



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 30, 2018

Welcome to this time of Worship! Today we give thanks to God for his faithfulness through 2018 and we celebrate the Baptism of Robin, daughter of Amy and Rajin.

Order of worship

Welcome and Prayer

Songs: "This is Amazing Grace" "God of Wonders"

Prayer

song "You are My King"

Baptism

Song: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Morning Prayer

Offering

Song: "Beautiful Name"

Scripture Reading: Romans 6: 1-11

Message: "One more stop in Narnia: Baptism"

Song: "I wonder"

Blessing

song: "Waves of Grace"

Please Keep These Matters in your Prayers:

- Decades of advocacy by Indigenous groups finally led to the National Inquiry on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. Thousands of people offered their testimonies to the panel, seeking justice for their loved ones and long-term solutions to the root causes of such violence. *God, we pray for healing: for families, communities, perpetrators, justice systems, and our own hearts.*
- Churches in the valley have begun monthly city wide youth events. We will host the next one on January 11. Pray that youth will come and encounter the love of Jesus.
- Sharron continues to recover from shoulder surgery.

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.



Baptism

TODAY we will celebrate the **Baptism** of **Robin**, daughter of **Rajin and Amy** 😊

Spilled Ink

It's the second last day of 2018. The imminently quotable Martin Luther was supposedly once asked what he would do if he knew that this was the last day of the world, not just the second last day of a year. He said he would plant a tree. It's a peculiar answer given that trees take years to grow. It's peculiar unless he was trying to explain that; to the very last moment, he would keep living and being a steward of creation.

We believe that Jesus will return. We believe that in a flash, all things will be made new. We believe that sin will once and for all be banished. That may happen before we finish our Sunday Worship or in a thousand or more years from now. We don't

know. We know that whether Jesus returns in all his glory or if he remains present with us by the Holy Spirit, we are called to remain faithful and announce the coming kingdom of God. We will not despair. We will not fear. Instead, we will remind one another that God is faithful and good and; as he has done from the beginning of time, he will sustain us and bless us.

As New Year's Eve approaches, plant a tree.

Weekly calendar: (Check the website for updates)

City Wide Youth Event: Friday, January 11, 7-9pm at AVCRC. We will host the next city wide youth event. This time it's the Amazing Race. We need your help.

Can you:

- loan us a pop-up shelter (3 needed)
- tricycles (at least three needed)
- race officials (5 or more)

Connect with Pastor Curtis, Jessica or Tricia if you can help.

Please Pass the Faith:

The CRC's Faith Formation Ministries website (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.



To all those who help with Sunday school, youth group activities, council work, offering benevolence assistance, building maintenance, music, worship planning and preparation, accounting, visiting, making coffee, preparing meals, cutting grass, We ♥ PA activities, offering words of encouragement, leading small group studies, work at the Seafarers Center - or Bread of Life or Literacy Alberni or Ty Watson or the Breakfast Club or any number of agencies outside of the church - and any others we may have missed ...

Thank-you for your faithful service all through the year!

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>

| <u>OFFERING SCHEDULE</u> | <u>COUNTER</u> | <u>HELPERS</u> |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 |

| | <u>GREETERS</u> | <u>NURSERY</u> |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 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 |