



WELCOMES YOU!

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AVCRC exists to reach people, bringing them to a loving relationship with Jesus and membership in the Christian Community; helping them to grow in their faith, guiding them to serve in their gifted ministry, and honouring God with their lives.

Sunday, November 18, 2018

Welcome to this time of worship! Today we will celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Next Sunday morning, the 2019 budget will be presented. Budgets obviously involve numbers, but even more, budgets are statements of faith that God will provide. They are commitments to doing what we believe God is calling us to do. Through the morning worship, we will work not just through the numbers in the budget, but through our commitments to serving God in 2019. Following the worship service, a brief meeting will be held; the chair of council will ask for a motion to accept the budget, ask for discussion and ask for a vote.

Opening Prayer and Greeting

Songs: "Cornerstone"
"Refiner's Fire"
"Lord Reign in Me"

The Lord's Supper

Songs: "Jesus Paid it All"
"The Wonderful Cross"
Song of Thanksgiving: "Once Again"

Morning Prayer

Offering: Chaplaincy/Care
Song: "The Lion and the Lamb"

Scripture: **Hebrews 10: 11-25** (pg. 1167-68)

Message: "Sacrifice, Eric Clapton and a Completed Task"
Song: "It Is Well With My Soul"

Blessing

Song: "Hope of the Nations"

Please Keep These Matters in your Prayers:

-Pray for first responders and emergency room workers who spend much more time than the rest of us at life's raw edges. Pray that God will bless them with skill and clear heads as they work, and for peace when the work is done.

- Give thanks that Jake V has completed the radiation treatment. We pray for others who battle illness, whether it be physical or emotional.

- Since Asia Bibi, a Catholic woman in Pakistan, was acquitted on charges of blasphemy — for which she had been living on death row for eight years — by Pakistan's Supreme Court, Christians in Pakistan have been living under threat of violence. Her release has sparked rage against Christians, who are an extreme minority in Pakistan. We join our brothers and sisters in prayer for healing from the scars of this climate of fear, for protection from threats of harm, and for pastors and church leaders who are tasked with leading a persecuted church community.

New phone numbers:

~ **Jessica and Curtis**

(the old home phone number is no longer active)

New address:

~ **John T** has moved to Rainbow Gardens. He has the same phone number. Pray for John in this time of transition.

Weekly calendar: (Check the website for updates)

Monday: 7:00 pm ~ Spiritual Workout – “Outward Disciplines”

Wednesday: 10:00 am ~ Coffee Break (ladies) Bible study
6:45 - 8:00pm ~ Youth Bible study (Forgiveness)



Advent in Narnia!

Advent: *The four Sundays before Christmas are a time of waiting for the arrival of Jesus; advent means 'coming.'* *The children's stories, The Chronicles of Narnia,*

provide a helpful guide into the story of Jesus.



On Saturday, December 1st at 6:30 pm all are invited - along with We ♥PA friends to watch the movie, "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe."



News from the Youth Group

- *Starting in December, city wide youth events will happen on the second Friday of each month. Pray that friendships can grow, that many youth not currently connected to a church or to Jesus will attend. Pray that the love of Jesus will radiate through each event.*

- *Our own youth group is making plans to attend *Historymaker* again next May. We are also considering a bigger project: signing up for a *SERVE* week in July in Alberta or BC. Pray for wisdom and that we decide what is best.*

- *Our Wednesday Bible studies have included talks about decision making, forgiveness and stewardship of money. We're learning that God's will for us in all things is good.*

Seafarer volunteers would like to extend a very 'warm' thank you to all of you who have been faithful knitters of toques and mitts for Seafarers who visit our port.

These gifts mean a lot to them as they are forgotten or scorned in many ports around the world. We ask that you try to remember them in your daily prayers; for their safety on the seas and for their loved ones back in their home countries. They just ask that they be treated as we would hope to be treated in the same situation.



Special thanks to Mitzi and her band of intrepid knitters; well done folks!

Advent Request: We can't tell you now because that would ruin the surprise, but the worship committee could use *one or two artificial Christmas trees* for the month of December and a *bread maker on December 9*. If you can help, please talk to Joan, Pat, Ruth, Bev or Elaine. **Thanks!**

Advance Notice: ~ Saturday, December 8: *Christmas Dinner!*



Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 23, 10:30 am: Regular Sunday Worship

Monday, December 24, 6:30 pm: Candlelight, Christmas Eve Worship

No worship service on Christmas Day

Sunday, December 30: Regular Sunday Worship



**Timbre! Choir – Hearth & Fire Christmas Concert
ADSS Theatre on Sunday, December 9th at 2:30 pm**

See Pat V for information and advance tickets



To the congregation of Alberni Valley CRC, Port Alberni: World Renew would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to your church for your gifts of \$1,579.75 received during this summer. Through your support of Free A Family and Refugee Resettlement, World Renew is able to serve communities by walking with them in their times of experiencing disaster, injustice and poverty - helping to create stories of hope from stories of hardship. May you continue to be a conduit of God's grace to a world in need - Living Justice, Loving Mercy and Serving Christ.

Please continue to journey with us and our Christian partners around the world in prayer as well. The most recent edition of "Praying around the Globe" can be found at www.worldrenew.net/pray



Do you have Children?

Our Children’s Ministry is in the building across the parking lot. Pastor Curtis will let you know during the service when the children can leave.

Additionally, we also have a Nursery there for the little ones. Feel free to drop your babies and toddlers off before the service starts.

All our volunteers are genuinely caring; have passed RCMP background checks; and, are well known by our leadership.



Is it your first time here?

If you want, stick around for Coffee following the service! We would love to get to know you.

Follow the stairway downstairs at the back of the Foyer, and you will find bathrooms and Children’s Ministry space. This is also where the coffee will be!

Feel free to fill out an info card found in the Auditorium seating, and drop it in the offering collection bag. This is so that we can stay in touch, and help you become part of our community!

<u>OFFERING SCHEDULE</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>HELPERS</u>
November 18 – Chaplaincy/Care	Pete	Bert & Pat
November 25 – Day of Prayer	Erin	Renger & Margrit
December 2 – Bread of Life	John	Kim & Lois
December 9 – Young Life	Patty	Eliza & Elaine
December 16 – Umrans	Pete	Rinnie & Roy
December 23 – Guatemala	Erin	Art & Alsie
December 30 – Budget	John	Bert & Pat

	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
November 18	Bev & Brian	Jill, Erin, Curtis
November 25	Bev & Brian	Yvonne, Anita, Sarah
December 2	Alice & Theo	Pat, Pam, Curtis
December 9	Alice & Theo	Aliza, Kim, Megan
December 16	Alice & Jane	Carol, Erin, Levi
December 23	Alice & Jane	Helle, Roy, Ezra
December 30	Bert & Pat	Yvonne, Alsie, Sarah

<u>COFFEE MAKERS</u>		<u>LIBRARIAN</u>	<u>SECURITY</u>
November 18	John & Margrit		Al
November 25	Bob & Joan W	Bev	Al
December 2	John & Erin K	Joan	
December 9	Roy & Joanne	Anita	John
December 16	Johan & Anne Marie	Alice	John
December 23	Harry & Marjie	Margrit	John
December 30	Jake & Mitzie	Bev	John
		Joan	John

Sermon Notes:

Here is a sermon structure that I'm using this morning - and have used on several other Sundays

The problem then, *that is, the problem that the Bible addresses among the first readers*

- for centuries, religion included sacrifice; to say that the sacrifices were completed by Jesus was hard to grasp

The problem now *that is, the problem as it appears among us today*

- we are an independent bunch; we tend to distrust and not want help from others
- we're big Stan Lee fans

The solution then:

- the book of **Hebrews** explains once more about how Jesus' completed the work of sacrifice and has change everything
- Eric Clapton, grumpy dinners, boomerang children and carrying.

The solution now:

- knowing that Jesus has done all the necessary work, we can draw near to God without fear and with eagerness
- we are set free to both rest with God and work with God

Pastor Curtis