

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.

Join us for Lent services

Lent services are held Wednesday nights through April 10, 6:00–6:30pm. Each week, a different guest speaker will help us recalibrate our faith as we prepare for the death and resurrection of Jesus.

You make ministry happen

Thank you for your financial giving! It allows the ministries at Westwood to continue throughout the year. In addition to our giving envelopes, here are some convenient ways you can give a one-time gift or set up recurring giving:



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Westwood App: Text [westwoodapp](https://westwoodapp.com) to 77977 to get a response with a link to download the app.



Giving Kiosks: Small giving kiosks are located on the Chanhassen campus at the Info Spots.



Text To Give: Text the keyword "westwoodbsl", "westwoodchn" or "westwoodmtk" to 77977.

Today's special guest Will Lathrop

Will Lathrop is the Field Office Director for International Justice Mission (IJM) in Ghana. He helps seek justice on behalf of children trafficked into the fishing industry on Lake Volta. He joined IJM in 2015 to lead the Gulu, Uganda office. Westwood has partnered with IJM to support their justice efforts for many years. Stop by the Info Spot for more information and a prayer bracelet.

CONNECTING THE DOTS

THE TEMPLE STUNT: WHEN ANGER IS RIGHT

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me."¹⁸The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"¹⁹Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days."²⁰They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?"²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken. ²³Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. ²⁴But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. ²⁵He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person. John 2:13-25

What makes Jesus so mad?

- Misplacing affections: when you are driven by the love of _____ not the love of _____
- Demanding proof: when you need more _____ to prove what you already know is true
- Creating obstacles: when those who _____ God get in the way of those who _____

What makes Jesus so glad?

- When you realize that entry to the presence of God is not dependent on anything you _____ but by your _____ in the risen presence of Jesus

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. Each day read a passage and take a few moments to reflect. These verses are chosen by our staff and designed to complement the Sunday message.

Reflection questions:

What does it say?

What does it mean?

How can I live this out today?

- Mark 13:1-2
- John 2:13-17
- 1 Kings 8:10-11
- John 2:18-25
- Ephesians 2:19-22

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The Gospel of John #9
The Temple Stunt: When Anger is Right
March 17, 2019
John 2:13-25

Small Group Questions

1. Can you remember a time when someone's anger disrupted everything that was going around you in that moment? Share such experiences and how it impacted you.
2. Read John 2:13-25. How does it make you feel when you think about Jesus getting so angry?
3. What is the significance of Temple? What would happen to someone who tried to interrupt events at the White House?
4. What made Jesus mad? Pastor Joel addressed three reasons why Jesus was so angry. Review each statement, explain what it means, and then choose the reason that resonates most with you and share why it matters.
 - Misplacing Affections: When you are driven by the love of money not the love of God
 - Demanding Proof: When you need more signs to prove what you already know is true
 - Creating Obstacles: When those who know God get in the way of those who don't.
5. What makes Jesus glad? Pastor Joel indicated it's when you realize that entry to the presence of God is not dependent on anything you build but by your belief in the risen presence of Jesus. Explain what this means as revealed in today's passage.
6. Will Lathrop, the Field Office Director for International Justice Mission (IJM) in Ghana, closed the service giving us an update about the conference held to help fisherman and their owners understand the injustice of enslaving children for profit gain. We prayed about this in our services two weeks ago. Close your group time praying for oppressed kids to be set free, and for oppressors to experience redemption as they 'act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with their God.'