

We're so glad you're here today!

Is this your first time here? Welcome! 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 helpful information. For kids and students, we offer great programs specially tailored to their ages. The Westwood Kids team is happy to help you get them connected. For more info on the great things happening here, check out westwoodcc.org.

RSVP for Christmas

Let us know which Christmas service you plan to attend with a quick and easy RSVP. It helps us make sure we have room for everyone who wants to attend. Head to our website for all the details on services at our campuses and to RSVP.

Volunteer for Christmas

We need volunteers to help make Christmas at Westwood meaningful and welcoming. It's easy to serve at one service and attend another, and you can serve as a family too! We need ushers, greeters and hosts at all of our services and Kids Ministry volunteers for select services. Go online to sign up to help!

PORTRAIT OF A SERVANT

December 9, 2018 | Joel K. Johnson

The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. ⁵The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. ⁶I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. ⁷Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! ⁹It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

Isaiah 50:4-9

What did Jesus look like?

What are the distinctive features of the Servant?

• The Servant's tongue is _____.

Isaiah 50:4

• The Servant's ear _____.

Isaiah 50:4-5

• The Servant's back and cheeks bear marks of _____.

Isaiah 50:6a

• The Servant's face is like _____.

Isaiah 50:6b-7

Bible Reading Plan

Join us in reading the Bible together. The Bible Reading Plan is a way to incorporate reading the Bible into your week. These verses are chosen by our staff and designed to complement the Sunday message.

You can find it on our app or at westwoodcc.org/readingplan

- Isaiah 50:4-6
- John 18:19-23
- Matthew 27:27-31
- Psalm 5:3
- Isaiah 50:7-9

Considering a year-end gift?

Cash or Check:

To be recorded as a 2018 contribution, gifts of cash or check must be received at Westwood Community Church by 5:00pm on December 31, 2018. Contributions also qualify as a 2018 gift if postmarked on or before December 31, 2018, or are made online through Westwood's website by 11:59pm on December 31, 2018.

Stock or Mutual Funds:

If you are considering a year-end gift of stock or mutual funds to support the ministries of Westwood, please note that these transactions can take more than 30 days to process. You will find helpful instructions at westwoodcc.org/give. If you have any questions contact our Accounting Manager, Liz Hetherington, at 952.224.7374

2018 Giving Statements:

Year to date giving history is available electronically on Westwood Life, our church management software. If you have not yet created a login to Westwood Life, go to westwoodcc.ccbchurch.com, set up your account and follow the instructions to view and print your giving statement. If you need help accessing your giving records, please email accounting@westwoodcc.org or call Liz Hetherington at 952.224.7374.

PRELUDE

songs for a savior

Prelude #3
Portrait of a Servant
December 9, 2018
Isaiah 50:4-9

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Do you have any recollection of the first time you saw a portrait, or image of what Jesus looked like? If so, what did you think of the way Jesus looks were portrayed? Did it generate any feelings about how you viewed Jesus?
2. We're looking at the four songs of Isaiah called 'Servant Songs.' They are the first and oldest songs of Christmas. This week's song is found in Isaiah 50:4-9. This song focuses attention on the physical features of the servant. I've called message "Portrait of a Servant." The Messiah is portrayed in each song as a Servant. Answer the following questions related to the physical features of our Servant known to us as Jesus.
 - a. What does it mean the Servant's tongue is 'instructed?' (Isaiah 50:4) And what does it mean for us to have an 'instructed' tongue? What makes you weary? What is the promise of this Servant in terms of what to do with your weariness?
 - b. What does it mean the Servant's ear 'listens?' (Isaiah 50:4-5) Listen to what? To whom? How do we hear what God is saying? How does reading your Bible grow you into a healthy disciple? Do you read the Scriptures? What impact is it having? How do you respond to Pastor Joel's invitation to read the Bible 15 minutes a day?
 - c. What does it mean that the Servant's back and cheeks bear marks of sacrifice? (Isaiah 50:6) Where do you find this fulfilled of Jesus' in the Gospels? Read John 10:17-18. Did Jesus have to die? What do you notice in John's words about Jesus' choice and why do you think this is the case?
 - d. What does it mean the Servant's face is like flint? (Isaiah 50:7) What specifically does it say about how his sense of purpose shaped his decision making? What does it say to us personally?
 - e. Identify which feature of this portrait of Jesus speaks to you most and why.