



Westside Baptist Church Bulletin

June 15, 2025
1st Sunday after
Pentecost

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.
- ▶ 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

- ▶ In our reading plan, we see the revelation of God's saving work through Jesus not limited by geography, ethnicity, or religious background. From Stephen's martyrdom to Saul's conversion, and from Philip's outreach to Peter's vision, we see that God is actively breaking down barriers—between Jew and Gentile, insider and outsider. His Spirit moves beyond the temple and traditional structures, inviting all people to be part of His redemptive story.
- ▶ These chapters teach us that the gospel is not exclusive—it's expansive, inclusive, and driven by grace. God's mission is not just for a chosen few, but for the whole world.
- ▶ Reading Plan for this week:
 - ▶ June 15 (Sunday) Acts 7:1-29
 - ▶ June 16 (Monday) Acts 7:30-60
 - ▶ June 17 (Tuesday) Acts 8:1-25
 - ▶ June 18 (Wednesday) Acts 8:26-40
 - ▶ June 19 (Thursday) Acts 9:1-19
 - ▶ June 20 (Friday) Acts 9:20-43
 - ▶ June 21 (Saturday) Acts 10:1-23
 - ▶ June 22 (Sunday) Acts 10:24-48

Co · Mission

29. Becoming a Prophetic Community [Act 2:17-21]

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. [Acts 2:17]

Sermon Outline

Introduction

Content

1. The prophetic ministry of the Church is _____

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My Reflection

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3. The prophetic ministry of the Church is to _____

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

Trust

1. Please share a testimony of how the Holy Spirit has worked in your life this past week.
2. Share a personal experience: When you felt rejected or your gifts were overlooked, how did you experience God's approval and assurance?
3. Review the sermon notes you wrote this week. (If some group members haven't heard this week's sermon, consider listening to the recording together during the group and taking notes.)
4. What concepts or ideas from this week's sermon were new to you?
5. The passage says "all flesh" can receive the Holy Spirit. How does this challenge your understanding of who can serve God?
6. How should we understand the connection between the prophet Joel's vision of dreams, visions, and messages, and the Church's mission today?
7. When I think of brothers and sisters in the church who speak different languages or come from various cultural backgrounds, is my initial response one of resistance, indifference, or a desire to get to know them?
8. Have I ever felt embarrassed by my own culture, language, or accent, as mentioned in the sermon? How does God respond to these struggles through this Scripture?
9. When I see that God chooses "sons and daughters, old men, young men, male and female servants" to speak His message, do I also feel that I am chosen?
10. How can I be more intentional in discovering believers who are different from me, listening to their stories, and learning their culture?
11. Reflect on any biases I may hold toward certain cultures or groups—for example, do I think certain people are unfit/their voices are not important for the church or ministry?
12. How can I practice greater cultural inclusion in the groups I'm part of (such as fellowships, small groups, ministry teams)?
13. How can I take the initiative to build a relationship with a brother or sister from a different background, to learn about their faith journey and culture?
14. What specific changes can I make to respond to the message of the prophet Joel?
15. Invite one group member to hold you accountable—permit them to challenge you when you are not staying committed to your intentions.

Announcements

- ▶ **Monthly Bulletin** has been posted on the church website and bulletin board.
- ▶ **Registration for CitRUs and GZone for the 2025-2026 school year has begun!** There will be a significant reorganization in our children and youth ministry this September, affecting CitRUs, GZone and AWANA. If you have missed the information session for parents last week, you can review it using these links. Make sure you understand about the new programs before you register:
 - ▶ **Cantonese:** <https://youtu.be/mC2aDbgB5p4>
 - ▶ **English:** <https://youtu.be/B1FHOjSrElw>
 - ▶ **Registration for CitRUs:** <https://forms.gle/UYYWHEbsJq3NuB4eA>
 - ▶ **Registration for GZone:** <https://forms.gle/BXTBwubMWkbGR7tL8>
 - ▶ **Registration for AWANA@Home:** the deadline for registration is JUNE 23, 2025: <https://forms.gle/NhKwFsSRXFk4TrjH7>
- ▶ **Vacation Bible School** is now open for registration and is suitable for children going to be Grades 1 to 5 in September 2025. Spots are limited, and the fee is \$99 per child. The VBS will be held from August 18 to 22, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Registration link: tinyurl.com/WBC2025VBS The registration link will remain open until all spots are filled. 
- ▶ The church is joining Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM) to co-organize **Active In Mission**, supporting food aid programs in 14 countries, including Canada. This year's national fundraising goal is CAD \$100,000. Participation Timeline:
 - ▶ Phase 1 (May 31 – June 22): Set a personal activity goal and raise funds from friends and family. <https://tinyurl.com/mrtr9c7u> 
 - ▶ Phase 2 (July 5 – August 31): Invite more people to donate and support the cause.
 - ▶ Please complete your activities and submit photos, videos, or other proof of completion by September 30.
 - ▶ Tax receipts for donations will be issued by CBM (Canadian Baptist Ministries).