



# WELCOME TO WEST SIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE

Communion Sunday • February 1, 2026



## 10:30 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

### WELCOME/\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Before we were formed, God knew us. Before we spoke a word, Love called us by name.

**We gather as one body, held together not by certainty or sameness, but by the love that never ends.**

Come, Holy Spirit—steady our hearts, soften our edges, and bind us together in Your grace.

**Teach us a love that is patient and kind, honest and courageous, the love that bears all things.**

Come, let us worship the God whose love is our glue, our calling, and our life.

\*OPENING HYMN #53

O God, Who Gives Us Life

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### CALL TO CONFESSION/PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of steadfast love,

You call us to embody the love that holds the body together, yet we confess the ways we resist it.

We speak without listening. We protect our comfort more than our neighbor.

We grow impatient, irritable, or guarded when love asks more of us than we expect.

Forgive us. Shape us again by the love that is patient and kind, that rejoices in the truth, that never ends.

Teach us to love—not in word or ideal, but in practice, in community, and in Christ. Amen.

KYRIE (*Glory to God #551*)

LAND OF REST

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*RESPONSE OF PRAISE (*Glory to God #447*)

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

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### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

\*HYMN #29

O God, You Search Me

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### SCRIPTURE READING

I Corinthians 13:1-13

### SERMON

The Glue is Love

Rev. Marc Oehler

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

*\*Please stand*

## OFFERING

*Please place your gift in the offering plates in the back of the sanctuary, scan the QR code on the bulletin or text GIVE to 551-227-2131. Thank you for your generosity!*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

No Greater Love Hath No Man  
Suzanne Karpov Seigert, soprano solo  
Thomas Jefferson, baritone solo

John Ireland

## \*DOXOLOGY (Glory to God #607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

## THE INVITATION

### \*THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are You, O Lord our God:

**The One who forms us in love and calls us by name.**

**You steady our fears, speak courage into our lives, and create us for belonging—to You and to one another.**

Therefore we praise You, joining our voices in the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir:

### \*SANCTUS (Glory to God #562)

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, holy, holy, holy, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full, full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior:

**Love made flesh for the world. He healed with compassion, taught with truth, and welcomed all.**

**In His life, death, and rising, we see the love that bears all things and never ends.**

Remembering Your goodness and grace, we offer ourselves to You with gratitude as we share this joyful feast.

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (Glory to God #563)

**Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

Pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup; make us one in the body and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**As Your Spirit moves among us, bind us together in Christ's love, heal what is broken, strengthen what is weary, and make us one body—faithful, generous, and alive with Your grace.**

Through the Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, we bless you, God of glory, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**AGNUS DEI** (*Glory to God #555*)

**O Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us Your peace.**

## RECEPTION OF THE ELEMENTS

### MUSIC AT COMMUNION

Love Bade Me Welcome *from Five Mystical Songs*  
David Langan, bass solo

RALPH VAUGH WILLIAMS

## COMMUNION PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

### \*HYMN #366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

## CHARGE AND BLESSING

### POSTLUDE

Grand Valse on HYFRYDOL (Improvisation)

Steven Seigart

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*The worship has ended; the service has begun.*

*Please join us for fellowship after worship.*

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