



## 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, December 2, 2018**

**Welcome!** Today is the first Sunday of Advent, a season of waiting and preparation for the arrival of the Savior. We're spending time in Narnia as Christmas approaches. Narnia is a fictional land created in the imagination of CS Lewis who wanted to write a children's story that might help us understand some of the mystery and wonder of the story of God and his people. By considering how things could be in Narnia, we might better grasp how things are with God.

*In preparation for next Sunday, please take some time to read **Isaiah 55 and John 6, especially verses 32–35.***

### **Prayer**

#### **Passing of the Peace**

**Songs:** "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"  
"Jesus, Name Above All Names"  
"What a Beautiful Name"

**Lighting of Advent Candle: Hope** (Song: "He Came Down")

### **Morning Prayer**

**Offering:** (Bread of Life)  
**Song:** "O Come All Ye Faithful"

**Scripture: John 10:1-10** (pg. 1040)

**Message:** "Wardrobe"

**Song:** "I have a Hope"

### **Blessing**

**Song:** "Joy to World"

## **Please Keep These Matters in your Prayers:**

- Pray for the T family; Wilf's father passed away on Tuesday evening.
- Continue to pray for Henk R and the family.
- Our commitment to the CRC denomination includes a pledge to give through ministry shares and pray for the CRC's seminary in Grand Rapids, MI. About 38 percent of our degree-seeking students come from 30 countries outside of North America. Nearly a quarter of our students are women. It is a blessing to hear diverse stories of the church as we learn together. Give thanks and pray for the beautiful diversity of our seminary community.
- On December 6, 1989, 14 women were shot and killed at Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal. Since then, December 6 is a day of remembering all women who are victims of violence. We remember and pray and work for a better world.

## **Weekly calendar: ( Check the website for updates )**

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

**Friday:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm ~ Youth Games Night  
(In the Youth Room)

## **The CRC Annual Potluck Christmas Dinner is *NEXT Saturday, December 8th @ 6 pm.***

***All ages are welcome to attend.*** If you have not heard from our phoning committee (Patty T & Anita B) please contact Lois L @ 250-723-5143 or Marjie A @ 250-724-3636 and let us know if you are coming.

Please check with the Planning Committee if you are also able to help during the evening.

***We hope you can come and enjoy a yummy meal and good fun!***





## **Timbre! Choir – Hearth & Fire Christmas Concert**

**ADSS Theatre next Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm**

*See Pat V for information and advance tickets*

### **Advent Devotional - Holy Impatience**

***Holy Impatience*** is an email devotional series put together by World Renew and the CRC Office of Social Justice that features reflections from CRC ministries around the world during Advent 2018. This Advent season we will explore doing justice in a world that belongs to God, a world where so many people are marginalized and oppressed, with a holy impatience, both celebrating glimpses of the kingdom and eagerly yearning for what is to come. Each devotion will be delivered to your email inbox every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, starting December 3, 2018 through Christmas Day. **Go to [crcna.org/advent](http://crcna.org/advent) to sign up today!**



### **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

**Our Sunday Bulletin is now posted on the CRC website!**

You can access it as soon as Samantha has uploaded it, and always remain informed!



## Dear Congregation:



*I want to thank you for your generous gift!*

*Mission-minded people like you are a vital part of God's mission to reach communities across the globe. The missionaries you send, the new churches you support, and the leaders you equip all have something in common: they depend on generous gifts from you. Your support for **Resonate** makes it possible to spread God's light in North America and throughout the world.*

*You are helping the global church grow! You are equipping people around the globe with the tools they need to go forward and tackle new opportunities for ministry. That's the impact your gift to Resonate has.*

*Thank you for partnering with Resonate in the gospel. Your gift has an eternal impact. You are joining in God's mission to proclaim the gospel—and Resonate ministry leaders see people accept Jesus as Lord and Savior every day! Thank you for joining us in living out the gospel.*

*In Christ,  
Zachary King ( Director )*

### **Details of your gifts for October 2018**

**10/15/2018** 802322 Resonate: Umran, Naji \$777.00

**10/15/2018** 806231 Resonate: Guatemala Centro Alcance Project  
\$1,000.00

**10/15/2018** 806231 Resonate: Guatemala Centro Alcance Project  
\$821.00



### **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>
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
January 6 – Budget	Patty	Renger & Margrit
January 13 – Free-a-Family	Pete	Kim & Lois
January 20 – Budget	Erin	Aliza & Elaine
January 27 – Benevolent Fund	John	Rinnie & Roy

	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>
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
January 6	Bert & Pat	Eileen, Pat, Curtis
January 13	Bev & Brian	Jill, Jessica, Megan
January 20	Bev & Brian	Pam, Helle, Levi
January 27	Alice & Theo	Carol, Yvonne, Sarah

	<u>COFFEE MAKERS</u>	<u>LIBRARIAN</u>	<u>SECURITY</u>
December 2	John & Erin K	Anita	John
December 9	Roy & Joanne	Alice	John
December 16	Johan & Anne Marie	Margrit	John
December 23	Harry & Marjie	Bev	John
December 30	Jake & Mitzie	Joan	John
January 6	Colin & Aliza	Anita	Yvonne
January 13	Izak & Ezit	Alice	Yvonne
January 20	Pete & Anita	Margrit	Yvonne
January 27	Willem & Helle	Bev	Yvonne

## Spilled Ink

Here are ten questions to initiate conversations about faith; pick and choose or use these questions to prompt questions of your own. Know that such conversations do not have to be intimidating or invasive. Each comes straight from the CRC's **Faith Formation Ministries website**, check it out for many rich resources: [www.crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://www.crcna.org/FaithFormation).

1. How has your walk with God changed in the past few years? What occasioned these changes?
2. In what situations or places do you most feel alive as a child of God?
3. Who in your life (past or present) has given you a taste of God's love?
4. Can you recall a worship service that particularly blessed you? Why did it have such an impact?
5. What relationships and activities help you know that you belong to Jesus and your church community?
6. What experience in the past year has been challenging to your faith?
7. How have you experienced hope in the midst of challenges?
8. How has your church helped you discover your strengths and gifts? How have you employed these strengths and gifts?
9. What longings do you have for yourself, your family, your community or your church?
10. How can I pray for you?

**Pastor Curtis**