

WEST SUFFOLK BAPTIST CHURCH

8 September 2024

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Hymn #3 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

OT Scripture Ezekiel 28:11-19

Hymn #472 "O For a Closer Walk with God"

NT Scripture Luke 10:25-37

Hymn #601 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

Message: **"An Overseer (Elder) Must Be"**
1 Timothy 3:1-7

Reverse "Christ Be My Leader"

Benediction

This Evening: *"The Letter to Laodicea; Lukewarm"*
Revelation 3:14-22

Wednesday: *Maturity: Living Maturely*

Next Lord's Day: "Deacons Likewise"
1 Timothy 3:8-13

A note for parents of small children: Our church encourages its members and our visitors to include their children in our worship services. We understand that this practice will result in some distractions from time to time, and that forbearance and patience are required by all. Our foyer and all classrooms are equipped with speakers in order to serve as worship service behavior training areas or as cry rooms, as necessary. Please be mindful of others who may be being distracted from worship and avail yourselves of them.

Christ Be My Leader

By Timothy Dudley-Smith

1 Christ be my leader by night as by day;
safe through the darkness, for he is the way.
Gladly I follow, my future his care,
darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

2 Christ be my teacher in age as in youth,
drifting or doubting, for he is the truth.
Grant me to trust him; though shifting as sand,
doubt cannot daunt me; in Jesus I stand.

3 Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife;
death cannot hold me, for he is the life.
Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain
can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.
tune: "Be Thou My Vision"

A reminder:

Five words are used to refer to church leaders, each reflecting an aspect of their ministry: "elders" (Acts 20:17) are "overseers" ("bishops") (Acts 20:28) who "care for" or "shepherd" (verb) or "pastor" (noun) the church of God.

"I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow eldershepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you (1 Pet 5:1-2)