

# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

## JANUARY 18, 2026

### WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**Preparing for Worship:** John the Baptist told us to behold Jesus as “the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world” (*agnus Dei*). In this season of Epiphany, God reveals Christ not only to be seen, but to be followed and trusted. As we prepare for worship, ask the Spirit to open hearts to Christ’s call and to prepare us to bear witness to His light and grace.

**Prelude** **Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist**

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

**\*Opening Song (Stand) # 480** **“Step by Step”** **Worship Team**  
*STEP BY STEP/ FOREVER WE WILL SING*

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

Steadfast God, you have enlightened our minds and enriched our lives by the epiphany of your eternal Son, Jesus Christ. Comfort us in our mortality and strengthen us to walk the path of your desire, so that by word and deed we may show forth the gracious news of your faithfulness and love, through Jesus Christ, we pray, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**<sup>‡</sup>

**Song of Faith # 96** **“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”** **FAITHFULNESS**

### WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: **Matt Smith**

**The First Reading** **Isaiah 49:1-7**

**The Second Reading** **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

**\*The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)** **John 1:29-42**

**\*Responsorial (Stand) #** **“Agnus Dei”** **Worship Team**

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

**The Children's Sermon** (Children's Church for Students Preschool–3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

**Announcements & 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 –** As we behold Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, we respond with grateful and generous hearts. Let us give our offerings as an act of worship, bearing witness through our gifts to God’s light and love revealed in Christ.

### Offertory

**A Prayer of Illumination & Message “Agnus Dei, Qui Tollis Peccata Mundi”**  
**The Reverend Doctor Ivan E. Greuter, Senior Minister**

### WE RESPOND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT IN FAITH AND SERVICE

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

**\*Hymn (Stand) # 353** **“I Know Whom I Have Believed”** **EL NATHAN**

**\*Spoken Benediction** **Rev. Dr. Ivan E. Greuter**

**Postlude** **Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist**

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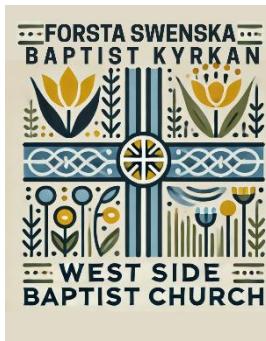
## HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

**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.



# “Look! Here is the Lamb of God...



## Who Takes Away the Sin of the World.”

**John 1:29**

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