



Westside Baptist Church Bulletin

January 5, 2025
2nd Sunday of
Christmas

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

- ▶ January 6 marks the day of Epiphany, ushering in a new season on the Christian Calendar. The word “Epiphany” means “appearance” or “manifestation.” During this season, we focus on reflecting on the ministry of Jesus, starting with His baptism.
- ▶ From now until the beginning of Lent, we will journey through the narratives of Jesus in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, covering the period from His baptism to just before His final entrance into Jerusalem. As you read these Gospel stories, pay close attention to how the glory of God is revealed in the life of Jesus. Let these accounts deepen your understanding and appreciation of His mission and ministry.
- ▶ Reading Plan for this week:
 - ▶ Jan 5 (Sunday) Luke 2:41-52
 - ▶ Jan 6 (Monday) Luke 3:1-22
 - ▶ Jan 7 (Tuesday) Luke 3:23-38
 - ▶ Jan 8 (Wednesday) Luke 4:1-30
 - ▶ Jan 9 (Thursday) Luke 4:31-44
 - ▶ Jan 10 (Friday) Luke 5:1-26
 - ▶ Jan 11 (Saturday) Luke 5:27-6:11
 - ▶ Jan 12 (Sunday) Luke 6:12-49

Co · Mission

6. A Turbulent and Violent World

[Matthew 2:13-18]

“A voice is heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more.”
[Matthew 2:18]

Sermon Outline

Introduction

Content

1. God writes off _____
but sees _____

2. God sees _____
but sees _____

My Reflection

▶ What did God tell me through the message today?

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3. From being written off to being esteemed: _____

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 illustrating how God gave you the faith to participate in His plan of salvation? How has this affected your faith?

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. In your own words, how would you explain prophecies?
6. Why did God prevent Herod from killing Jesus but still allow him to slaughter the innocent in fulfilling the prophecies?

Feel

7. Have you ever experienced God's protection and blessing as a result of obeying His guidance? Could you share a related story?
8. What insights do you gain for your faith from Joseph's journey of obedience to God?
9. When facing life's challenges, how can we better trust and obey God?
10. How can we self-reflect and respond appropriately when confronted with criticism or being "written off" by others?

Plan

11. How can you have faith to obey God?
12. In your everyday life, what steps can you take to participate in God's plan of salvation?
13. When listening to God's word and reading Scripture, how do you apply your faith in God's teaching?

Do

14. What can you start doing today to reflect your obedience to God?
15. In which areas can you first make changes to respond to criticism or being "written off"?
16. Invite one of your group members to hold you accountable and allow them to rebuke you if you fail to uphold your commitment.
17. Commit yourself to pursuing a life of the Jesus Way, entrusting yourself to God through prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to shape you to be more like Jesus.

Announcements

- ▶ A new Christian Education will begin on January 12 at Room E between 10:45 - 11:45am. Topic: **Emotionally Healthy Spirituality** (8 lessons). Please register on universe.com/westside.
- ▶ **Monthly bulletin** consists of summary of deacon board meeting and financial report has been posted on the church website and bulletin board.
- ▶ The **Annual General Meeting** will be held on January 26, 2025 at 3:00pm via Zoom. Details of the meeting and voting procedures will be announced. Members, please reserve time to attend.
- ▶ **2024 Tax Receipts** will be distributed via email in February 2025. Please update your personal information before January 31, 2025 if there is any change over the past year. <https://forms.gle/iYS78wonyHxD14bQA>
- ▶ **WBC101** will be held in February. This course is designed for those who would like to join the church as members through baptism or transfer of membership during Easter this year. If you would like to become a member of Westside, please register at universe.com/westside.



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

