



WELCOME TO WEST SIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

FOCUS/Confirmation and New Member Class Sunday • May 22, 2022



11:00 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

WELCOME/*CALL TO WORSHIP/OPENING PRAYER

We have traveled to this holy place, **to worship God together.**

We have come seeking a word from God, **a whisper of assurance from the One who calls us.**

We have come longing for a glimpse of God, **or a glimpse of the world the way God sees it.**

Through our worship, music, learning and laughter, **may God focus our sight through the lens of God's love.**

Let us pray:

God of love and light, You are the author of all our gifts, and You bind us together into the body of Christ.

Help us to use our gifts to proclaim Christ – so that the oppressed may be made free, the blind recover their sight,

the captives may find release, and the poor may hear Your good news; through Christ, Your Word fulfilled. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN #442

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace, hear our prayer. Your good news is for all people. **Forgive us when we limit it to people like ourselves.**

Your grace is for all people. **Forgive us when we hoard it, unable to believe in Your abundance.**

Your love is for all people. **Forgive us when we ignore it, fearing that we might be unworthy of Your grace.**

Move us to see the world as You know it: **bursting at the seams with Your mercy and Your love.**

KYRIE

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:12-24

ANTHEM

Christ's Flock

Martin Shaw

In Christ's own flock, let love be surely placed,
from Christ's own flock, let concord hate expel:
in Christ's own flock let love be so embraced
as we in Christ, and Christ in us may dwell.

Continued.

**Please stand*

WEST SIDE IS A WELCOMING CHURCH, ROOTED DEEPLY IN CHRIST, INVITING ALL TO CONNECT, GROW AND SERVE.

Christ is the author of all unity,
from whence proceedeth all felicity.

O sing unto this glittering, glorious King,
O praises bring from every living thing;
Let heart and voice like bells of silver ring.
Alleluia, alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 12:25-31

SERMON

Together as the Church

Rev. Penny Hogan

RESPONSE OF FAITH

A Collective Statement of Faith by the 2022 FOCUS Confirmation Class

I believe that God is in three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

I believe that God created the world, the universe and humanity.

God is powerful, loving, forgiving, trustworthy, caring, patient, and will never fail me.

I know that God accepts everyone, and there is nothing I need to do to feel accepted by God.

I now understand how much God loves and supports me; I can always rely on Him.

God is always there for me, whether I'm in church or not, actively thinking about God or not, or even fully appreciating what He did for me.

I believe Jesus is the second person of the Holy Trinity and is God in human flesh.

Jesus died for our sins so that we could be forgiven and gain passage into heaven through His grace.

I believe Jesus, the Son of God, reveals God to humanity.

Jesus helped shape humanity through His lessons and parables.

**The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity who inspires, leads and guides us;
it is the wind that blows us away from sin and towards God.**

**I believe the Church helps us to keep our feet on God's path,
so that we can continue to live out God's word.**

The Church is a community that serves and welcomes others.

**The Church is the place where people who have the same beliefs
can worship together and learn the word of God.**

I know that my Christian community here always welcomes me.

**I believe the role of Christians in the world is to help others who cannot help themselves,
to spread the good news of Christ, and to try to make the world a better place.**

**I will try my best to live out God's will by being a loving and humble friend,
using my talents and gifts to help others, praying regularly, and being my authentic self all the time.**

**My mission is to love God and love others: to love all of God's creation,
all people of every color, creed and crevice of this earth;**

**to extend to them forgiveness and compassion, even if I am met with hostility,
and to spread love to counteract the hate that permeates this world.**

HYMN #339

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

NEW MEMBER SLIDE SHOW

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS/COMMITMENT OF CONGREGATION

**We the members of West Side Presbyterian Church believe that each one of you is a special part
of this congregation. We support and encourage your commitment to Christ, begun in Baptism and
affirmed today.**

Continued.

May you grow in body, mind and spirit, learning from your successes as well as failures.
We promise to support you in word and deed, with love and prayer. May you know God's richest blessing as you seek to serve Him as faithful members of this Church.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Please place your gift in one of the offering plates in the back of the Sanctuary at the conclusion of the service, scan the QR code on the bulletin or text GIVE to 551-227-2131. Thank you for your gift!

ANTHEM

Forever Blest Are They Who Serve the Lord

George Frideric Handel

Forever blest are they who serve the Lord,
the loving God of all, the God of all the world.
Forever blest are they who serve the Lord.
Joy shall be their reward, living to serve the Lord.
Forever blest are they who serve the Lord.

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***CLOSING HYMN #343**

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

BEECHER

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Please remain for a brief Congregational Meeting to elect officers,
followed by a reception in the Narthex.*