

# SUNDAY SERVICE TIMES

Chanhasen  
8:15, 9:30, 11:00am  
& 5:00pm

On February 5 the evening  
service will be at 3:00pm

Minnetonka  
9:30 & 11:00am

LIVE WITH OPEN HANDS...  
AND BE AWAKENED,  
BE PREPARED AND  
BE A BLESSING.

For stories of God at work in and through the  
people of Westwood visit [westwoodcc.org/stories](http://westwoodcc.org/stories)

## Ride the Wave

Many people describe Christianity by one adjective—"boring." But what if God was building a wave and inviting you and me to surf it? Join us for this message series as we see how God's power transformed early followers of Jesus and how He does the same in our lives today.

January 8—April 16

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# WELCOME TO WESTWOOD!

## Is this your first time here? So glad you came!

Welcome to Westwood! If you are unfamiliar with the flow of our service, here's the scoop: We begin with a few worship songs. The lyrics are found on the big screens. The songs are followed by a couple announcements, a time of prayer and offering. The sermon message is given, and the service typically concludes with a song.



Stop by the Info Spot before or after the service. We'd love to meet you, answer any questions you have, and give you some handy information. For kids and students, we offer great programs specially tailored to their ages. Our Westwood Kids' desk would be glad to help you. Come, let's give our love to God, who first loved us.



## FIND YOUR PLACE IN A SMALL GROUP

Group Connect is a gathering where you can meet people in your same life stage or part of town and form common ground to start a small group. We will have some breakfast, laugh while we play a few games and get to know each other on a deeper level. You will leave with information on how your group will operate after that. Register online.

### Chanhassen Campus

Saturday, January 28, 9:00am–11:30pm  
Childcare is available.

### Minnetonka Campus

Sunday, January 29, 12:30pm–1:45pm



## CHILD DEDICATION

We love to celebrate the gift of a new baby through Child Dedication. We do this during regular worship services, generally on the fourth Sunday of each month. This is a special way to give thanks to God for the precious gifts of a child He has bestowed upon us and to offer up prayers for the family. To get more information or to have your child dedicated, head to our website.

## Acts 1:12–14 (NIV)

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Why do we pray in Jesus' name and what happens when we do?

● **Unity:** Praying in Jesus' name brings us \_\_\_\_\_.

● **Access:** Praying in Jesus' name is the way to God's \_\_\_\_\_.

● **Wisdom:** Praying in Jesus' name is the path to God's \_\_\_\_\_.

● **Perseverance:** Praying in Jesus' name is how we \_\_\_\_\_.

● **Reputation:** Praying in Jesus' name keeps our focus on \_\_\_\_\_.

For a PDF version of the Twenty-One Days of Prayer and Fasting booklet go to [westwoodcc.org/21days](http://westwoodcc.org/21days)

Ride the Wave #2  
*History's Most Powerful Prayer Meeting*  
Acts 1:12-26

Small Group Questions

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1. Did you grow up in a praying home? If so, how was it practiced in your home?
  2. Why do we pray in Jesus' name? Read John 16:24
  3. What happens when we pray in Jesus name? Review the reasons Pastor Joel provided and answer the questions accordingly.
- **Unity:** Praying in Jesus' name brings us [together](#)
    - Luke uses the word 'together' to mean more than meeting in the same place. What else does it mean?
    - Read Acts 1:12-14. From the first 11 verses in Acts 1, Jesus gives them instruction to wait. This informs us as to why they are together...waiting, and praying. What are they waiting and praying for? (see Acts 1:4, and also the decision they need to make in Acts 1:21-26)
    - Why is waiting so hard in your life? How does God use waiting in our lives?
  - **Access:** Praying in Jesus' name is the way to God's [ears](#)
    - Sometimes we wonder if God is listening and ask Him, "do you hear me?" Is that true today for you? Share an example.
    - Read Hebrews 10:19-20; I Timothy 2:5. How might this effect your praying?
  - **Wisdom:** Praying in Jesus' name is the path to God's [will](#)
    - Explain Jesus words from John 16:24 as it relates to your wants and to God's will.
    - Can you think of a time that you were asking for something you wanted, but God didn't provide? In it, did He change your 'want' request to something different, to something He wanted for you instead?
  - **Perseverance:** Praying in Jesus' name is how we [prevail](#)
    - Acts 1:14 says they all joined together constantly in prayer. What is the difference between causally praying and mighty prevailing prayers?

- How does praying in Jesus' name aid you in a prevailing mindset for your life verses a survival mindset? Read Philippians 2:9-11.
- **Reputation:** Praying in Jesus' name keeps our focus on [God](#)
- **John 14:13** says "*Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*" **The purpose of all our prayers should be to bring glory to the Father.**
- What does it mean to bring glory to God in your praying in Jesus name?

If you were asked to give the prayer for the inauguration would you pray in Jesus' name? Why or why not?

Conclude your time praying for our new president and his cabinet and leaders of our city, state and nation.