

Our Service Today

What a wonderful day! Whatever situation you are in right now, we have reason to celebrate today. You may be coming into this place of worship filled with joy. You may be coming in feeling overwhelmed. Wherever you find yourself, I want you to know that our God has good news for us today. He is the God of the impossible, who excels at turning defeat into victory, death into life, and the hardest of situations into redemption stories.

As we prepare to celebrate the greatest comeback story of all time, I invite you to take a moment and look at the cross. What does it mean to you? What does it say to you? What do you think Jesus wants you to hear?

If you have time, I invite you to read **John 10:1-18**. You will find this passage in the Sermon Notes and Discussion Questions in your bulletin. This is going to be the words we focus on today, and they speak into the reality of the cross.

If you are guest, we want to give you a warm welcome. I want to remind all of us that the Lord has called us to worship Him today. He takes pleasure in our presence. I hope that we will all experience His goodness and joy today.

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:

- **To stand firm in Christ as I battle to seek the more and better life that Jesus calls me to live.**
- **To come back for the next five weeks and try to lean into this more and better life with the West Side community.**
- **To consider attending A Night of Hope (Apr. 28) dinner and auction to help bring hope to the world through our 3 summer mission teams.**

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.

New Sermon Series: Apr. 8

We are all in it. The problem doesn't boil down to discipline, organization, or perfecting the schedule. It is not pressure from parents or children. The problem is this: there is not enough time to get everything done that we're convinced (or maybe others have convinced us) needs to get

done. We feel the squeeze and every once in a while drop the ball. Sometimes, it is a project at work; other times, it is disappointing our children or our spouse. "Don't worry, I'll make it up to you," we say. So we speed up. Try even harder. It always feels like we are putting out fires or apologizing.

If this sounds at all familiar, we believe Jesus has come to help us live life to its best. He warned us that in this life we will experience this type of pressure. But he also promises to lead us into a new way of living. One where we can have both peace and hope that we are making the best decisions even in the most difficult of circumstances. God wants to bless us. This means he wants more than just surviving; He wants us to shine. The sermon topics will include the following:

Apr. 8 - The Problem: Over-Committed Loneliness (*Psalms 127*)

Apr. 15 - Picking-Up The Pieces (*Daniel 1:1-16*)

Apr. 22 - Make A Plan (*Daniel 2:1-24*)

Apr. 29 - Make A Stand (*Daniel 3:1-18*)

May 6 - You Can Do It! But You Don't Have To Do It Alone! (*Daniel 3:19-30*)



Prayers This Week

West Siders :: Preston and Jill May

West Side Ministry :: Children & Family Ministries

Mali Children :: Boucoura and Assa

Local Church :: Calvary Chapel, Kennewick

Additional Concerns :: Robert & Margaret Storms, Harvey Huisingsh, Roger Johnson, Lil Leggett, Carolyn Oster, Taylor (great-grandson of Joe & Laura Engel), The Family of Gary Bush, The Family of Carolina Bullard, The Family of Patricia Muñoz

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

This week we are praying for Todd and Karla Poulter with Wycliffe Global Alliance. Todd recently attended a meeting in Africa and shared the following: *"I am still trying to grasp the significance of what happened for the leaders from Africa and the U.S. During the closing session, one Eastern Africa leader told the group, 'I have been in this movement for 21 years, but nothing like this has ever happened in my experience – to have this kind of dialogue with our North American partners.' A leader from central Africa said, 'I used to see my American counterpart as this big, powerful person, but now he is my friend.' A third leader expressed what many were feeling, 'We have joy because we can express ourselves in a safe environment.' An American colleague told the group, 'In the future, when we look back on this time, we'll recognize it as a turning point in our relationship.'"*

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 (509.946.4656).

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) or the Church Office (509.946.4656). To be included in Additional Concerns or In Military Service, contact the Church Office (509.946.4656).



Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018 8:15 & 9:45 am

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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:

- Easter Activity Bags for all kids are available in each narthex. These yellow bags can also be used for the Kids' Egg Hunt (grades 1-5) after the 9:45 am service.
- Childcare (children kindergarten and younger) is available in West Side North during all worship services. There will also be Bible time and activities for children kindergarten and younger during the 9:45 am service where they will enjoy an age-appropriate egg hunt with their teachers and friends.
- 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)

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL (children, youth or adults) - Resumes Apr. 8.

Children (grades 1 and older) and youth are encouraged to attend worship with their families.

Kids' Egg Hunt (grades 1-5) Parents will bring their 1st-5th graders to the lawn area in front of WS North (the marked off area) following the 9:45 am service. Wait for instructions and the fun to begin!



COME SAIL AWAY ...
We are SAILING AWAY FOR VBS!
ISLAND
West Side Church
SETTING SAIL
July 9-13 9am-12pm
CASTAWAY AGES
4 to 5th grade
Registration coming soon!
Contact 509.946.4656 or WestSide1.org

Church Calendar: April 2 - 7, 2018

Monday

No West Side Preschool classes - Spring Break (April 2-6)

Tuesday

9:00 am Church Staff Meeting, WSN Church Office

4:30 pm Mission Fundraiser Meeting, WSN Room 2-4 (Library)

Wednesday

1:00 pm Knitters Group, WSN Koinonia Café

Thursday

7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, WSN Sanctuary

7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal, WSS Sanctuary

Friday

5:45 pm Friday Night Fellowship for Folks Over 50, WSN Narthex

6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous-Step Monsters Group, WSN Room 15-17

7:00 pm Iglesia de Cristo Avivamiento-MLLF, WSS Room 306

10:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous-Step Monsters Group, WSN Room 15-17

Saturday

7:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study, WSN Koinonia Café

WSN = West Side North, 615 Wright Ave

WSS = West Side South, 603 Wright Ave



Support our Summer Mission Trips:
Come to the **Dinner & Auction** on Apr. 28 from 6:00-8:30 pm at the M Hotel & Conference Center (Richland). Tickets go on sale Apr. 8 in the narthexes or buy them online today at www.TricitiesANightOfHope.com. Enjoy dinner with silent and live auctions to fund our three summer mission trips - tickets only \$30 per person. This special event will provide an opportunity for you to invite your friends to share in helping bring hope to the world. Check out the website for details and a complete list of auction items.



Family Camping
Now is the time to start planning your summer! Be sure to include the annual Family Camping Weekend at Ingalls Creek Enrichment Center (near Leavenworth): Jun. 29-Jul. 1, with the option to camp on Thurs., Jun. 28. In a world that is often too busy, Ingalls Creek is a place to go with your whole family to relax, enjoy each other, and soak up God's creation. Sign-ups to reserve your spot will begin Sun., Apr. 15, in both narthexes. Can't wait to reserve your spot? Want more information? Contact George & Debbie Mellinger (509.375.1389) or Jack & Marion Dowell (509.946.1978).

Events in the Life of the Church

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

Women's Ministry. Knitters Group Wed., Apr. 4, 1:00 pm, WSN Koinonia Café. Sarah Circle lunch Wed., Apr. 11, 11:30 am, WSN Narthex. All women are invited to join us for lunch and hear about Merrie Goddard's ministry in France teaching in a convent (see details below under Special Easter Offering). Need childcare-call Carol (217.508.3073). Chick Flicks Sat., Apr. 14, 7:00 pm, WSS Room 105. There's nothing better than desert followed by a great movie. Come watch, "Freaky Friday" - a mom and her teenage daughter switch bodies and each is forced to adapt to the other's life for one freaky Friday. Questions-contact Debbie Mellinger (509.375.1389).

Senior Adult Ministry. Friday Night Fellowship for Folks Over 50 Fri., Apr. 6, 5:45 pm, WSN Narthex. We want to get to know you better - bring something unique/special to your (quilt, stamp collection, etc). Don't forget your main dish, salad or dessert to share as well as your own table service (knife, fork, spoon). Questions? Contact George or Edna Sehmel (509.943.9044). P2P-Person to Person lunch Mon., Apr. 9 and 23, 12:00 pm, WSN Narthex. Join us for a homemade lunch and lots of fellowship and laughs.

Men's Ministry. Sarah Squares, spouses of Sarah Circle ladies, lunch Wed., Apr. 11, 11:30 am, Sterlings Restaurant (2500 Queensgate Dr.-Richland).

Do you have any folding tables? Kaye Huisingh would love to borrow them! If you have any, please contact Kaye at 509.943.9326. Thanks.

Finance Committee. Financial data: Jan. 1, 2018 Beginning Balance \$22,888; 2018 YTD Income 258,387; 2018 YTD Expenses \$166,809; Ending Balance Feb. 28, 2018 \$114,466.

Lilies For A Blessing. Do you know someone who would enjoy an Easter Lily? Please take a lily from the front of the church (after the 9:45 or 11:15 am services) and give it to someone who will be blessed.



Special Easter Offering: Merrie Goddard (France)

At Easter, we have an opportunity to assist one of our supported missionaries above and beyond their normal needs for the sake of advancing the gospel. This year, we will be sending our special offering to Merrie Goddard who works with Youth for Christ International in France. Even though France is the largest country in Western Europe, only 1% of the population attend an Evangelical Christian church. We all can't give the same amount, but most of us can give "something". Simply mark your check memo line with "Easter Offering" or use a special offering envelope available in the sanctuaries. There will also opportunities to meet Merrie when she visits us Apr. 10-27 (stay tuned for more details). Mark your calendars for Apr. 15 when Merrie will be sharing about her ministry during all worship services (8:15, 9:45, 11:15 am) and at a special lunch at 12:45 pm.



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