

# Westside Baptist Church Bulletin

# March 1, 2025 8th Sunday after Epiphany

Speaker: Pastor 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 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.

   <u>Maps</u> 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/



# **Scripture Reading Plan**

- ► This Wednesday marks the start of Lent. We'll resume reading the Gospel of Mark, focusing on Jesus' final week on Earth. We'll also include Matthew and Luke's accounts.
- ► Lent is a time for introspection, allowing us to consider Jesus' suffering and his selfless sacrifice. As we immerse ourselves in the passion accounts within the Gospels during Lent, let us pay close attention to the emotions expressed by Jesus in these narratives. By doing so, we can cultivate empathy and compassion for Jesus.
- Reading Plan for this week:

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- ▶ Mar 2 (Sunday) Mark 8:1-36
- ► Mar 3 (Monday) Mark 9:1-50
- ► Mar 4 (Tuesday) Mark 10:1-52
- Mar 5 (Wednesday) Mark 11:1-33
- Mar 6 (Thursday) Matthew 21:1-22
- ▶ Mar 7 (Friday) Luke 19:28-47
- ► Mar 8 (Saturday) Luke 20:1-18
- Mar 9 (Sunday) Luke 20:19-40

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# 14. Ministry of Reconciliation

[ Luke 19:1-10 ]

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."
[Luke 19:10]

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Introduction

# **My Reflection**

► What did God tell me through the message today?

#### Content

1. Who: Who is Zacchaeus?

2. How: How did reconciliation happen?

3. What: What is reconciliation ministry?	My Reflection  ➤ What did God tell me through the message today?
Conclusion	
My Prayer Response  ► Write down your responsive prayer for God's word today.  ► What changes will you may sponse 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 frustration?

#### Know

- 2. Please review your sermon notes for this week. What did you learn that you did not know previously?
- 3. Read together again Luke 19:1-10. What impression does this passage give you? What is the most intriguing saying in this passage to you? Why?
- 4. Why did Zacchaeus climb a sycamore tree to see Jesus instead of using his authority to push through the crowd?
- 5. What is the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation? How are they related?
- 6. How does reconciliation relate to the broader vision of the Kingdom of Heaven?

#### Feel

- 7. Have you ever had difficulty reconciling with someone who hurt you? What made it difficult?
- 8. How do you feel about the idea that true reconciliation requires justice and effort from both sides?
- 9. When you think about people you struggle to love, how do Jesus' actions toward Zacchaeus challenge your perspective?
- 10. What fears or anxieties do you have about engaging in reconciliation with others?
- 11. Have you ever experienced being reconciled with someone after a conflict? What emotions did you feel during and after?
- 12. What practical steps can you take to seek reconciliation in a broken relationship in your life? What would a ministry of reconciliation look like in your life?

#### Plan

13. What are the hindrances (including internal and external) for you to pursue reconciliation? What are the effective ways to remove these hindrances? Please ask your group members for advice.

#### Do

- 14. Resolve to pursue reconciliation. 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. 16. Commit to pursue reconciliation. Ask the Holy Spirit to mould you more into the likeness of Jesus.

#### **Announcements**

- ► Christian Education is at Room E between 10:45 11:45am. Topic: Emotionally Healthy Spirituality.
- ► 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 and 5:30 PM (last entry at 4:30). Introductory materials, 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.
- 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
- Adiel Fellowship will sell tiramisu online from March 1 to April 13 to fund their youth camp fee. Orders will be distributed on March 8th, 9th (limited supply), and April 19th, 20th. All proceeds, after material costs, will go towards funding youth camp in May. More details are available in the ordering form: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/y7vu8cu2">https://tinyurl.com/y7vu8cu2</a>
- ➤ 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.
- Daylight saving time will begin at 2am on March
   Please remember to advance your clock for an hour before you go to bed on March 8 (Saturday).

# **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



