

A SERVICE OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 19, 2025

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship: Today's Scriptures remind us to persevere in faith and prayer. Jesus tells us to pray always and not lose heart (Luke 18:1), trusting that God hears and responds in His time. As Baptists, we come to worship grounded in the Word, renewed in prayer, and strengthened to live faithfully in the hope of Christ's coming kingdom.

Prelude

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus' Name **Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter**
This is the day the Lord has made; **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

***Song (Stand) # 172** **"Love Divine All Loves Excelling"** *BEECHER*

Opening Prayer (Stand) **Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter**

Faithful Father, we come before You with hearts eager to pray and spirits longing to be renewed. Teach us to persevere in faith, to trust Your Word, and to seek justice with courage and hope, even though it is difficult and we face obstacles and opposition. As we worship today, strengthen our hearts to serve You with steadfast love, long-suffering patience, and unshakable confidence in the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Song of Faith # 130 **"Here I Am to Worship"** *HERE I AM TO WORSHIP*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Janelle Hood

The First Reading **Jeremiah 31:27-34**

The Second Reading **2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5**

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)** **Luke 18:1-8**

***Responsorial (Stand) # 429** **"Sweet Hour of Prayer"** *SWEET HOUR*

***Greeting and Sharing Peace with Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

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

Announcements & 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, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations – Worshippers are invited to give their tithes, gifts, and offerings to the Lord – for **Jesus Christ said, "Free you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8b).**

Offertory Special

A Prayer of Illumination & The Message **"Impossible Intercessions"**
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

***Closing Hymn (Stand) #** **"Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"**

***Spoken Benediction**

Postlude

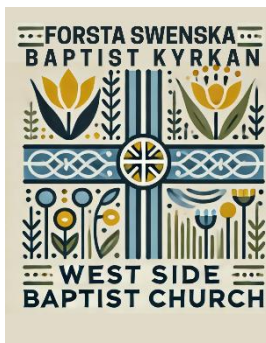
HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

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.



WHEN THE
SON OF MAN COMES,
WILL HE FIND FAITH
ON EARTH?

LUKE 18:8

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:00 AM Sunday School Breakfast & Classes
10:30 AM WORSHIP (S)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20

9:00 – 11:00 AM Baby Closet (OPEN)
6:00 PM Parenting with Love & Logic® Class (HH)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

10:30 – 11:30 AM No Bible Study – Harvesters Agency Mtg
3:30 – 5:30 PM Baby Closet (OPEN)
5:30 – 6:00 PM Wed. Night Free Family Suppers (FH)
6:00 – 7:00 PM WWW Kids Bible Club & Adult Studies
7:00 – 8:00 PM Choir Rehearsal (S)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

1:00 – 3:00 PM Baby Closet (OPEN)
6:00 PM FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY (HH)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24 PASTOR'S DAY OFF

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

1:00 – 3:00 PM QUILLING ART CLASS (HH)
1:30 PM Praise Team Rehearsal (S)
2:30 PM Worship Committee (HH)
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM Young Adult Bonfire @ Greuterhof

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

9:00 AM Sunday School Breakfast & Classes
10:30 AM WORSHIP
12:00 PM Quarterly Business Meeting (Potluck)
5:30 PM Christian Book Club

DON'T FORGET ABOUT PASTOR APPRECIATION!

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP – *We are glad you have joined us!* Please complete a Connection Card from the **PEW POCKET** or use your smartphone's camera to scan the QR Code for the **ONLINE** card. **GIVE YOUR CARD TO THE USHER** during the **OPENING SONG**. Share greetings, prayer concerns, reservations, questions, and comments with the Church Office and Pastor on the back of the Connection Card.



YOUTH FUNDRAISER - Our talented West Side Youth are back in the kitchen, and they're baking up a storm to raise funds for upcoming youth activities and mission projects! Don't miss this sweet opportunity to support our youth while enjoying some delicious treats. **Available for Preorder (by the dozen):** Chocolate Chip Cookies, Peanut Butter Blossom Cookies, Chocolate Brownies, Pumpkin Cupcakes, and Apple Muffins.



- **ORDER TODAY:** Preorders Due: **TODAY, October 19**
- **PICKUP/DELIVERY:** Sun., October 26 (or we can porch-drop in the city limits)
- **COST:** Free-will donation – give as your heart leads.

All proceeds go directly to supporting youth programs, trips, and activities. It's a win-win: you get homemade goodies, and our youth get to grow in faith, teamwork, and service! **To place your preorder: Contact the Church Office or Tera with your order and quantity. Don't wait—these treats are going fast!** Let's show our youth some love while enjoying some sweet rewards!



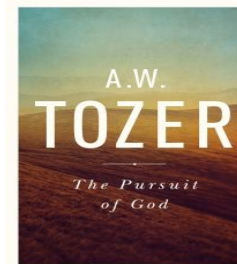
WORLD MISSION OFFERING (WMO) - Each October, we join churches and individuals around the world who support ministries that God is using to transform lives globally by receiving International Ministries' **World Mission Offering (WMO)**. We financially support our global servants in TWO PRIMARY WAYS: (1) **We adopt a Missionary or Missionary Family** by giving monthly financial support directly to their name through the Church (e.g., DELIRIS CARRION in Mexico), and (2) **We donate to the World Mission Offering**. Our goal is \$1,750.00 by October 31. We invite you to join in this exciting opportunity!

CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSALS - A new year of Chancel Choir rehearsals has begun on **Wednesdays at 7:15 pm in the Sanctuary**. The Chancel Choir is a group of singers who help lead worship through hymns, anthems, and special music during our services. They sing from the chancel—the area near the altar and pulpit—and welcome anyone who loves to sing. **No auditions are required, and all voices are needed!** If you love to sing, we would love to have you join us. See Rexanne, Choir Director.



Make a RESERVATION for WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAMILY SUPPER online or on your connection card. **From 5:30 to 6:00 PM!** Bring your family, friends, and neighbors! Please sign up so we can prepare food for everyone. **Need a Ride? Call the Church.**

****All Food Is Available at No Cost ****



CHRISTIAN CLASSICS BOOK CLUB – We will be reading **“THE PURSUIT OF GOD”** By A.W. Tozer in October. You can find this book on Moody Publishers for \$4.99 or an ebook for \$3.99. Join the discussion on the **FOURTH WEDNESDAY (11:30 AM)** and **FOURTH SUNDAY (5:30 PM)**. Grab a study guide from the bulletin board in the first-floor hallway.

HALLOWEEN CANDY DONATIONS - Halloween is coming! That means that Trunk-or-Treat will be upon us soon. Halloween candy is on the shelves now. Please turn it into the office if you want to donate candy. **Make sure the bags of candy are individually wrapped.** If you prefer our goblins to shop for you, please mark your donation as **"Halloween"** and return it to the office. A sign-up sheet for those wishing to hand out candy from their vehicles is on the bulletin board.

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Laurie Smith, Outreach

WOMEN'S MINISTRY & SPECIAL PROJECTS - Ladies, mark your calendars for **Monday, November 10, from 5:30 PM to 6:45 PM!** We will enjoy a meal for the meeting in **Holmer Hall**, so come hungry for food and friendship! The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside the church office or online soon.

~Shalom,

Reverend Traci Brown



NEED A BIBLE? WE BELIEVE EVERYONE should have a Bible they can **READ** (right text size) and **UNDERSTAND** (contemporary English translation). If you or someone you love needs a Bible, then take a Bible from the PEWS. If you need a special Bible, see Laurie S. or Pastor Ivan.

HONORING OUR VETERANS: We want to recognize and honor all our Veterans during worship in November. If you or a loved one has served in the Armed Forces, please share your service information on a **Connection Card** or call the **Church Office**. Thank you for your service and sacrifice!



FREE ART QUILLING CLASS: Learn the beautiful art of paper quilling starting **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25 at 1:00 PM.** Sign up online or call the Church Office to reserve your spot! You'll learn the beautiful art of rolling, shaping, and designing with colorful paper strips. All materials are provided, and no experience is necessary—just bring your creativity! **Classes are from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.**

- **SAT., OCT. 25**
- **SAT., NOV 1 and 8**

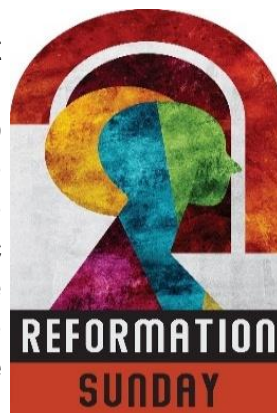
Class taught by Ward Meade Neighbor, Deborah Edwards.
ALL ARE WELCOME!



QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING & POTLUCK on SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 at Noon. The Church Council has called for a Quarterly Business Meeting and Potluck on Sunday, October 26, after worship. Please bring a main dish, a side dish, or a dessert to share with the church family. Council members will give reports and share important information with the congregation. All are welcome to join us for lunch and the meeting.



REFORMATION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 26 – WEAR RED! On Reformation Sunday, Protestant Churches like West Side celebrate the courage and faith of those who sparked the Protestant Reformation, reminding us of God's call to live faithfully and boldly. The holiday recognizes the historical and theological developments that led to the separation of Protestant churches from the Roman Catholic Church, highlighting beliefs such as salvation by grace through faith alone. Wear RED to symbolize the fire of the Holy Spirit and the passion of reform that continues to inspire the Church.



PULSE Young Adult Bonfire Night at the Greuterhof ☹ Saturday, October 25 at 6 PM. All Young Adults (ages 19–29) are invited to join us for a cozy fall evening! Come enjoy a bonfire, games, and delicious s'mores as we relax together under the autumn sky. It's a great way to connect with others, build friendships, and have some fun before the winter chill arrives. Details: 📅 Saturday, October 25 ⌚ 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Bring your favorite non-alcoholic drink ☺ Kids are welcome — babies too! Bring a chair, a smile, and your fall spirit! Let's make memories together around the fire. 📍 Hosted by West Side Baptist Church Young Adults Ministry - <https://wsbctopeka.org/young-adults>.

WE'RE PRAYING FOR MORE DEACONS - Deacons, both men and women, are called and elected by the Congregation to be "servants" in ministries of compassion, spiritual care, and justice. Deacons discern and share the needs, hopes, and concerns of the world with the Church, calling us to respond in faith and charity. They ensure that the vulnerable, marginalized, suffering, homeless, oppressed, poor, and elderly are heard and cared for. Deacons assist the Minister in public worship, including preparing the worship space, reading Scripture, and supporting Baptism and the Lord's Supper, as well as visitation, grief ministries, and funerals. They also help administer benevolent funds and carry out other duties as assigned, faithfully serving both the congregation and the wider community. See Pastor if God is calling you!

