



Westside Baptist Church Bulletin

February 23, 2025
7th 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, we'll temporarily conclude our reading of Matthew and transition to Mark. We've decided to skip the last portions of Luke and Matthew for now because we'll be reading them during Lent.
- ▶ Mark is the first Gospel written. Many of the narratives in Mark are similar to those in Luke and Matthew because they used Mark's writing as a reference. However, Mark's writing is much faster-paced and more concise compared to them. As you read Mark this week, try to notice how Mark portrays Jesus differently from Luke and Matthew.
- ▶ Reading Plan for this week:
 - ▶ Feb 23 (Sunday) Mark 1:1-45
 - ▶ Feb 24 (Monday) Mark 2:1-28
 - ▶ Feb 25 (Tuesday) Mark 3:1-35
 - ▶ Feb 26 (Wednesday) Mark 4:1-41
 - ▶ Feb 27 (Thursday) Mark 5:1-43
 - ▶ Feb 28 (Friday) Mark 6:1-56
 - ▶ Mar 1 (Saturday) Mark 7:1-37
 - ▶ Mar 2 (Sunday) Mark 8:1-36

Co·Mission

13. Ministry of Prophecy

[Luke 13:31-35]

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing.”
[Luke 13:34]

Sermon Outline

Introduction

Content

1. When faced with rejection and threats,

Jesus _____

2. When confronting the hardness of people’s hearts,

Jesus’ _____

My Reflection

- ▶ What did God tell me through the message today?

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3. When people refused to repent and headed toward destruction, Jesus _____

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 of how you felt God's mercy and love when you went through disappointment and hurt?

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. Why did Jesus call Herod a "fox"? What is the significance of this description?
6. What does Jesus mean by "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord"? What symbolic meaning does this have for His mission?

Feel

7. When you face rejection or misunderstanding, are you still able to choose to give and love? Why is this sometimes difficult?
8. How can you be more determined in carrying out the mission God has given you?
9. When facing rejection and difficulties, what actions can you take to maintain trust in God?

Plan

10. How can you be more determined in carrying out the mission God has given you?
11. When facing rejection and difficulties, what actions can you take to maintain trust in God?
12. Are there any callings or challenges you are currently avoiding? How are you willing to surrender them to God?

Do

13. What can you start doing today to reflect your commitment to "persist in carrying out God's mission"?
14. In what areas can you begin to make changes to love those who have rejected you?
15. Invite one of your group members to hold you accountable and allow them to rebuke you if you fail to uphold your commitment.

Announcements

- ▶ Christian Education is at Room E between 10:45 - 11:45am. Topic: Emotionally Healthy Spirituality.
- ▶ If your total donations made in 2024 is CAD\$20 or above, you should have received a donation tax receipt via email. Please check your junk or spam mail folder or contact the church office immediately if you have not received it.
- ▶ GZone will be selling **grilled cheese sandwiches and matcha lattes** today in between EM service and CM service. Please use cash to support them, and 100% of the proceeds will go towards funding the youth attending youth camp in May.
- ▶ The church will be hosting the following events on **Ash Wednesday, March 5:**
 - ▶ **Labyrinth Meditation Retreat:** Theme: "To Encounter God in Worry and Stress." Participants can book a one-hour time slot between 12:00 PM and 5:30 PM (last entry at 4:30 PM). Introductory materials, guided reflections, and meditation resources will be provided. Advance registration is required at universe.com/westside.
 - ▶ **Praise and Worship Night:** Themed "Down," this service will take place at 7:30 PM. No registration is required.
 - ▶ All are welcome to join!
- ▶ The church is organizing a **Youth Camp** from May 16–19, 2025 at Trinity Western University. The camp is for students in XP3, Gzone, and Adiel. Details and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/2s3dw468>
- ▶ The church will be organizing a short-term mission trip to Bolivia in August. Those interested in participating, please contact Pastor Patrick or Tommy Tung.



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

