

## Order of Worship

### Prelude

Pauline Carlson

### Greetings & Life in the Church

### Deacon Beacon

### Call to Worship

Leader: Holy, Holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come.

People: **You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by you will they who were created have their being.**

Leader: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

People: **You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God members of every tribe and language and people and nation.**

Leader: You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

All: **To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!**

### Songs of Worship & Praise

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness* No. 139

*In Thanksgiving, Let Us Praise Him* No. 796

### Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:18-31

### Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

**Song of Thanksgiving** *For All These Things* No. 792

### Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.*

### New Testament Reading

Revelation 5:1-14

### Message

*Jesus Is The Way:* Rev. Ralph Kieneker  
*Hope - A Lesson From Revelation*

**Song of Response** *The Solid Rock* No. 526

### Offering

*Those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or whom God is sending out to new ministries are invited to come forward during the Doxology, offering themselves in rededication to the Lord.*

### Doxology

### Celebration of Life

### Benediction

### Postlude

Erica Bender

### 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

**Mali Children** :: Thienka and Fousseny

**Local Church** :: First Baptist Church, West Richland

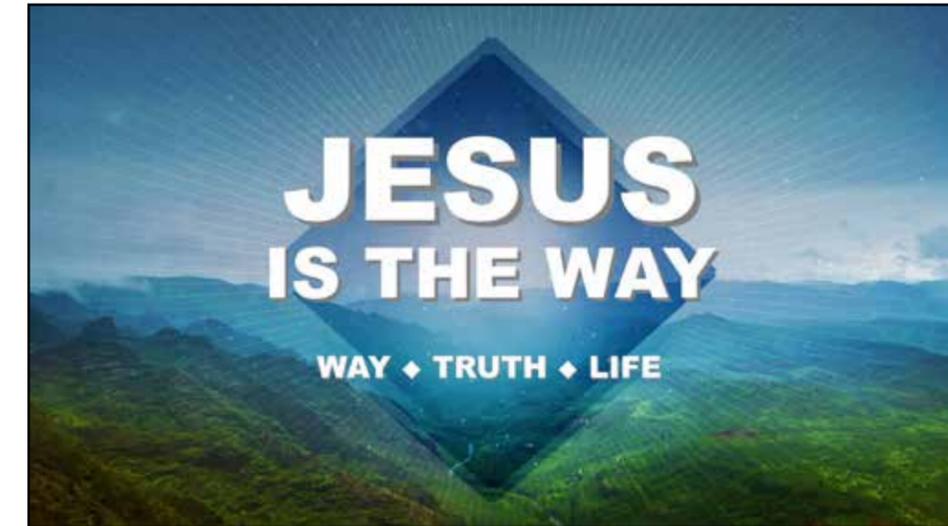
**Additional Concerns** :: Robert & Margaret Storms, Harvey Huisingh, Roger Johnson, Carrie Ward, Lil Leggett, Margaret Storms, The Family of Carolina Bullard, The Family of Patricia Muñoz

**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](http://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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## 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](http://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**