

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 8, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Preparing for Worship: Only a perfect person can do everything the Law requires without fault, shame or guilt. But who is perfect? Who can ascend the mountain of God with a pure heart and enter the presence of the Almighty One? **Jesus Christ!** Jesus was the perfect person in every way, and his life and sacrifice fulfill all that the Law requires. Now, we're called to love like Jesus.

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

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

***Opening Song (Stand) #** **"Marvelous Light"** **Worship Team**

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

Illuminating Light, and great King of the Universe, your splendid Spirit shines forth your presence in all of creation, for "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork" (Psalm 19:1). Shine your radiant holiness into our hearts, lives, souls and minds, that we may approach your throne of mercy with the bold confidence commanded by the Apostles, and find your love, forgiveness and joyful presence waiting to receive us in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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Song of Faith # 83 **"Be Thou My Vision"** **SLANE**

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Charles Tanksley

The First Reading **Isaiah 58:1-12**

The Second Reading **1 Corinthians 2:1-16**

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (Stand)** **Matthew 5:13-20**

***Responsorial (Stand) #** **"This Little Light of Mine"**

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

The Children's Sermon (Children's Church for Students Preschool–3rd 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 – In gratitude for the grace that fulfills the law in love, let us offer our gifts to God in the joyful example of Jesus Christ, trusting that what we place in God's hands will be used for God's righteous purposes.

Offertory

A Prayer of Illumination & Message **"Loving: Being Great in the Kingdom"**
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) #** **"Carry The Light"** **Worship Team**

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

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

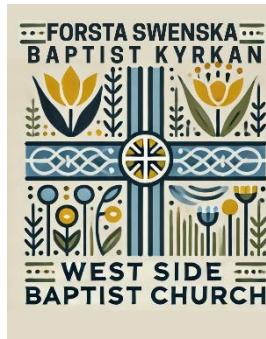
HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

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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