

STEWARDSHIP CELEBRATION SUNDAY

“FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD’S GRACE”

NOVEMBER 23, 2025

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship: Thanksgiving is a season of gratitude and giving! The Bible reminds us that we offer our praise to God not because of what we have done, but because of who God is and what God in Christ has done for us—calling us out of darkness and into grace. We enter this time of worship with grateful hearts, ready to rejoice in God’s faithfulness, as we live in abundance and blessings in God’s world.

Prelude **Joanna Cunningham, Pianist**

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus’ Name **Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter**

***Gathering Song (Stand) # 636** **“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**
ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

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

Song of Faith # 639 **“Now Thank We All Our God”** *NUN DANKET*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Karen Kirby

The First Reading **Jeremiah 23:1-6**

The Second Reading **Colossians 1:11-20**

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)** **Luke 23:33-43**

***Responsorial (Stand) # 578** **“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”** *MARION*

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

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

Announcements, Testimonies, and the Prayers of the 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, the power, and the glory forever.

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations – With glad and sincere hearts, and “remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: **‘It is more blessed to give than to receive,’**” (Acts 20:35), let us present the offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory

A Prayer of Illumination & Message “Faithful Stewardship & Joyful Giving”
The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister

WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

Presentation of Our Pledges – Worshipers are invited to place their estimate of giving cards in the collection basket on the Lord’s Table. Use the middle aisles to come forward, and the outside aisles to return to your seats.

***Closing Hymn (Stand) # 640** **“Let All Things Now Living”** *ASH GROVE*

***Prayer of Dedication (Stand):** Gracious and loving God, you have entrusted us with the gifts of life, time, and treasure: Guide us in the faithful stewardship of all that you have given, that we may honor you with our resources, care for your creation, and serve the needs of others. Grant us generous hearts and a spirit of gratitude so that we may joyfully contribute to the work of your Kingdom through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

***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.



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Faithful Stewards of God's Grace

**“GIVE JOYFULLY,
SERVE FAITHFULLY”**

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

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