



Westside Baptist Church Bulletin

December 1, 2024
1st Sunday of
Advent

Speaker: Rev. Alan Yu

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 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 9:00 am at Room E & F.
- ▶ After class, please supervise the children who have been picked 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. If you exceed the time limit, 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 your 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.
- ▶ Starting from January 2025, parking at the church or 8508 Ash during worship services congregants are required to register online annually. Registration link: <https://forms.gle/TDSft5sAJgk5QMeN8>



Scripture Reading Plan

- ▶ This Advent season we will be reading Revelation together to learn about waiting and hope. Some Christians feel intimidated by Revelation because it is difficult to understand. While Revelation is indeed a book difficult to understand, we do not need to avoid it. When reading Revelation, try not to focus on understanding every single word or symbol. Instead, simply read it and feel the tension in the text. Our sermons during Advent will also help you engage with the book. Give it a try!
- ▶ Reading Plan for this week:
 - ▶ Dec 1 (Sunday) Revelation 1:1-20
 - ▶ Dec 2 (Monday) Revelation 2:1-17
 - ▶ Dec 3 (Tuesday) Revelation 2:18-29
 - ▶ Dec 4 (Wednesday) Revelation 3:1-13
 - ▶ Dec 5 (Thursday) Revelation 3:14-22
 - ▶ Dec 6 (Friday) Revelation 4:1-11
 - ▶ Dec 7 (Saturday) Revelation 5:1-14
 - ▶ Dec 8 (Sunday) Revelation 6:1-17

Co·Mission

1. The Glorious King

[Revelation 1:9-19]

Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.
[Revelation 1:17b-18]

Sermon Outline

Introduction

▶ Annual theme

▶ Advent

▶ Revelation

Content

1. We are companions in the kingdom

My Reflection

▶ What did God tell me through the message today?

2. We are companions in the suffering

3. We are companions in patient endurance

Conclusion

My Reflection

▶ What did God tell me through the message today?

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. Please share about your scripture reading this week? What do you find rewarding? What do you find frustrating?

Know

2. Please review your sermon notes for this week. What did you learn that you did not know previously?
3. Read together again Revelation 1:9-19. What impression does this passage give you? What is the most intriguing saying in this passage to you? Why?
4. How does John describe Jesus in Revelation 1:13-16, and what do these symbols teach us about who Jesus is?
5. How does Revelation reveal the “real reality” beyond what we can see with our eyes?
6. How does the description of Jesus as both a victorious King and a slain Lamb shape your understanding of His mission?
7. How do we balance the tension between suffering and hope as we wait for Christ’s second coming?
8. How does seeing Jesus as a king who suffers challenge worldly notions of power and leadership?

Feel

9. What does it mean for you personally that Jesus is “with us” even when we face darkness?
10. Have you ever experienced hope in the midst of chaos? How did that hope sustain you?
11. Why is it important to recognize that Jesus’ death on the cross was not a defeat but a victory? How does knowing that Jesus has already won the ultimate victory affect the way you view your daily struggles?
12. What are the biggest temptations you face in the midst of suffering, and how can you overcome them?

Plan

13. What are the hindrances (including internal and external) for you to remain faithful to Jesus in the midst of suffering? What are the effective ways to remove these hindrances? Please ask your group members for advice.


Do

14. Resolve to remain faithful to Jesus in the midst of suffering. Share how practically you’ll do this with your group members.
15. Invite a group member to be your accountability partner, and give him/her permission to rebuke you when you have not followed through on your resolution.
16. Commit to God in prayer your resolution to remain faithful to Jesus in the midst of suffering. Ask the Holy Spirit to mould you more into the likeness of Jesus.

Announcements

- ▶ The church planned to have the following outreach events during the Christmas season :
 - ▶ A **Clothing Drive** will be held in December as a Christmas donation to Covenant House to support youth in need. Congregants can place donated clothing in Room G downstairs after worship services on December 14, 15, 21, 22 and 24.
 - ▶ **Christmas Carolling** – December 22 between 2– 3pm at Marine Gateway. The church is recruiting singers. Practice Date: Sunday, December 15, Time: 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Please register at universe.com/carolling Registration Deadline: Dec 1
 - ▶ **Candlelight service** on December 24. The church is recruiting children choir members and adult choir members. Please register at universe.com/choir Registration Deadline: Dec 1
 - ▶ **Marpole Cares Christmas Hamper packing** – Volunteers are needed to help prepare the gift baskets. Date: December 13, Time: 11:00am - 2:00pm. Please register at universe.com/hamper Registration Deadline: Dec 1
 - ▶ **Hopeful gifts for Change** – the church encourage congregants to support this program organized by CBM. Donation can be made directly through the CBM website. 
 - ▶ **Salvation Army’s annual Christmas Toy Shop!** This program aims to ensure that children from low-income families receive gifts during Christmas. We need volunteers to help set up and operate the toy shop each Tuesday morning from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, located at 3213 Fraser St. Please contact Pastor Patrick for more details.

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 