

Our Service Today

We are leaning into the tension and pressure that comes from not having enough time to do all that we believe or at least what we think others believe we must do. We all have our own story. We all have our own struggles. But the lack of time is one of the biggest issues of the world we inhabit.

In coming to worship, we have made one step towards redeeming our time, taking control of the clock, so that we control it instead of it controlling us. We believe that God is Lord of all, including the time. He calls us to life, but not just mere existing. He calls us to more and better life than we can even imagine. He wants to lead us into this life, which means redeeming every aspect of our lives, including our schedules and our priorities. To begin to let Him lead us in our schedules and priorities can be intimidating. But the promise is liberation.

Again, I don't know what liberation will look like in your situation, but I do believe it is possible. The road to liberation may not be smooth and comfortable, but the destination is worth the struggle. In wrestling through this process of making a change to our priorities and schedules so that we find a better way to live, we are going to be looking at Daniel 1:3-16. While there are differences between Daniel's situation and our own, there are also some things we have in common. There is pressure and demands and Daniel finds himself in a spot where not everybody is going to get exactly what they want. Just like if we don't have enough time to make everyone happy, than not everyone is going to be happy.

If you have the opportunity before the worship service to read this chapter, I encourage you to get familiar with this story. As you do, consider what we are preparing to do in worship. In worshipping God as our God, we are declaring He is worthy of our allegiance, worthy of our respect, worthy to lead us and guide us as our God. It's what we say every time we worship him. Let's pray that today we will be inspired to live into our faith.

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 have a conversation with those closest to me about if they feel cherished and if it feels like my priorities of time are in the right place.**
- **To make the decision that God has my ultimate loyalty and to live into that decision.**
- **To consider attending A Night of Hope (Apr. 28) dinner and auction to help bring hope to the world through our 3 summer mision 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

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 every-

thing 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 Sider :: Maris McAdie

West Side Ministry :: Missions Council

Mali Children :: Tiecoro and Diouma

Local Church :: First United Methodist Church, Kennewick

Additional Concerns :: Robert & Margaret Storms; Harvey Huisingh; 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 Tyler and Rochelle Holm ministering in Malawi. They recently sent a note telling us about a new video about their work made by Kaile Moon (see address at the end of their message): "We hope that you had a wonderful Easter celebrating our Lord's coming to the earth. This month we are thankful for Kaile creating an amazing new video for us on our work and life in Mzuzu! This month, please view, enjoy and share: <http://bolminafrika.blogspot.com/p/video.html>."

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).



April 15, 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

Opportunities to meet Visiting Missionary Merrie Goddard

Merrie Goddard, long-time missionary in France and daughter of West Side's former pastor Homer Goddard, is visiting us through Apr. 27. TODAY, 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 (WSN Narthex). There will also be opportunities to meet Merrie at Person to Person, youth programs, and Missions meetings. She is available to share at your small group or share a meal in your home. Contact Suzanne Lindberg (509.554.8013) and she will make the arrangements for you.



Church Calendar: April 16 - 21, 2018

Monday

6:00 pm Boy Scouts Troop Meeting, WSN Sanctuary/Narthex/Café/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
4:00 pm Finance Committee Meeting, WSN Room 7
4:30 pm Mission Trip Fundraiser Meeting, WSN Room 15-17
6:00 pm Life Group Leaders Meeting, WSN Room 15-17
6:30 pm Deacons Meeting, WSN Room 2-4 (Library)
6:30 pm ESL/Citizenship Classes, WSS-all rooms

Wednesday

8:30 am Coffee with the Bible, WSN Sanctuary
10:15 am Moms in Prayer Group, WSN Room 2-4 (Library)
6:00 pm Alpha Small Groups, WSN Room 2-4 (Library) & Room 47
6:00 pm Basic (gr 6-8) Youth Group, WSS Basement
6:00 pm Fuel (gr 9-12) Youth Group, WSS Basement

Thursday

7:25 am Marcus Whitman Tutoring Program, WSS Narthex/Room 306/Room 302
9:00 am Parent Connection Playgroup, WSN Narthex
9:00 am Women's Morning Glory Bible Study, WSN Room 15-17
6:30 pm Alpha Prison Ministry, Coyote Ridge Corrections Center (Connell)
6:30 pm MS (gr 6-8) Life Group, the Baldwin's house (Richland)
7:00 pm West Side Preschool Clean-up Night, WSN-all Preschool rooms
7:00 pm Worship Team Rehearsal, WSS Sanctuary
7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, WSN Sanctuary

Friday

11:30 am West Side Preschool Staff Meeting, WSN Room 15-17
12:00 pm Faith Parish Nursing Meeting, WSN Room 2-4 (Library)
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-Just For Tonight 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

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., Apr. 23, 12:00 pm, WSN Narthex. Join us for a homemade lunch and lots of fellowship and laughs.

Employment Opportunity-Ministry Associate. We are excited to announce a new Ministry Associate position that will work with the team of people who help welcome and enfold guests into the life of the church family. This part-time position (20 hours/week) will include regular availability on Sunday morning as well as at fellowship events (e.g. Wednesdays@WestSide). Position descriptions are available at the Welcome Stations in both narthexes and the Church Office. Please submit resumé and cover letter to Rev. Ralph Kieneker by Tues., May 1.

Finance Committee. Financial data: Jan. 1, 2018 Beginning Balance \$22,888; 2018 YTD Income \$348,485; 2018 YTD Expenses \$254,598; Ending Balance Mar. 31, 2018 \$116,775.



Parent Connection Playgroup - Apr. 19

Are you a parent or grandparent of a young infant or child? Are you looking for a relaxing place to connect and be encouraged? Join us Thurs., Apr. 19, 9:00-10:30 am, WSN Narthex. We will have toys and activities for children, and coffee and tea for parents. Bring a nut-free snack if you are able. All are welcome!



Welcome to West Side - Sun., Apr. 29

meet us at the WS South Welcome Station after the 9:45 am service. If you are newer to West Side, we would love to have the opportunity to meet and share a little about our church family. Our plan is to connect faces and names, give you a



tour of the campus, show you where to get coffee and snacks, answer questions, laugh, and help you get connected. We hope to see YOU there!



Be a Summer Trainee!

Looking for a summer experience? We need college-aged applicants who want to grow deeper with Christ for a ministry training experience. The "Summer Trainees" receive guidance and instruction within a supportive community, learning ministry skills through engaging with children and youth. Explore more at westsidetraineeministry.wordpress.com - applications due Mon., Apr. 30. This summer's program will run June 13-August 16.



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



Support our Summer Mission Trips:

Come to the Dinner & Auction on Apr. 28 at 6:00 pm at the M Hotel & Conference Center (Richland). Tickets on sale TODAY in the narthexes or buy them online anytime at www.TricitiesANightOfHope.com. Come 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. A complete list of auction items is available in the narthexes.