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## **WELCOMES YOU!**

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# Sunday January 13, 2019

**Welcome** to this time of worship. The Christmas decorations are put away, the leftovers are long used up, and visitors have returned home. We're back to ordinary. Our reading today from Luke 3 has a subtle way of reminding us that God is present in the ordinary and things are going according to His plan.

## Order of Worship

Prayer and Greeting

Songs: "Your Grace is Enough" "Firm Foundation"

Lord's Supper:

Song: "Our Father in Heaven"

Song of Thanksgiving: "Blessed Assurance"

*children dismissed*

Morning Prayer

Offering: Free a Family Song: "He Knows My Name"

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7; Luke 3:15-22

Message: "Ordinary"

Blessing

Song:

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

- Back to God Ministries International asks us to pray for China. This past September, the Chinese government shut down one of Beijing's largest unregistered churches. Although devastated, leaders turned to media to continue sharing the gospel—encouraging people to listen to audio sermons in small groups. Praise God for the creative ways that he uses media and BTGMI's Chinese ministry team to share the gospel. Pray that God's Word will reach those in places where it may be difficult.
- Gateway Church completed an Alpha Course just before Christmas. Pray that friendships established will grow and Good News proclaimed will take deep root among all who attended.
- Pray for seniors among us who are unable to attend church. Think of ways that you can include them in the fellowship of the church.
- Pray for campus ministry; we support chaplains at UNBC, and Kwantlen college. Chaplains minister to students and faculty, helping navigate personal, intellectual and spiritual struggles and proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ.

## **Year 2018 in Review**

God is good! *All the time!*  
All the time, *God is good!*

Here are some markers of God's goodness and faithfulness to us the Council in the past year, through joys and struggles. In all we do, we strive to bring our vision to life: We exist to reach people, bringing them into a loving relationship with Jesus and membership in the Christian community; helping them grow in their faith, guiding them in their gifted ministry, and honouring God with their lives.

We call it the work of church renewal – the ongoing work of leaving an old life behind so we can be fully alive with Jesus.

*January:* Worked at a series of vision path steps – steps that help us bring our vision statement to life.

*February:* Officially welcomed Andre and Suzan V to membership in the church.

*March:* Council members participated in a Faithwalking 101 Retreat. Lien K passed away. Curtis and Willem attended Classis.

*April:* Gave a blessing to Curtis interest in becoming the RCMP detachment chaplain; the work began in September. Gave a blessing to a new ministry; *We ♥ PA*.

*May:* Celebrated with Roy, Drew, Alsie and Erin the completion of their terms on Council and welcomed Ruth, Pete and John D

*June:* Received and began to integrate 2018-2019 Council Manual, including the vision path steps.

*July:* Met with Julie K and Megan V prior to their Profession of Faith. Church camp was well attended.

*August:* We determined that Church Camp will be \$20 per unit per night in 2019.

*September:* responded to Rob's resignation. Memorandum of Understanding for Guatemala was signed.

*October:* Curtis and Patty attended Classis. Welcomed Joseph and Robina Mutabi, Ugandan World Renew workers. Trunk and Treat was well received despite the weather conditions.

*November:* Gave thanks for God's work among the youth and began plans to send a group to History Maker in May 2019.

*December:* In place of the usual Council Meeting, we shared a meal and joined together in the work of dying to an old life and rising to a new life in Jesus. Hank R passed away.

*We ♥ PA* continued with the showing of "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" and later in the month hosted a Winter Wonderland skating party at the Multiplex. Robin G was baptized.

### **Looking ahead:**

Attend the 'Helping without Harming' Workshop in Nanaimo on February 2.

We hope to visit 'The Tapestry Church' in Richmond, a CRC that is growing and doing wonderfully imaginative ministry. We will see first-hand what they are doing

and ask what core convictions and holy habits we could bring home. We seek to discern God's leading and write our plans into a 2019-2020 Council Manual.

In May, Willem will attend Canadian National Gathering in Edmonton and Curtis plans to attend Festival of Preaching in Minneapolis (continuing education).

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

- We ♥ PA: **THIS AFTERNOON** at Glenwood from 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup> ... **Coffee Break/Ladies Bible Study** at 10:00am
- Wednesday January 16<sup>th</sup> ... **Youth Bible Study** ... 6:45 - 8:00pm
- Thursday January 17<sup>th</sup> ... **Council Meeting** at 6:00pm.

### **Question of the Week.**

*Okay, I'll admit it. When I get to my desk on a Monday morning, I occasionally have to think for a few minutes to remember what I preached the previous day. I suspect I'm not much different from others. It's easy to be distracted from what God had for us on a Sunday morning. Here is a question to ponder through the week and reflect on God's Word for us:*

Take some time in solitude, reflecting on the ordinary activities of your week. In what ways can you see God present and active in the ordinary? These might be quiet, easy-to-overlook moments, but they are real. Tell someone about such a moment.

**Lunch and Learn, January 27.** We've been learning how to tell our faith stories; in two weeks, you can let the psalms do the talking for you. Is there a psalm that has spoken to you and for you? Has one served you well through times good or bad? Come enjoy some lunch and encourage one another with a word from the Psalms.

**Helping Without Harming" WORKSHOP:** Join World Renew and Diaconal Ministries Canada for a "Helping Without Harming" Workshop to learn how to help alleviate poverty and injustice through effective engagement in your global and local communities. Collaborate with others and discover how food banks, deacon funds, short-term service trips and other benevolent activities can be more impactful and meaningful. The workshop will take place at Christ Community Christian Reformed Church, (2221 Bowen Rd, Nanaimo, BC, V9S 5J3) on Saturday, February 2nd from 9am to 3pm (lunch will be available).

While registration is free, there is a \$10 recommended donation to help cover costs for food. Seating is limited; please register today at [www.worldrenew.net/hwhworkshop](http://www.worldrenew.net/hwhworkshop).

*This is perfect for deacons and 'We ♥ PA' Volunteers!*

## **Please Pass the Faith:**

The CRC's Faith Formation Ministries website ([crcna.org/FaithFormation](http://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>



## ***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.

<b><u>OFFERING SCHEDULE</u></b>	<b><u>COUNTER</u></b>	<b><u>HELPERS</u></b>
January 13 – Free-a-Family	Pete	John K & Elaine
January 20 – Budget	Erin	Kim & Lois
January 27 – Benevolent Fund	John R	Rinnie & Roy
February 3 – Budget	Patty	Art & Alsie
February 10 – Young Life	Pete	Bert and Pat
February 17 – Budget	Erin	Renger and Margrit

	<b><u>GREETERS</u></b>	<b><u>NURSERY</u></b>
January 13	Bev & Brian	Jill, Jessica, Megan
January 20	Bev & Brian	Pam, Helle, Levi
January 27	Alice & Theo	Carol, Yvonne, Sarah
February 3	Alice & Theo	Roy, Aliza, Curtis
February 10	Alice C & Jane	Pat, Anita, Ezra
February 17	Alice C & Jane	Kim, Alsie, Megan

	<b><u>COFFEE MAKERS</u></b>	<b><u>LIBRARIAN</u></b>	<b><u>SECURITY</u></b>
January 13	Izak & Ezit	Alice	Yvonne
January 20	Pete & Anita	Margrit	Yvonne
January 27	Willem & Helle	Bev	Yvonne
February 3	John & Margrit	Joan	Jake
February 10	John & Erin	Anita	Jake
February 17	Bob & Joan	Alice	Jake