

# Westside Baptist Church **Bulletin**

## January 19, 2025 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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 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: <a href="https://forms.gle/">https://forms.gle/</a>



## **Scripture Reading Plan**

- This week, we'll delve deeper into the narratives about Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. As you read, pay attention to these questions: How did Jesus surprise you in these stories? How does Jesus differ from the Jesus you usually perceive him to be? What unsettles you about Jesus' words or actions? What brings you comfort or hope? Our comprehensive reading of the Gospel accounts presents a fantastic chance for us to renew our imagination of Jesus.
- Reading Plan for this week:

TDSft5sAJgk5QMeN8

- ▶ Jan 19 (Sunday) Luke 9:18-45
- ▶ Jan 20 (Monday) Luke 9:46-62
- ▶ Jan 21 (Tuesday) Luke 10:1-20
- ▶ Jan 22 (Wednesday) Luke 10:21-42
- ▶ Jan 23 (Thursday) Luke 11:1-23
- ▶ Jan 24 (Friday) Luke 11:24-54
- ▶ Jan 25 (Saturday) Luke 12:1-34
- ▶ Jan 26 (Sunday) Luke 12:35-59

Co · Mission

The Second Temptation

Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is

8. Manifestation of Victory [Matthew 4:1-11]	written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" [ Matthew 4:10 ]	
Sermon Outline Introduction	<ul><li>My Reflection</li><li>▶ What did God tell me through the message today?</li></ul>	
Content		
1. The First Temptation		

3. The Third Temptation  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.	<ul><li>My Action Response</li><li>▶ What changes will you make in response to God's word today?</li></ul>

## **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 Matthew 4:1-11. What impression does this passage give you? What is the most intriguing saying in this passage to you? Why?
- 4. Why do you think Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted after His baptism?
- 5. How do Jesus' responses to Satan's temptations reflect His understanding of Scripture and His mission?
- 6. How does the account of Jesus' temptations connect to the story of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3?

#### Feel

- 7. Have you ever experienced a time when you felt "tested" like Jesus in the wilderness? How did you respond?
- 8. In what ways do you feel the lie that "comfort and ease are the ultimate goals" affecting your life?
- 9. How do you feel when you realize that God's love for you doesn't need to be earned or proven?
- 10. What personal temptations do you find hardest to resist, and how does this passage inspire you to face them?
- 11. How do you emotionally process the idea that the "good life" involves sacrifice and perseverance rather than immediate gratification?
- 12. What practices can help you combat the lies of Satan and focus on the truths of Scripture?

#### Plan

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

#### Do

- 14. Resolve to recognize and reject lies. 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 recognize and reject lies. 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** (8 lessons).
- ► The **Annual General Meeting** will be held via Zoom on January 26, 2025, at 3:00 PM.
  - ▶ Members are encouraged to attend. The annual report and AGM agenda have been emailed to all members. If you did not receive them or would like a hard copy, please contact the church office.
  - ▶ Due to time constraints, members are advised to read the annual report, especially the Treasurer's report, before the meeting. The YouTube link to the Treasurer's report is included in the annual report.
- ▶ 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. <a href="https://forms.gle/iYS78wonyHxD14bQA">https://forms.gle/iYS78wonyHxD14bQA</a>



- ▶ 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.
- We've made all the recordings of the Christian Education program "Spirituality in Time" publicly available so that more members of our congregation can grasp our annual theme. You can access through the QR code.



## **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

