

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NOVEMBER 12, 2017

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering Music		Jan Mauck
Welcome, Announcements, and Greeting Time		Brice Smith
*Opening Song	“Stand Up and Bless the Lord”	11
*Invocational Prayer		
Song of Faith	“We Are God's People” (Stz. 1, 4)	547

Community and Congregational 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory, forever.

Choir Special: "Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"
arranged by Glenda Franklin

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

A Reading from the Old Testament	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25	
A Reading from the Apostles	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	
Responsorial	“From the Inside Out”	Worship Team
Stewardship Moment		Jan Mauck
Invitation to the Offering and Prayer of Dedication		
Offertory	“Simple Gifts”	Gregg Sewell

Children’s Message (2nd Grade and younger to Junior Church)

*Scripture and Prayer of Illumination **Matthew 25:1-13**

Message: **“The Blessing of Abundance”**
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

***Altar Call of Invitation to Faith and Fellowship** – If the Spirit of God is moving you to receive God’s forgiving love in Jesus, calling you to follow Christ in the waters of baptism, or encouraging you to join this Christian Church, please come forward during this song.

*Song **“My Lord! What a Morning”** **537**

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude **“God of Grace and God of Glory”** **Wilbur Held**
*Please stand if able

THE AGAPE FUND COLLECTION – West Side Baptist Church receives a benevolence offering for the poor and needy the first Sunday of each month after the Lord’s Supper. These funds are generously shared with persons in the church and neighborhood who have financial need. Please see the Pastor, Church Office, or the Moderator to complete an Application for Assistance.

CHILDRENS ACTIVITY BAGS AND BULLETINS – We are glad to have children in worship! Activity bags filled with coloring pages, crayons, and other items are available for preschool and elementary-aged children near the sanctuary door. Enjoy the bags and children’s bulletins; take your artwork home. Place the bags on the front pew after the worship service so we can restock them.

THE LORD’S SUPPER – West Side Baptist Church celebrates the Lord’s Supper (Holy Communion) on the first Sunday of each month. We practice “open communion.” This means we recognize the Table of the Lord does not belong to any church but solely to Jesus Christ. Therefore, any baptized



Christian is welcome to receive the bread and the cup in this Christian church.



MISSION: The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ

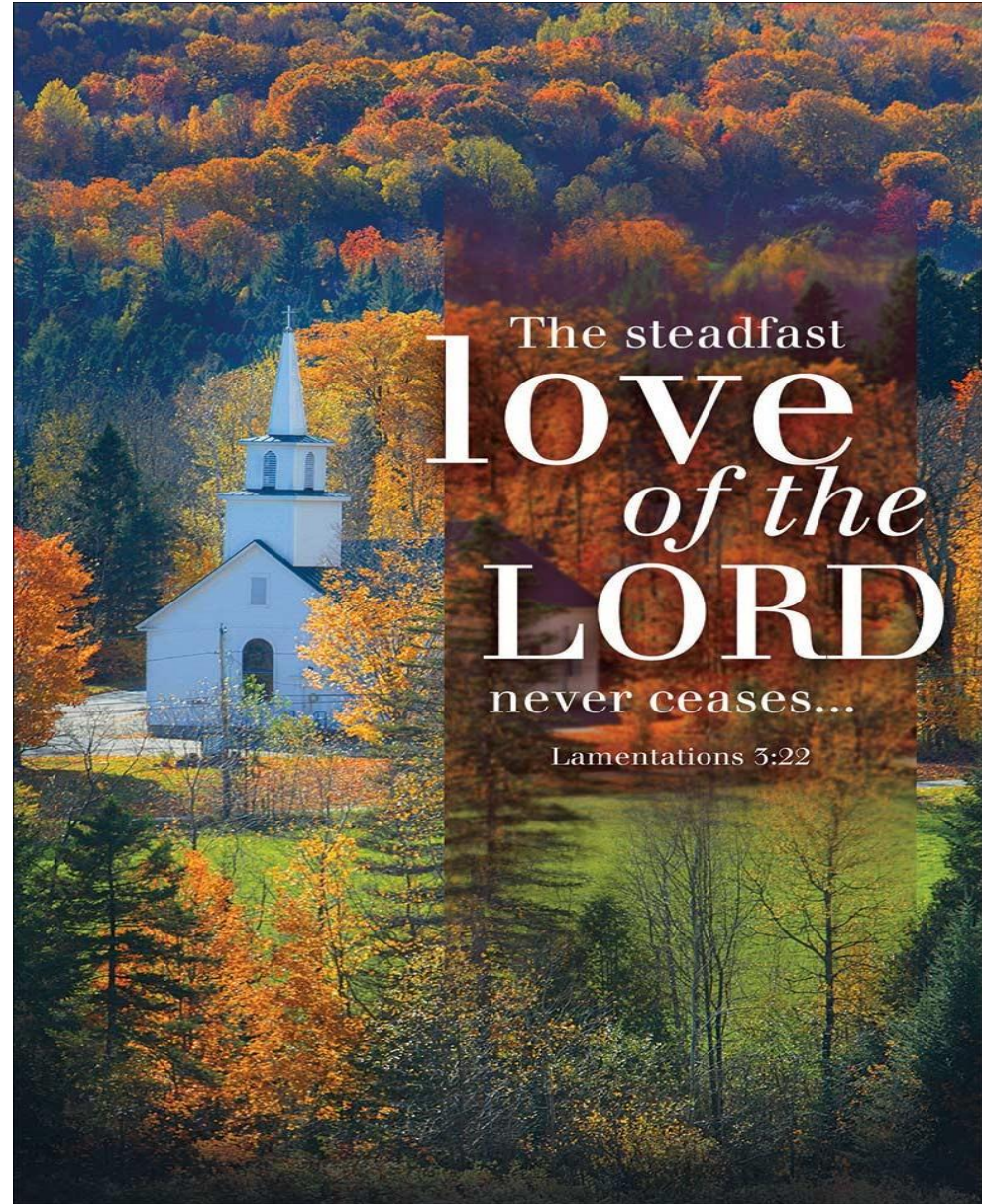
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| 1. Carve | 11. Holiday |
| 2. Celebrate | 12. November |
| 3. Colonist | 13. Pilgrim |
| 4. Comucopia | 14. Platter |
| 5. Cranberry | 15. Pumpkin |
| 6. Dessert | 16. Thanksgiving |
| 7. Farmer | 17. Tradition |
| 8. Feast | 18. Turkey |
| 9. Gather | 19. Vegetable |
| 10. Harvest | 20. Worship |



The steadfast
love
of the
LORD
 never ceases...

Lamentations 3:22

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