

CHRISTIAN UNITY SUNDAY JANUARY 20, 2019

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Gathering Music & Prelude "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"
Jan Mauck, Church Pianist

Welcome, Announcements, & Greeting Time Brice Smith

*Hymn 554 "The Church's One Foundation" (St. 1-2, 4-5)

*Call to Worship

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,

Your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains;

your judgments are like the great deep;

You save humans and animals alike, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,

And you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;

In your light we see light.

Psalm 36:5-10 – The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) Bible

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*Invocational Prayer

Songs of Faith: "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever" WT

The Prayers of God's People – 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.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

Apostolic Reading 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

*Gospel Reading John 2:1-11

*Responsorial 734 "Gloria Patri" *Greatorex*

Invitation to Give and Prayer of Dedication

Choir Special "Lift Every Voice and Sing"
Janet Nyfeler, Choir Director and Accompanist

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

Prayer of Illumination and Message: "Called by a New Name"
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

RESPONDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH & SERVICE

*Altar Call 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.

* Hymn "Make Us One" WT

*Spoken Benediction

*Postlude "To God Be the Glory" by Larry Shackley
Janet Nyfeler, Church Accompanist and Choir Director

**Please stand if able*

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21). Hearts are touched, and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer

services. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity highlights the hopeful work ecumenical reconciliation. Traditionally the week of prayer is celebrated between 18-25 January, between the feasts of St Peter and St Paul.

BELIEVER'S BAPTISM – The American Baptist churches practice “believer’s baptism” which is the immersion of any person in water – regardless of age – who receive Jesus Christ as his/her personal Savior and publicly professes faith before the congregation. The Council schedules baptisms on most Sunday mornings throughout the year usually after the candidate completes an introductory class. Come to the front of the sanctuary during the Alter Call if you would like to be baptized or speak privately with Pastor Ivan.

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” which means the Table of the Lord is open to all baptized Christians regardless of affiliation. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters, we use only non-alcoholic grape juice. Please hold each element until everyone is served, then we will feast together.

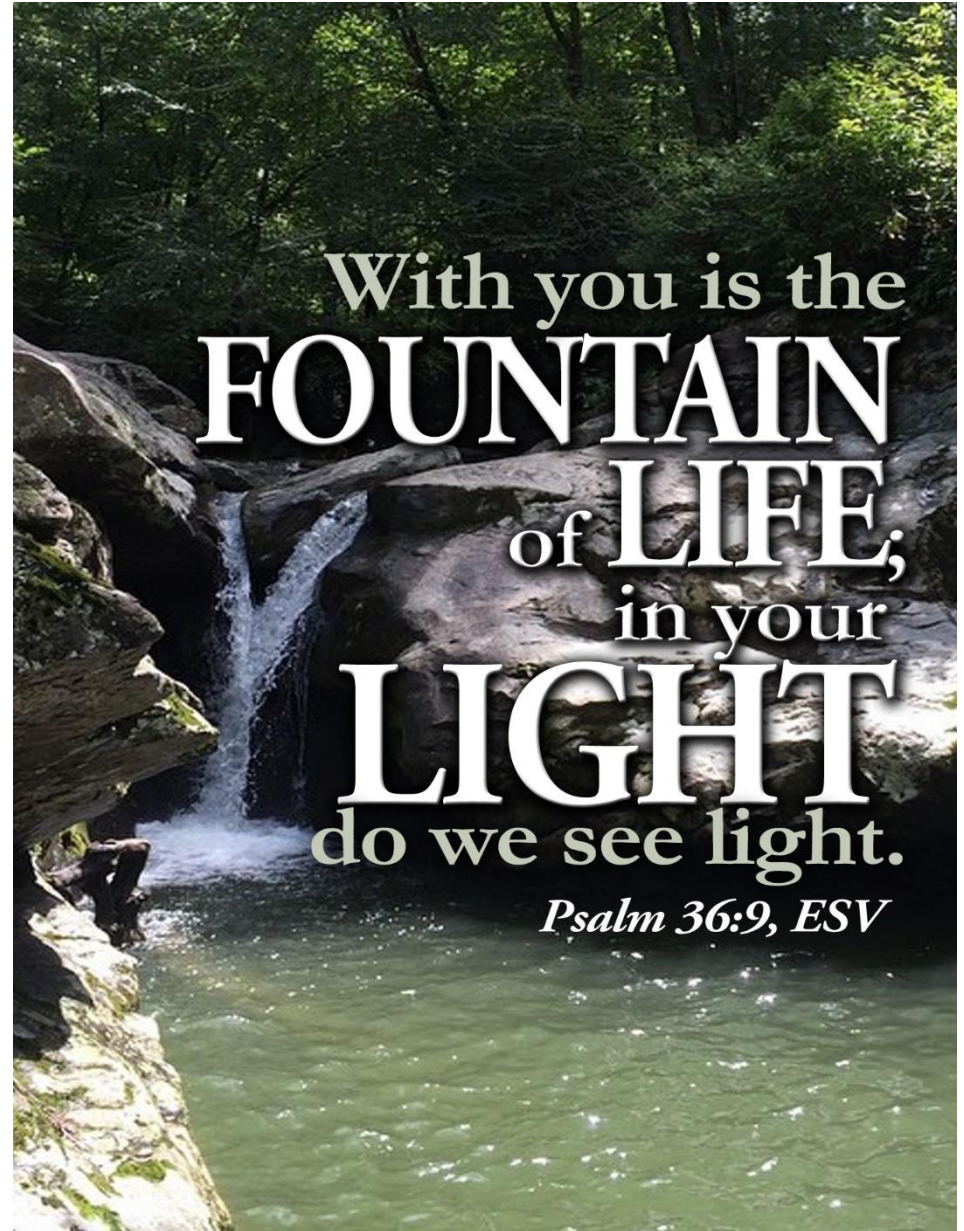


MISSION: The vision of West Side Baptist Church shall be that we commit ourselves to continual personal growth, reaching out to win and nurture others in the love of Jesus Christ.

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