



Westside Baptist Church Bulletin

January 26, 2025
3rd Sunday
after Epiphany

Speaker: Pastor Patrick Kwok

During Worship

- ▶ Be still and prepare your heart for worship.
- ▶ Please close the main hall doors gently during worship services.
- ▶ Please take care of your personal belongings to avoid theft.

Offering

- ▶ Welcome to donate via E-transfer, email: westsidebaptistoffering@gmail.com
- ▶ To donate by cash or cheque, please use an offering envelope and put it into the offering bag during worship.
- ▶ When making a donation, please indicate your donation envelope number and your full legal name. The offering envelope number can be obtained from the church office.

Notes to CitRUs parents :

- ▶ The enrollment age for CitRUs Children's Ministry starts from age 3; one parent can accompany children under 3 to participate in worship in Room B.
- ▶ Classes are held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am at Room E & F.
- ▶ Please supervise your children after you have picked them up from the classroom.

Parking

- ▶ The upstairs parking lot (Parking Lot 1) is designated for new comers, people with reduced mobility, the elderly and families with young children.
- ▶ The indoor parking lot downstairs (Parking Lot 2) will be closed at 1:00 pm on Sundays. Afterwards, you will have to wait until 10:00 am on Tuesday morning to collect your vehicle.
- ▶ Additional parking spaces are available at 8508 Ash Street (Parking Lot 3) on Saturdays from 4:00 - 7:00pm and Sundays from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. [Maps](#) are available in the foyer.
- ▶ To be considerate of our neighbors, please do not park in the residential area.
- ▶ Please do not double park.
- ▶ When parking in the outdoor parking lot downstairs (Parking Lot 2), please be careful not to block the emergency exits and keep a distance of 3 feet from the building's exterior wall so that the emergency exit doors can be fully opened.
- ▶ Please park and lock your bike/e-bike outside. Do not park the bike inside the building.
- ▶ Congregants are required to register online annually to park at the church or 8508 Ash during worship services. Registration link: <https://forms.gle/TDSft5sAJgk5QMEN8>



Scripture Reading Plan

- ▶ This week's reading from Luke chapters 12 to 17 comprises numerous concise passages of teaching or parables. Some of these passages may be quite familiar to you, while others may be relatively new. For the familiar ones, take the time to notice any details you might have overlooked before. For the less familiar ones, pay attention to the aspects that pique your curiosity and surprise you. As you reflect on these passages, consider whether your observations align with your previous preconceived notions of Jesus. If not, which aspects of your imagination of Jesus require revision?
- ▶ Reading Plan for this week:
 - ▶ Jan 26 (Sunday) Luke 12:35-59
 - ▶ Jan 27 (Monday) Luke 13:1-30
 - ▶ Jan 28 (Tuesday) Luke 13:31-14:14
 - ▶ Jan 29 (Wednesday) Luke 14:15-35
 - ▶ Jan 30 (Thursday) Luke 15:1-32
 - ▶ Jan 31 (Friday) Luke 16:1-31
 - ▶ Feb 1 (Saturday) Luke 17:1-37
 - ▶ Feb 2 (Sunday) Luke 18:1-17

Co • Mission

9. Glory in Retreat

[Mark 1:35-39]

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. [Mark 1:35]

Sermon Outline

Introduction

Content

1. Jesus' Busy Ministry - A Sustainable Model of _____

2. Jesus' Response to the Needs of His Companions - Choosing Retreat to _____

My Reflection

▶ What did God tell me through the message today?

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3. The Breakthrough in Jesus' Ministry - _____
Through Retreat

Conclusion

My Prayer Response

- ▶ Write down your responsive prayer for God's word today.

My Action Response

- ▶ What changes will you make in response to God's word today?

Small Group Discussions

Testimony

1. Can you share how God has worked in your life in the past week?
2. Can you share a personal experience illustrating how God build a close relationship with you? How has this affected your faith?

Know

3. Review your sermon notes from this week. (If some group members have yet to hear the sermon, consider listening to the recording together and taking notes)
4. What new insights or concepts did you learn from this week's sermon that you hadn't known before?
5. In your own words, how would you explain Jesus' priorities in His ministry?
6. Why did Jesus choose to spread the Gospel to new regions instead of staying in Capernaum?

Feel

7. How do you feel when you see Jesus prioritizing God's mission above immediate needs?
8. Have you ever struggled between meeting the demands of a busy life and finding time for prayer or rest?
9. How can we better trust and submit to God when facing challenges in life?
10. When you reflect on the idea that God values faithfulness over success, what resonates with you?



Plan

11. What do you need to say "no" to in order to respond to God's greater calling for you?
12. What specific steps can you take to discern God's priorities for this season of your life?
13. How can you create space for retreat and prayer amidst a busy schedule?


Do

14. What can you start doing today to reflect your desire to draw closer to God?
15. In what areas can you make initial changes to establish a habit of retreat and prayer?
16. Invite one of your group members to hold you accountable and allow them to rebuke you if you fail to uphold your commitment.
17. Commit yourself to pursuing a life of the Jesus Way, entrusting yourself to God through prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to shape you to be more like Jesus.

Announcements

- ▶ Christian Education is at Room E between 10:45 - 11:45am. Topic: **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality** (8 lessons).
- ▶ The **Annual General Meeting** will be held via Zoom on January 26, 2025, at 3:00 PM.
 - ▶ Members are encouraged to attend. The annual report, AGM agenda and the Meeting Zoom link have been emailed to all members. If you did not receive them or would like a hard copy, please contact the church office.
 - ▶ Due to time constraints, members are advised to read the annual report, especially the Treasurer's report, before the meeting. The YouTube link to the Treasurer's report is included in the annual report.
- ▶ **2024 Tax Receipts** will be distributed via email in February 2025. Please update your personal information before January 31, 2025 if there is any change over the past year. <https://forms.gle/iYS78wonyHxD14bQA> 
- ▶ **WBC101** will be held in February. This course is designed for those who would like to join the church as members through baptism or transfer of membership during Easter this year. If you would like to become a member of Westside, please register at universe.com/westside. Registration deadline is January 31, 2025.
- ▶ We've made all the recordings of the Christian Education program "**Spirituality in Time**" publicly available so that more members of our congregation can grasp our annual theme. You can access through the QR code. 

Fellowship Life

- ▶ Westside 101 is a course designed for anyone who wishes to join us as a member through baptism or transfer of membership. It consists of approximately five 90-minute classes. Please register at universe.com/westside 
- ▶ Small groups are the heart of our fellowship life and an essential part of our holistic Christian living. We invite you to join our small groups if you are willing to commit. To register, please visit universe.com/westside 