



# Westside Baptist Church Bulletin

February 4, 2024

Speaker: Rev. Alan Yu

## During Worship

- Be still and prepare your heart for worship.
- Please take care of your personal belongings to avoid theft.

### Offering

- Welcome to donate via E-transfer, email: [westsidebaptistoffering@gmail.com](mailto: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 the donation envelope number and the 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 11:30 am at Room E & F.
- After class, please supervise the children who have been picked up from the classroom.

## Special Announcement

### Clarification about “Abstain Vote”

- We give thanks for the smooth process of the AGM last Sunday. We would like to clarify on a point of confusion about whether or not “abstain votes” should be counted.
- During the AGM, Pastor Alan ruled that abstain votes should not be counted and the 75% needed for the passing of a motion should be understood as 75% of only the “approve” and “oppose” votes combined. This is based on the Robert’s Rule of Order, which according to our bylaw 10.8, should be the authority for the conduct of all business meetings of the congregation.
- Bylaw 10.9.1 about the requirement for the calling of pastors actually specifically says 75% majority of those “present and voting” is required. According to Robert’s Rule of Order, those who “voted abstain” have in fact “not voted” by definition (the very thing that they have

“abstained” from is “voting”). So Pastor Alan’s ruling stands. However, this may not be the understanding of every member of the congregation. Pastor Alan apologized for the confusion caused.

- Either way, since Pastor Patrick has received 97 votes, he has passed the 75% threshold whether we count the total votes as 128 or less. This dispute will not change the result of the voting. Yet the pastoral team is concerned about the high number of oppose and abstain votes. If you would like to discuss your opinion on this motion, you are invited to talk to any pastor or deacon. You have our ears.
- Please continue to pray for the unity of our church. Thank you.

## Announcements

- There will be **baptism and transfer of membership** in March during Easter worship service. For those who would like to join Westside, please register at [universe.com/westside](http://universe.com/westside). We will offer **WBC101** as soon as we have enough people to form a class. We will schedule a time that is feasible for all who want to join.
- **Ash Wednesday Labyrinth Meditation Retreat** will be held on Wednesday, February 14th from 3:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Participants will need to reserve a time slot to attend. Seats are limited and will be available on a first-come-first-served basis. Please register at [universe.com/westside](http://universe.com/westside).
- **Youth Camp** will be held at the Trinity Western University from May 18th to 20th. The topic is “Reasons For God”. It is suitable for youth in Grade 6-12. Details will be announced later.
- **Vacation Bible School** will be held from July 2-6, suitable for children from kindergarten to Grade 5. Details will be announced later.
- Our **short-term mission** team will go to Mexico for a short-term mission trip from October 18th to November 1st. We are recruiting 5 to 6 members. Church members who are interested in participating, please contact Deacon Tommy Tung.

Kingdom Character

### 5. Humility

[ [Matthew 5:5](#) ]

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.  
[ Matthew 5:5 ]

#### Sermon Outline

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#### My Reflection

- What did God tell me through the message today?

## **My Reflection**

- What did God tell me through the message today?

3. Inherit

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?