arranged. 'I'll be your American friend,' I said. With these words, M.'s face brightened. Since that conversation, I have learned a great deal more about M., including the fact that M. is gifted at playing the guitar and piano. In her home country, M.'s love for music has led her to discover many different songs to play on her guitar, including the song, 'As the Deer,' a popular Christian worship song. 'I'd like to play on a worship band,' she told me. M. has been to church with me once and wants to come again."*

Note: If you are admitted into the hospital, the Deacons would like to call on you. Please list "Presbyterian" on the admittance form and notify the Church Office (946.4656).

For private prayers throughout the week, contact the Prayer Chain: Go to www.westside1.org and click the Prayer Request button (upper right-hand corner); or call Danni DeYoung (509.546.3959), the Church Office (509.946.4656), or Ann Forsythe (509.371.9630). To be included in Additional Concerns or In Military Service, contact the Church Office (946.4656).



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November 26, 2017 8:15 & 9:45 am

www.westside1.org

Welcome to West Side Church

Welcome! We're glad you're joining with us for worship today! We believe that God loves us and calls us into life marked by love for Him and love for one another. It is our hope that you will be drawn towards knowing His love given to us in Jesus Christ. We also hope that you will experience His love through our church family. If there is anything we can do to help facilitate your worship of God, please ask.

Blessing in Christ, *The Family of West Side Church*

Information for Parents:

- Worship Activity Bags for children are available in each narthex.
- Child care is available for children (infants through age 5) at each worship service in the Infant/Toddler Room (WSN).
- Cry rooms are available at the rear of the sanctuary at West Side South and in the foyer at West Side North.

What's Happening Today

Contemporary Services :: 8:15 & 9:45 am, West Side South (WSS)

Traditional Service :: 11:15 am, West Side North (WSN)

Sunday Morning Discipleship: 9:45-11:00 am

CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Ages 2-K - WSN
"Rainbow Kids"**
2's-3's - Rainbow Rm
PreK-K - Sunshine Rm

**Kids Gr. 1-5
"Promised Land"**
WSN
Holy Word Studios

**Youth
MS-Gr. 6-8
HS-Gr. 9-12**
WSS Basement

ADULTS

**Women of the Word:
"The Broken Way"**
WSN Room 2-4 (Library)

**Bible Study:
Judges & Ruth**
WSS Room 306 (Upper Rm)

GAP: Get Acquainted Place
Experience Christian Community
WSS Room 302

All-Church Family Advent Celebration - Wed., Nov. 29



Join us as we get into the "Spirit of Christmas" with our church family on Wed., Nov. 29, 5:15-7:30 pm, WSN Sanctuary. Join us as we celebrate Advent - this will be a fun, intergenerational event for folks of ALL ages! We'll serve a lasagna dinner at 5:15 pm - bring your favorite dessert to share if you are able. The program will begin at 6:00 pm with Christmas carols and a special tree decorating time. There will even be a photo booth and gingerbread houses to decorate. It won't be the same without YOU so c'mon out on Nov. 29!

Church Calendar: Nov 27 - Dec 2, 2017

Monday

- 12:00 pm P2P-Person to Person Lunch, WSN Narthex
- 4:30 pm Women's Festival of Tables Planning Meeting, WSN Room 2-4 (Library)
- 6:30 pm Softening Hearts-Women's Life Group, Betty Malone's house
- 6:45 pm Boy Scouts Troop Meeting, WSN Narthex/Koinonia Café/HW Studios

Tuesday

- 5:30 am Pure Desire: For Men Only, WSN Room 47
- 7:00 am Marcus Whitman Elementary Tutoring, WSS Narthex/Room 306
- 9:00 am Church Staff Meeting, WSN Church Office
- 6:00 pm The Alpha Course & Dinner, WSN Sanctuary/Narthex/Rms 2-4,7,11,47
- 6:00 pm Session Meeting, WSN Room 15-17
- 6:30 pm ESL/Citizenship Classes, WSS-all rooms

Wednesday

- 8:30 am Breakfast & Bible Study with a Pastor, WSN Koinonia Café/Sanctuary
- 10:15 am Moms in Prayer Group, WSN Room 2-4 (Library)
- 5:15 pm All-Church Family Advent Celebration, WSN Sanctuary

Thursday

- 7:00 am Marcus Whitman Elementary Tutoring, WSS Narthex/Room 306
- 9:00 am Women's Morning Glory Bible Study, WSN Room 2-4 (Library)
- 6:30 pm Alpha Prison Ministry, Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (Connell)
- 6:30 pm MS (gr 6-8) Life Group, the Baldwin's house (2300 Davison Ave-Richland)
- 7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal, WSS Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, WSN Sanctuary

Friday

- 5:45 pm FOF-Fun Folks Over 50 Potluck Dinner, WSN Narthex
- 6:30 pm Narcotics Anonymous-Step Monsters Group, WSN Room 15-17

Saturday

- 9:00 am Women's Festival of Tables, WSS Sanctuary

WSN = West Side North, 615 Wright Ave

WSS = West Side South, 603 Wright Ave



Women's Festival of Tables - Buy your tickets today!

Festival of Tables (Sat., Dec. 2, 9:00 am-12:30 pm) is an opportunity for you to enjoy a Christmas brunch seated at a beautifully-decorated table celebrating the Christmas Season and the birth of the Savior. Join us for music, togetherness with other women, and a message of Good News from our guest speaker Ann Duncan (pastor at Bellevue Presbyterian Church). Tickets on sale in the narthexes - \$12 each. Have extra gift baskets? Donate them to Festival of Tables (drop them off at the office).



Women's Craft Days - Dec. 15-16

Do you have a craft project you started and are reluctant to finish? Come to Craft Days in WSS Room 306: Fri., Dec. 15, 5:00-9:00 pm and Sat., Dec. 16, 9:00 am-9:00 pm. Come finish those last-minute Christmas projects! Bring your presents to wrap - maybe others will help you! This is your opportunity to work on your projects while enjoying fellowship with other women. Want to learn to sew? We will help you. Crafters of ALL ages and abilities are welcome. Questions or for more information, contact Debbie Mellinger (509.375.1389).

Events in the Life of the Church

Additional information available on the Information Boards in either narthex or at www.westside1.org.

Pledge Cards for 2018. Have you turned in your pledge card for 2018? If not, please place it in the offering basket this morning or drop it off during the week at the Finance Office. The more pledges we receive, the better our leadership feels in making wise and faithful decisions in planning and establishing goals for ministry in 2018.

Employment Opportunity: Office Manager. We are excited to announce a new ministry position to lead the Administrative Staff, nurture a Christ-centered culture in the church office, and coordinate staff and volunteers. It is a full-time (40 hrs/week), Mon.-Fri. position with salary and benefits (TBD). Position descriptions are available at the information desks and the main office. Please submit a resumé and cover letter to Rev. Ralph Kieneker by Thurs., Nov. 30.

Senior Adult Ministry. P2P-Person to Person lunch Mon., Nov. 27, 12:00 pm, WSN Narthex. Join us for a homemade lunch and lots of fellowship and laughs. FOF-Fun Folks Over 50 potluck dinner Fri., Dec. 1, 5:45 pm, WSN Narthex. Join us as we watch, "Star of Bethlehem" to start us in the holiday spirit. Please bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share and your own table service. And bring a long-time friend or new acquaintance. Questions? Contact George or Edna Sehmel (509.943.9044).

Finance Committee. Financial data: Jan. 1, 2017 Beginning Balance \$28,610; 2017 Year to Date Income \$868,266; 2017 Year to Date Expenses \$897,171; Ending Balance Oct. 31, 2017 -\$295.



Thanksgiving Offering: Karel Coppock

During the holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter), West Side designates special offerings for missionaries. During these special offerings, a specific missionary is chosen for an extra financial gift from our congregation in order to meet their particular needs. Many missionaries over the years have been "blessed" in this way over the years except one: our own homegrown, hard-working West Side missionary Karel Coppock. This humble

servant who is in full-time partnership with our congregation has only a portion of his annual financial needs covered by West Side. The rest comes from his caring "support partners."

Currently, Karel shares his "calling" with many of you. Have you not found your own ministries touched and broadened when Karel becomes your helpmate and prayer "partner"? Currently he's answered God's call through his visitation ministry, work with Deacons, Alpha ministry, prison ministry to Coyote Ridge, pastoring ministry with the Missions Council, and a teaching ministry on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

This is our opportunity to lift Karel and Julie Coppock up first in our prayers and then through our love and Thanksgiving Offering. You can make a donation by using the envelopes on Sunday mornings or by listing "Thanksgiving Offering" on the memo line of your check. We are so grateful indeed for Karel and Julie!

Ministry Staff

Rev. Ralph Kieneker :: Lead Pastor
Patrick Grover :: Associate Pastor/Director-Children & Family Ministries
Rev. Shari Grover :: Associate Director-Children & Family Ministries
Ben Downey :: Director-Youth & Family Ministries
Rev. Karel Coppock :: Alpha Outreach, Prison, Service and Missions Ministries
John Lipp :: Lay Pastor Emeritus of Care
Patrick Smith :: Director-Worship & Music Ministries
Brenda Welsch :: Director-Adult Choir

Church Office Hours :: Monday - Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm