

WEST END PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CORE VALUES

FAITH

We share faith in God's promises and steadfast love – a faith that trusts in things not seen, gives us hope and strength for the journey ahead, and enables us to take risks in ministry and in our life together as we are guided by God's Spirit.

"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

COMMUNITY

As the body of Christ, we seek to live as a reflection of God's beloved community: welcoming and accepting all, extending Christ's love and compassion, making strangers friends, celebrating the rich diversity of God's people, and nurturing relationships through fellowship.

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13:34-35

TRADITION

We practice a living faith, hopeful for the years to come, while being rooted in the bold witness of the generations of ages past and grounded in our Presbyterian heritage.

"For the LORD is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations." Psalm 100:5

WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Through our worship, in Word and sacrament, we glorify and enjoy God in creative and faithful ways: singing, praying, giving thanks, listening to God's word made relevant in sermon and alive in music, and being sent into the world in peace to practice what we preach.

"Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing." Psalm 100:2

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Young and old, we encourage all to explore the call to discipleship and to deepen our understanding of ourselves, our faith, and the world in which we live, move, and have our being through the study of God's Word.

"Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths." Psalm 25:4

WELCOMING CHILDREN

We welcome all of God's children, wherever they may be on life's journey, taking special care to nurture the spiritual lives of our children and youth, passing the stories of God from generation to generation.

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs."

Matthew 19:14

SERVICE

In living as followers of Christ, we engage and support our local community and global mission partners, sharing God's love through action and service and bearing witness to God's compassion and grace.

"...Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." Luke 10:36-37

GENEROSITY

In response to God's graciousness we give of our time, talents, and treasure, to support the church's mission and take care of the resources entrusted to us, not out of a sense of duty, but out of our joyful discipleship.

"No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:15-16