

26TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | PROPER 21
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**All those able, please stand*

Preparing for Worship: Jesus asks a simple but searching question: *Will we say “yes” with our lips, or will we say “yes” with our lives?* The Bible says that faith is more than what we say—it is lived out through our willingness to follow Jesus, serve others, and say “yes” when God calls. May our worship move us from words to action and from belief to faithful living.

Prelude Janice Hedberg-Boyce, Church Accompanist

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus’ Name

***Opening Hymn # 136** “O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON

***Opening Prayer (Stand)**

Song of Faith # 5 “How Great is Our God”

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Angie Foster

The First Reading Exodus 17:1-7

The Second Reading Philippians 2:1-13

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** Matthew 21:23-32

***Responsorial # 170** “O How He Loves You and Me” PATRICIA

***Greeting our Family and Neighbors (Stand)**

The Children's Sermon (Kids Preschool–3rd Grade go to Children’s Church)

Announcements, Prayers of the People and The Lord’s 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. *Amen.*

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations – Jesus reminds us that faith is more than what we say—it is what we do. As we bring our tithes, gifts, and offerings, let our giving be our “yes” to God: a tangible expression of our trust, gratitude, and willingness to follow where Jesus leads. Let us put our faith into action and give generously for the work of God’s Kingdom.

Offertory and *Doxology

A Prayer of Illumination: Your steadfast love endures from age to age, O living God, for in Christ you tenderly care for your people. Instruct us in your way of humble service, that we may imitate his saving deeds who humbled himself for our salvation and is now exalted with you in splendor forever and ever. *Amen.*

The Message “Camp Christy Sunday”
Danielle and Steve Massaglia, Camp Christy Directors

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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) #** “God Be With You”

***Spoken Benediction**

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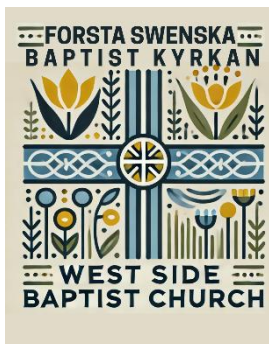
HOW TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF JESUS

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.



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