

A SERVICE OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)
AUGUST 24, 2025

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship: The Spirit draws people from all nations (Isaiah 66) into the presence of the living God—holy, merciful, and unshakable. Jesus’ Apostle instructed believers to “offer to God acceptable worship with reverence and awe, for indeed our God is a consuming fire” (Hebrews 12:28-29). As we prepare our hearts, may we come with humility, gratitude, and a desire to be shaped by the truth of God’s Word and the power of His grace.

Prelude	DoubleStuf
Welcome and Greetings in Jesus’ Name	Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter
*Song (Stand) # 650	“Praise Him All Ye Little Children”
	<i>BONNER</i>
Opening Prayer (Stand)	Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter
Song of Faith	“Make Us One”
	Worship Team

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

	Scripture Reader: Pat Carpenter	
The First Reading		Jeremiah 1:4-10
The Second Reading		Hebrews 12:18-29
	Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling	
*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)		Luke 13:10-17
*Responsorial (Stand)	“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”	
*Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)		

The Children's Sermon (Children’s Church for Students Preschool–3rd Grade)

Announcements & Prayers – 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, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations – Worshipers are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord. The Apostle Paul wrote, “*I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship*” (Romans 12:1).

Offertory Special #	DoubleStuf
A Prayer of Illumination & Message	“What! That’s Not What I Asked For.”
	Deacon Traci Ulbright Brown, Chaplain

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

*Closing Hymn (Stand) #	DoubleStuf
*Spoken Benediction	
Postlude	Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

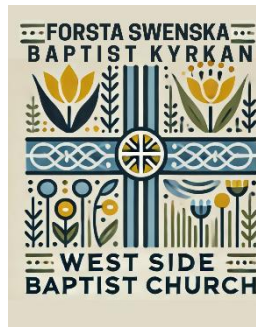
HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

GOOD NEWS! God loves you and wants to rescue all people from the consequences of evil. The Bible teaches the way to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ:

1. **ADMIT** – Admit to God you have done wrong things (sinned) that have hurt God and others. Apologize to God, turn away from harmful behavior, and start doing good things (See Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23; 1 John 1:9; Acts 3:19).
2. **BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST DIED FOR YOU AND GOD HAS RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD** – Accept and trust that Jesus is God's one and only Son who died on the cross in your place and give God the credit for raising Jesus from the dead (See Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Acts 16:31a; John 3:16; 1 Peter 3:18; John 14:6).
3. **CONFESS JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR LORD** – Make a religious commitment to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus by trusting Him to be your Rescuer, Redeemer (Savior), and Ultimate Leader (Lord). (See Romans 10:9 and 10; Romans 10:13; Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23)
4. **DEDICATE YOUR LIFE TO THE JESUS WAY** - Tell your family and friends about your new trust in Jesus Christ by coming to the front of the Sanctuary at the end of a worship service to publicly share your decision to be a follower of Jesus (Christian).

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH - COME FORWARD – Any person professing faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and accepting the Baptist principles, practices, and the covenant of this church may join this Christian church. Persons interested in affiliating should speak with the Pastor or come forward at a congregation meeting. A person may join by Believer's Baptism, Letter of Transfer from a previous Christian church with prior baptism, or a Satisfactory Statement of Christian Faith.

OUR MISSION – We love God and We love People by sharing the Good News of God's forgiving, renewing love in Jesus Christ by word and deed to improve the lives of neighbors. West Side Baptist Church is an independent, autonomous Christian church partnering for mission support with like-minded people of faith in our City, County, State, Nation, and World.



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