

Generation 10: 2001-2011

...a continuing look at West Side Presbyterian's centennial journey of faith

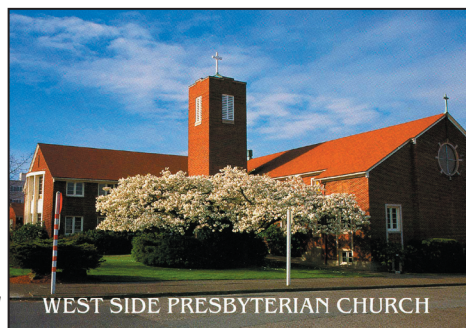
Decade 10 is defined by "the day the world stopped turning". September 11, 2001 changes everything for the United States. That evening, Session reflected on Psalm 55 in which we are reminded to call upon the Lord and let Him sustain us, even as He controls all plans of men.

Other moments in our country touch West Side, including the disintegration of the Space Shuttle *Columbia* in 2003, Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and the financial collapse that rocks the economies of the United States and most of the world. Housing, banking, airlines, automobile industry are all affected, with long-ranging consequences and struggles for local, state, and national budgets. Unrest, insurgencies, and rebellions are standard news from countries around the world, and especially in Muslim areas. Natural disasters decimate peoples and livelihoods, from the December 2004 Indonesian tsunami to earthquakes in Chile in 2010 and Christchurch, New Zealand in 2011.

Yet West Side remains obedient to our calling to teach the Word and reach out to neighbors in our community. Long-standing small groups like Wedded Ring and new ones like Heavenly Hosts and Alpha, disciple believers and provide fellowship. Outreach to those less fortunate in the Seattle area continues through connections with Union Gospel Mission and reaches new pockets through partnerships with Family Promise and CityTeam.

The decade, and West Side's first century end on March 10, 2011.

From a new mission to a mature congregation, West Side is a church of many generations, strengthened by deep roots, cycling through seasons of dormancy and pruning, sending out new branches, and blooming again come spring.



Happy 100th Anniversary!

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- 2001 – Pastor Paul is elected to Presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry
- 2002 – Audio and text sermons are available on church website
- 2002 – Congregation approves the purchase of 4-plex and lot to the south for \$320,000; Vision Task Force solicits input for using the property
- 2003 – Mark Gulsrud, artist who designed the Sanctuary windows, designs and installs stained glass windows in Hoffmeister Chapel
- 2003 – *Jesus Video* is mailed to three zip codes around West Side
- 2003 – Prayer Shawl ministry is introduced
- 2004 – Karol Aronson shifts to full-time Church Administrator and is honored for 26 years of service as Minister of Youth
- 2004 – We hire Melissa Shults as Minister to Youth
- 2004 – A new wheelchair accessible ADA van is purchased
- 2005 – Alpha is offered for the first time
- 2005 – The King County Superior Court approves West Side, in place of First Presbyterian, to name trustees to the Board of Directors of The Kenney
- 2006 – Wedded Ring celebrates 50 years as a small group
- 2006 – We partner with Family Promise to provide assistance to newly homeless families
- 2007 – A second group goes to Louisiana to help with relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina
- 2007 – West Side Sunday School and Mission begin 100th year
- 2008 – After a hiatus for construction, West Side's Gigantic Garage Sale raises \$31,024
- 2009 – 75-80% of West Side's congregation participates in ministry
- 2010 – West Side's Centennial Celebration Year begins with a 99th birthday party
- March 10, 2011 – West Side ends our first century with a membership of 583; total members of WSPC: 4187

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West Side Staffing

Late in the decade, West Side's staff, which has been fairly constant for many years, goes through many changes. As Pastor Paul says in his 2008-2009 annual report: "The luxury of a stable staff is beginning to give way to the opportunity of new configurations, and perhaps new ministries, or new ways of doing ministry."

Parish Nurse **Marilyn Fleming** retires
Facilities Manager **Shawn Packard** resigns
Associate Pastor **Louis Platt** retires
Marriage/Family Counselor **Dianne Crawford Mayse** retires
Children's Ministry Director **Betty Wallin** retires
Facilities Manager **Josh Foley** resigns
Scott Minaglia hired as Facilities Manager
Dr. Scott Bertiaume joins staff as Interim Ministry Associate

Rev. Dr. Bryan Burton follows Scott as Interim Associate Pastor
Minister to Youth **Melissa Shults** resigns
Ruth Gardner is hired as Director of Ministry to Children and Families
Miriam Foley is brought on as Interim Youth Minister
Charles Kennedy is hired as Youth Minister
Organist **Sandra Dahl** completes 41 years of ministry

Current Staff: Rev. Paul Smith, Senior Pastor; Rev. Bryan Burton, Interim Associate Pastor; Rev. Ron Rice, Pastor of Adult Education and Pastoral Care; Carreen Smith, Director of Music; Sandra Dahl, Organist; Charles Kennedy, Minister to Youth; Ruth Gardner, Director of Ministry to Children and Families; Laurinda O'Connell, Ministry Coordinator; Karol Aronson, Church Administrator; Lynda Hurst, Pastor's Secretary; Shirley Tupper, Financial Secretary; Jenna Olson, Computer Secretary; Janet Squires, Church Secretary; Freda Everett, Church Secretary; Scott Minaglia, Facilities Manager; Levi Curtiss, Custodian; Kai Molvik, Custodian; Debbie Tamura, Nursery Supervisor.

Summer Youth Mission Trips

- 2001 Cheyenne Indian Reservation in Lame Deer, Montana
- 2002 High School & College to Ensenada, Mexico thru Azusa Pacific Univ.
- 2003 DC/LA-Lifestyle evangelism training conference in Sacramento, CA
- 2004 Yakama Indian Reservation with YouthWorks
- 2005 Dominican Republic with Kids Alive and missionaries, Trautweins
- 2006 DC/LA-Lifestyle evangelism training conference in Los Angeles, CA
- 2007 Work Camp in Desmet, Idaho (work alongside students to help families in need on the Reservation outside Coeur d'Alene, Idaho)
- 2008 Dominican Republic with Kids Alive and missionaries, Trautweins
- 2009 DC/LA-Lifestyle evangelism training conference in Los Angeles, CA
- 2010 San Francisco trip for inner-city missions.

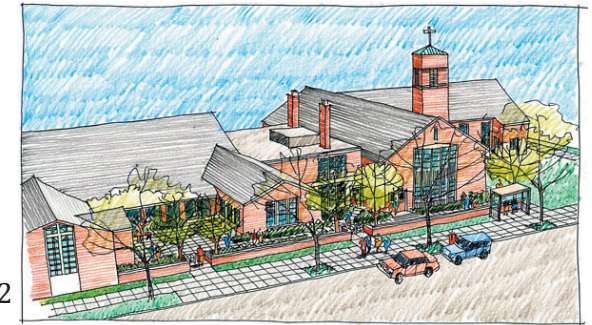
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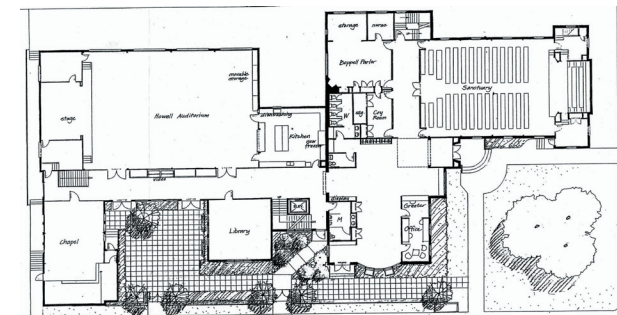
Connections



In late 2001, West Side is informed that the property to the south of ours is for sale. Although we have not to date built on that property, the purchase of the 4-plex and lot for \$320,000 spurs discussions about growth and space usage that dominate much of our most recent decade. In the early 2000s, input from the congregation is solicited on uses of the property, which lead to renovations and construction to better utilize our current building. *Connections: Building for Community*, is the capital campaign designed to raise the \$2.2 million the remodeling costs us. Construction starts on July 24, 2006 and is completed by February 2008. As with many construction projects, the scope of the



remodel was expanded and changed to address roofing issues and to bring the kitchen ventilation system up to code. The result is a modern, open, and expanded facility that is conducive to fellowship, outreach, and ministry. The debt for this project is paid in full in June 2010.



West Side Presbyterian Church - Main Floor Level - Proposed
California Avenue