

SUMMER SERVICE TIMES

Through September 3

Chanhassen

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

Minnetonka

9:30am

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We are so thankful for your financial gifts, which allow us to reach people here on campus and all around the world throughout the year. As Westwood comes to the end of our fiscal year July 31, 2017, we ask for your ongoing financial support. Historically we experience a slowdown in giving over the summer months, but the expenses to support Westwood's work continue. You can find out about all the ways you can give (including online and text to give) on our website: westwoodcc.org.

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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.



MEMBERSHIP SEMINAR

Interested in becoming a member at Westwood? Join us for the next membership seminar. You will learn about values, mission and beliefs of the church and get all your questions answered from leaders and staff. Thursday, August 9 & 16, 7:00–9:00pm, Chanhassen campus.

CAMPUS EVENTS

For campus specific events, small groups and other ways to connect, visit westwoodcc.org

BIBLE READING PLAN

Get the current Bible Reading Plan at westwoodcc.org/readingplan or at the Info Spot and find daily readings that correspond to our message series.



COMMUNION

Today we will experience Communion. We invite everyone who is a follower of Jesus to participate. You do not need to be a member of Westwood.

In the morning services, the bread and cup are passed to you as you are seated. Hold each element until everyone has been served—then we eat and drink together. Gluten-free communion bread is available at usher stations.

In the evening service at our Chanhassen campus, we invite you to come forward to the stations at the front of the aisles. The first server will be holding a tray of bread. Choose a piece and move to the second server holding the cup. Dip your bread into the cup, eat and drink before returning to your seat, using the walkways behind the side tiers. Gluten-free communion bread is available at the front of the left side aisle.

Acts 10:1–11:18 | A Summary

Part 1: Cornelius' vision

Part 2: Peter's vision

Part 3: Peter arrives at Cornelius' house

Part 4: Peter shares about Jesus

Part 5: Everybody comes to faith

Part 6: Peter defends himself

Barrier	Cornelius	Peter	God's Promise
_____	Acts 10:3–4	Acts 10:19–20	Isaiah 41:13
_____	Acts 10:4b	Acts 10:14, 11:17	Ezekiel 36:26
_____	Acts 10:30–33	Acts 10:27–29	John 5:17

How can you discern if a heart is ready for the good news?

Opening Questions

1. We're in the 3rd week of the Art of Neighboring series. So far, what have been some of your G.P's (*That stands for "God Promptings" – little nudges from God to help you know him and follow him*).
2. Who are people in your "oikas" that you're praying for? How can we join you in prayer?
3. When you think about sharing your faith – what is the most common barrier that you face that prevents you from doing so (or threatens to prevent you)?

Peter, Cornelius, and Promises to Overcome Barriers

4. This message focused on Cornelius, Peter, and how God prepared both of them and overcame some barriers preventing people from sharing faith and knowing Jesus. What in particular stuck out to you about that story?
5. As a group, read the story together. Acts 10:1-11:18. Have everybody read one verse at a time around the circle until you've read the whole thing.
 - a. In reading it again – what sticks out to you?
6. Barriers and promises to overcome: (review each and discuss)
 - b. Fear - Isaiah 41:13 - God will help & give courage
 - c. Judgment - Ezekiel 36:26 - God will give you a new heart
 - d. Scarcity - John 5:17 - God is always working

How do I know when a heart is ready for the Good News

7. Ideas that were mentioned:
 - a) The explainably unexplainable happens. – only God
 - b) They ask questions.
 - c) They seem open
 - d) It's not forced
 - e) They request your input
 - f) You sense God has been prompting them
 - g) You sense God has been prompting you

Which of these have you experienced? How can you grow in being ready for these moments?

8. What are you sensing are your next steps after this message & discussion as a group?

Pray together to end your time. Also, pray for people by name in your life that you're wanting to help come to Christ.