GOOD AND FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN
32ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME | PROPER 27
NOVEMBER 8, 2026

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

**All those able, please stand*

Preparing for Worship: Jesus calls us to live with faithful hearts, ready and watchful for God's presence and purposes. Like the wise bridesmaids in His parable, we are invited to nurture a faith that is more than outward appearance—a living trust in Christ that shines with hope, love, and faithful service. As we gather for worship, may the Holy Spirit renew our commitment to follow Jesus and keep our lamps burning brightly.

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

Welcome and Greetings in Jesus' Name

***Opening Hymn** **"My Lord, What a Morning"** *YOU'LL HEAR THE TRUMPET*

***Opening Prayer**

Song of Faith #511 **"The Solid Rock"** *SOLID ROCK*

WE HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD

Scripture Reader: Andrew Carpenter

The First Reading **Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25**

The Second Reading **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

Gospel Reader: Deacon Sonia Roling

***The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ** **Matthew 25:1-13**

***Responsorial #** **"Cry of My Heart"** **Worship Team**

***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.*

Stewardship Testimonial **Fran Seymour-Hunter**

Presentation of Tithes, Gifts, and Donations – Jesus calls us to be people whose faith is prepared, generous, and faithful—not just in words, but in how we live. As we bring our tithes, gifts, and offerings, may we share generously from what God has entrusted to us, helping keep the light of Christ shining through our ministries, our service, and our witness in the world. Let us give with joyful and faithful hearts!

Offertory and *Doxology

A Prayer of Illumination and The Message
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) # 599** **"Soon and Very Soon"** *SOON AND VERY SOON*

***Spoken Benediction**

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.

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