

Our Service Today

Rejoice in the Lord. Let me say it again, rejoice in the Lord. These are the opening words of Paul's final exhortation to his friends in Philippi, and I don't think it gets any better than this. God wants us to live a rich and deep life, one filled with joy. And not just any joy, but His joy filling us up to the very brim of our existence. Joy is so important and integral to what our life is supposed to be that we are commanded to rejoice. Commanding joy seems counter-intuitive to joy. True joy is something uniquely of God. It is his domain and He has stuff to teach us. Today, we are called to rejoice. As we prepare to enter into a time of rejoicing, I invite you to read **Philippians 4:4-13**. If you are feeling anxious, do what Paul tells us to do. If you are feeling overwhelmed, ask for God to fill you with His peace. If you can already feel the joy, get ready because there is more to come: the Lord is near and He wants us to be filled with Joy.

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 intentionally and seriously cultivate the Joy of the Lord in my life.
- To start the day claiming the victory of Jesus over my life and seek to live from the place of victory.
- To practice being on mission for Jesus by inviting a friend/family member to our Resurrection Sunday celebration on Easter (Apr. 1).

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, but He wants us to shine.

Apr. 8 - The Problem: Over-Committed Loneliness (*Psalm 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 :: Monique Maxwell (Nicole, Lexie, Matthew, Elizabeth)

West Side Ministry :: Trainee Committee

Mali Children :: Kamba and Fah

Local Church :: Shine Fellowship Church, Pasco

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 Daniel and Marie Adams in Boston. Daniel is a seminary student and Marie works with Intervarsity at 20 local colleges. Marie recently wrote: *"My older brother Nate passed away Jan. 29 at the age of 32 after battling a rare cancer. Daniel and I, along with all my siblings, were thankful to be with him in his last days. This has been such a difficult season. I have felt tired and weighed down with grief as well as illness, but I have also experienced love and gentle care from God, friends, family, and student leaders. AND, Daniel and I just became certified foster parents. We've already had 9 kids from babies to 17 year olds!"*

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).



Palm Sunday

March 25, 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:

- 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 (for class descriptions, see flyer on the Information Board in the narthex)

Women of the Word:
"12 Women of the Bible"
WSN Room 2-4 (Library)

Bible Study:
The Letter to the Ephesians
WSS Room 306 (Upper Rm)

GAP: Get Acquainted Place
Experience Christian Community
WSN Room 7

New Members Class
Discover Christian Community
WSS Room 302



Save the Date: Vacation Bible School July 9-13

Mark your calendars NOW for another fun Summer VBS (Vacation Bible School)! VBS is for kids ages 4-5th grade -- VBS changes kids' lives so invite a friend -- all are welcome! Our classes will be from 9:00 am-12:00 pm (noon). You can also join our fun VBS Team, ages 13 and older! Be a part of changing lives for eternity. Don't miss this exciting week! Interested? Contact Patrick or Shari Grover (pgrover@westside1.org or sgrover@westside1.org or 509.946.4656) -- all training will be provided.

Church Calendar: March 26 - 31, 2018

Monday

- 12:00 pm P2P-Person to Person Lunch, WSN Narthex
6:30 pm Boy Scouts PLC/Troop Mtg, WSN Sanctuary/Narthex/Cafe/HW Studios

Tuesday

- 7:25 am Marcus Whitman Tutoring Program, WSS Narthex/Room 306/Room 302
9:00 am Church Staff Meeting, WSN Church Office
4:30 pm Mission Trip Fundraiser Meeting, WSN Room 2-4 (Library)
6:30 pm ESL/Citizenship Classes, WSS-all rooms
7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal, WSS Sanctuary

Wednesday

- 8:30 am Coffee with the Bible, WSN Sanctuary
10:15 am Moms in Prayer Group, WSN Room 2-4 (Library)
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, WSN Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday

- 7:25 am Marcus Whitman Tutoring Program, WSS Narthex/Room 306/Room 302
9:00 am Women's Morning Glory Bible Study, WSN Room 15-17
6:30 pm Alpha Prison Ministry, Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (Connell)
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Worship Service, WSS Sanctuary

Good Friday

- 6:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous-Step Monsters Group, WSN Room 15-17
7:00 pm Good Friday Worship Service, WSS Sanctuary
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

A NIGHT OF
HOPE
DINNER & AUCTION

Support our Summer Mission Trips:

Come to the **Dinner & Auction** on Apr. 28 from 6:00-8:30 pm at M Hotel & Conference Center (Richland). Tickets are on sale NOW in the narthexes and online 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.

Thank You for supporting our pre-event raffle. We raised over \$2,000 to jump start the fundraising. Congratulations to winner Linda Carnes who chose Dave Marsh's wine barrel end table as her prize.

Events in the Life of the Church

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

Senior Adult Ministry. P2P-Person to Person lunch Mon., Mar. 26, 12:00 pm, WSN Narthex. Join us for a homemade lunch and lots of fellowship and laughs. Friday Night Fellowship for Folks Over 50 Fri., Apr. 6, 5:45 pm, WSN Narthex. We want to get to know you better - please bring something unique/special to you to help us get to know you better (quilt, stamp collection, etc). Please also bring a main dish, salad or dessert as well as your own table service (knife, fork, spoon). Questions? Contact George or Edna Schmel (509.943.9044).

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.

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. We are asking folks to do what Jesus modeled for us! 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 be 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 you can meet her up close and personal at a lunch at 12:45 pm.



Holy Week Happenings for Kids!



TODAY - Palm Sunday: Right after a very special Palm Sunday Sunday School (9:45-11:00 am), the kids will get to **process with palm leaves** to begin our Palm Sunday celebration at 11:15 am in WSN Sanctuary.

Apr. 1 - Easter Sunday: Come for a kid-friendly worship service at 9:45 am in WSS Sanctuary and stay for a free **Egg Hunt** afterwards. Invite your friends and join us for all the fun! [Children grades 1 and older will worship with their families on Easter Sunday and Kindergarten and younger will have special activities 9:45-11:00 am.]



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