



Westside Baptist Church Bulletin

January 12, 2025
1st 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: <https://forms.gle/TDSft5sAJgk5QMeN8>



Scripture Reading Plan

- ▶ During Epiphany, we will be preaching about Jesus' ministry from Matthew, Mark and Luke. However, in the Scripture reading plan, we will first read from Luke, then Matthew, and finally Mark. It may seem unsynchronized, but we are in fact still focusing on the same period in Jesus' life in both our preaching and reading.
- ▶ This week we are reading from Luke 6 to 9, which consists of many short narratives about Jesus' ministry. How would you describe the Jesus portrayed in these narratives that is consistent throughout?
- ▶ Reading Plan for this week:
 - ▶ Jan 12 (Sunday) Luke 6:12-49
 - ▶ Jan 13 (Monday) Luke 7:1-17
 - ▶ Jan 14 (Tuesday) Luke 7:18-35
 - ▶ Jan 15 (Wednesday) Luke 7:36-8:3
 - ▶ Jan 16 (Thursday) Luke 8:4-21
 - ▶ Jan 17 (Friday) Luke 8:22-56
 - ▶ Jan 18 (Saturday) Luke 9:1-17
 - ▶ Jan 19 (Sunday) Luke 9:18-45

Co•Mission

7. Manifestation of Glory

[Matthew 3:13-17]

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. [Matthew 3:16]

Sermon Outline

Introduction

Content

1. John the Baptist

2. Fulfill All Righteousness

3. Water

a. The baptismal water is _____

My Reflection

► What did God tell me through the message today?

b. The baptismal water is _____

c. The baptismal water is _____

4. The Voice from Heaven

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 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 3:1-17. What impression does this passage give you? What is the most intriguing saying in this passage to you? Why?
4. What does the term “Epiphany” mean in the Christian calendar, and why is it significant in the life of the church?
5. Why is Jesus’ baptism considered a manifestation of God’s glory?
6. How does Jesus’ baptism act as a “prophetic action” and a preview of His ministry?
7. What connections can be drawn between Jesus’ baptism and the Christian call to mission?

Feel

8. What emotions arise when you think of Jesus identifying with humanity through His baptism?
9. Have you ever experienced God’s love, affirmation, or empowerment in your own life? What was that like?
10. How does the idea of living out your baptismal life challenge or inspire you emotionally?
11. How do you feel about the idea of mission being an act of love rather than duty?
12. What fears or hesitations do you have about engaging in the mission Jesus calls us to?



Plan

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


Do

14. Resolve to live the baptismal life. 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 live the baptismal life. Ask the Holy Spirit to mould you more into the likeness of Jesus.

Announcements

- ▶ A new Christian Education will begin today 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 via Zoom on January 26, 2025, at 3:00 PM. Members are kindly requested to reserve time to attend. The annual report and AGM agenda will be sent to all members by email on January 12. Members who have not received them by then or wish to request a hard copy can contact the church office. The AGM agenda and the instructions to attend the meeting have been posted on the bulletin board as well.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ 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 