

***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 March 3, 2019**

**Welcome to this time of worship.** Today we welcome Jack Tsai to preach. Curtis and Jessica are in Abbotsford this weekend.

**Greeting and opening prayer**

**Songs:**     *"Like a River Glorious"*  
                  *"Beautiful One"*  
                  *"All Heaven Declares"*

**Prayer and dismissal for children**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Offering:** (Food Grains)

**Song:**        *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

**Scripture Readings:**   **Matthew 13:44 ( pg. 947 )**  
                                  **Matthew 6:19-21 ( pg. 938 )**

**Message**

**Song:**        *"Jesus Messiah"*

**Blessing**

**Song:**        *"Forever"*

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

- Pray for the family and RCMP colleagues of Constable Doug R. Pray that God will comfort those who gather for the funeral (Monday, 2:00pm at the Athletic Hall). Curtis will officiate.
- Pray for Classis, the semi-annual meeting of Christian Reformed Churches in our area. Curtis will attend this meeting in New Westminster on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- Pray for Paul and Jay, two Filipino seafarers who went home before their contract was complete; both are struggling with mental health issues. Pray that God will bless them with peace.



### **Safe Church**

We expect that our church will be a safe place. We know our volunteers and we have good policies in place. We will also be ever vigilant, ensuring that we take every step we can to ensure that the church remains safe.

***Next Sunday***, right after church in the youth room, there will be a mandatory meeting for all who work with children and youth.

This is not a hoop through which we must jump, this is an act of service to God and to all who are vulnerable.

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

**Wednesday: 10:00 am Coffee Break/Ladies Bible Study**

**Wednesday: No Youth Bible Study (will resume on March 13<sup>th</sup>)**

**Thursday: Hymn Sing at Echo Village 3:00 pm; Fir Park 3:45 pm.  
*All are invited to join us!***

**Friday, March 8: 7:00-9:00pm - City Wide Youth Event at First Baptist Church, 6211 Cherry Creek Road**

## Lent 2019

Lent begins this week, Ash Wednesday, March 6. In a book called *Seeking God's Face*, Phil Reinders reminds us that celebration isn't the word for our participation in Lent. It is a somber journey of spiritual preparation and renewal. In our pain averse culture, Lent stands apart by not shrinking away from suffering but cultivating in us the wisdom that growth often (some might say only) comes through suffering. Lent invites us to willingly identify with Christ's suffering through fasting or other forms of self-denial. The spare and sober nature of Lent is healthy for heart and true to the gospel, scrubbing away frothy spirituality by calling us to say no to ourselves in order to experience a greater yes in Jesus. It helps to imprint the form of the cross on our lives, recognizing that the news of the risen Lord is not good without the way of the cross.

*Through this season, we will study the book of Exodus.* Moses led the people out of slavery in Egypt. In Christ we are led from slavery to sin and death. In the wilderness, Moses prepared the people for life in the Promised Land. In our own times of uncertainty, Christ prepares us for life in his Kingdom. We will start next week with the God who hears oppressed Israel's cries; **read Exodus 1 and 2** to get a lay of the land.

A fine tradition in the valley is combined worship services. We will host the first of these next week. Zach Hillman of Gateway Church will preach. *Please bring a plate of cookies or squares for coffee afterwards.*

### **Alberni Valley Ministerial Association Lent and Good Friday Schedule, 2019 *All services begin at 6:00 pm***

March 10	CRC	Pastor Zach Hillman
March 17	First Baptist	Pastor Per Knudsen
March 24	Community Life	Pastor Curtis Korver
March 31	Elim	Pastor Bill Cottril
April 7	Southside	Pastor Bruce Greenwood
April 14	Salvation Army	Pastor Rory Franks
<i>Good Friday</i>	Jericho Road	All Pastors participating

(April 19)



**The charitable tax receipts for 2018 have been mailed out or in your Church mailbox.**

*If you have not yet received yours please contact one of the Deacons John Roosma, Pete Bitter or Patty Taekema. Thank you.*

## **Canada Food Grains Bank:**

The offering today is for the Canada Food Grains Bank. This is a partnership of 15 Canadian churches and church-based agencies working together to end global hunger by:

- supporting international programs to meet immediate food needs, reduce malnutrition and achieve sustainable food security.
- influencing improvements in national and international policies that contribute to ending global hunger
- increasing and deepening engagement of Canadians in efforts to end global hunger.

*Donations are matched by the federal government by a ratio of up to 1:4, that is, for every dollar we give, the federal government contributes 4.*



**"Hello Alberni Valley CRC.....I personally want to say thank you** for your support, this is something immensely special for me, my family and the Association Alcance..." *Heidi (Mimi) Moran*



**Please see our various Bulletin Boards for the full newsletter from Mimi in Guatemala...**



To the congregation of Alberni Valley CRC, Port Alberni: We are grateful for your gifts of \$1280.55 for World Renew programs received from October to December 2018. It is with your generous support of the Program Fund and Free a Family that lives are being made whole and communities are being transformed. Thank you for being agents for change, demonstrating the love of Jesus to people through your generosity. Please visit [worldrenew.net/stories](http://worldrenew.net/stories) to learn how your gifts are making an impact for God's glory in the world today.

With gratitude,

Chris Orme

P.S. - Please continue to pray for the work of World Renew and those we are called to serve: visit [www.worldrenew.net/pray](http://www.worldrenew.net/pray) to see the latest updates.



## ***Registration for Camp Homewood is now open!***

Detailed brochures are on the table in the foyer. For more information or to register for any of the programs visit the website at [www.camphomewood.com](http://www.camphomewood.com)  
Phone: 250-2853483

## ***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.

<u>OFFERING SCHEDULE</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>HELPERS</u>
March 3 – Food Grains	Patty T	Kim M & Lois L
<b>March 10</b> – Budget	Pete B	Rinnie H & Roy K
March 17 – Calvin Seminary	Erin K	Art & Alsie S
March 24 – Budget	John R	Bert & Pat B
March 31 – Guatemala	Patty T	Renger D & Margrit D
April 7 – Bread of Life	Pete B	John K & Elaine V
April 14 – Budget	Erin K	Kim M & Lois L
April 21 – Umrans	John R	Rinnie H & Roy K
April 28 – Budget	Patty T	Art & Alsie S

**GREETERS**

**NURSERY**

March 3	Bert & Pat B	Eileen D, Helle C, Levi M
<b>March 10 (time change)</b>	Bev & Brian H	Jill V, Roy K, Megan V
March 17	Bev & Brian H	Pam S, Pat B, Ezra M
March 24	Alice & Theo V	Carol D, Anita B, Sarah V
March 31	Alice & Theo V	Jessica O, Erin K, Curtis G
April 7	Alice C & Jane D	
April 14	Alice C & Jane D	
April 21 (Easter Sunday)	Bert & Pat B	
April 28	Bert & Pat	

**COFFEE MAKERS**

**LIBRARIAN**

**SECURITY**

March 3	Johan & Annemarie S	Bev H	Pete B
<b>March 10</b>	Harry & Marjie A	Joan W	Pete B
March 17	Jake & Mitzie C	Anita B	Pete B
March 24	Colin & Aliza B	Alice V	Pete B
March 31	Izak & Ezit N	Margrit D	Pete B
April 7	Pete & Anita B	Bev H	Al V
April 14	Willem & Helle C	Joan W	Al V
April 21	John & Margrit D	Anita B	Al V
April 28	John & Erin K	Alice V	Al V

**AVCRC WELCOMES YOU!**

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