



**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.**

## **WELCOMES YOU!**

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# Sunday, December 23, 2018

**Welcome** to the fourth Sunday of Advent. Narnia continues to be our door into the Christmas story and today we consider Gifts. In Narnia and in our world, gifts "are tools not toys."

We welcome the jazz trio 'Mouse Rat' who will play instrumental variations on a few Christmas carols.

## **Order of Worship**

Prayer and Greeting

songs: "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

"Spirit of the Living God"

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Candle lighting: Joy!

Song: "He Came Down"

Morning Prayer

Offering (for Center De Alcance in Guatemala City)

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:7-13

Message: Gifts

Blessing

Song: "Glory to God"

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

- Pray that the good news of Immanuel - God with us - will ring out from churches around the world. Pray that you will have the opportunity to invite friends to the Christmas Eve worship service.
- Sharron's badly injured shoulder is healing; pray that she and her family will see God at work in her life in a trying time.
- Pray that Christmas may be a joyful time for all. Give thanks for what we have and enjoy the day! Remember that for some, grief might be a little more poignant. In some households; if alcohol flows freely enough, there can be an increased risk of domestic violence.

**Thank you!** Jessica and I thank you for your kindness and support - and some generous gifts - that come our way through the year. Thank you for the cards that come our way in this season. This church continues to be a fine place to work and right alongside that, you are; for us, a wonderful church family.



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

Monday December 24 @ 6:30pm: **Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship Service**  
Enjoy this week with family and friends! Regular scheduled church events will resume in the New Year.

This is a change in our usual Christmas schedule. Given both the load on volunteers and availability of volunteers, we decided that one extra service in the season is all we can manage. We chose Christmas Eve for the candlelight service, rather than the Sunday evening before Christmas in hopes that this night will be the best time to welcome visitors. We urge you to include this worship time in your family plans!



### **Baptism**

Sunday, December 30, we will celebrate the Baptism of Robin Gill, daughter of Rajin and Amy ☺

### **Please Pass the Faith:**

The CRC's Faith Formation Ministries website ([crcna.org/FaithFormation](https://crcna.org/FaithFormation)) has many fine resources to help us engage in the Holy Spirit's work of passing the faith, including 10 great conversation starting questions found here: <https://network.crcna.org/evangelism/ten-ways-talk-someone-about-their-faith>



### **News from the Library ...**

There are some new books in the library. One addition is entitled The Heavenly Man. It is a remarkable true story of a half starved boy in Henan province China and how the Lord used him to preach the gospel, despite horrific opposition. Check out the new additions posted on the wall in the library.

## **Christmas Worship Schedule ...**

**Sunday December 23 @ 10:30 am** - Sunday Worship

**Monday December 24 @ 6:30 pm** - Candlelight Christmas Eve  
Service

***No Worship Service on Christmas Day***

**Sunday December 30 @ 10:30 am** - Sunday Worship

### ***Do you have Children? ...***

***Nursery ...*** is provided during the Service for your babies and toddlers. Feel free to drop your children off before the Service starts.



**Sunday School ...** Pastor Curtis will let you know during the Service when the children can leave.

All our Volunteers are genuinely caring; have passed RCMP Background Checks; and, are well known by our Leadership.

### **Is this your first time Worshipping with us?**

Welcome! Please join us for Coffee (downstairs) following the Service. We would love to get to know you 😊

There is an Info Card found in your pew seat. Feel free to fill it out and drop it in the Collection Bag. This will help us to keep in touch with you.



## ***Uzima Gifts***

Here are some wonderful gift ideas year round:

<https://worldrenew.net/gifts>

<b><u>OFFERING SCHEDULE</u></b>	<b><u>COUNTER</u></b>	<b><u>HELPERS</u></b>
December 23 – Guatemala	Erin	Art & Alsie
December 30 – Budget	John	Bert & Pat
January 6 – Budget	Patty	Renger & Margrit
January 13 – Free-a-Family	Pete	John K & Elaine
January 20 – Budget	Erin	Kim & Lois
January 27 – Benevolent Fund	John	Rinnie & Roy

	<b><u>GREETERS</u></b>	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b>
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

	<b><u>COFFEE MAKERS</u></b>	<b><u>LIBRARIAN</u></b>	<b><u>SECURITY</u></b>
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