

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 22, 2019

Welcome to this time of worship, the fourth Sunday of advent. Jesus is coming soon!

We will gather again on Tuesday December 24 Christmas Eve at 6:00pm.

All are invited for coffee or tea after the service.

Order of Worship

Opening Prayer and Greeting

Songs: 'Angels from the Realms of Glory' 'How Many Kings' 'Emmanuel'

Candle Lighting

Song: 'King of Kings'

Offering Song: 'What Child is This?'

Morning Prayer

Bible Reading: Isaiah 7:10-16; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

"Jesus in the Middle"

Song: 'Come Thou Long Expected Jesus'

Blessing

Please Keep These Matters in Your Prayers:

- Pray for those who must work through this week. May they find time for rest and for family.
- Pray that many will attend Christmas worship services and experience the wonder of Jesus, God with Us.
- Remember Naji and Anne and the boys and all of our friends in Guatemala.

Advent At-home Faith Formation Tip:

During Advent, we light the candle of Love. Jesus' life, ministry, death, and resurrection were all characterized by love. In return, we are to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. And love your neighbor as yourself." Consider how your family or household might do those things more fully in the coming year.

Safe church:

A recent safe church conference showed both the depth of the problem and the depth of hope for those who struggle. This new column will highlight both, especially the hope. Porn websites were viewed for a total of 4.6 billion hours in 2018. They get the most traffic on Sundays and holidays. This is not simply because people have more time on a day off. Many turn to porn because they lack a sense purpose in life and feel insignificant. A day off can worsen that feeling. In the fantasy world of pornography, a person can feel connected and vital and desired. But it's all a lie. In churches; of all places, we need to remind one another that we can find significance in our union with Jesus and in our place in the community.

Special Collection – ACAWS (Alberni Community and Women's Service Society). Much of the life-changing work that we do at ACAWS incorporates the notion of transitions. Transitions from abusive relationships into the safety of our shelter. Transitions from shelter into independence and economic security. Transitions from the trauma of sexual assault to whole, healed, hopeful futures. Courageous transitions from fear and isolation to empowerment and hope.
– ELLEN FROOD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.
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Thank-You ... to all who contributed to the Christmas Dinner this year. The food was very yummy, so thanks to everyone who prepared or purchased something. Thanks to Pastor Curtis for saying Grace, Matt G. for being MC, Janay G. for the Christmas story, AnneMarie S. for playing the piano, Carol D., Patty T., Mitzie & Jake C. for setting up and all the others who helped with the clean-up. We feel truly blessed to be part of the church family & to witness how well everyone works together. Merry Christmas! May your heart and home overflow with the joy of God's love.
Lois L., Marjie A. ... Social Committee

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Hello my sweet sisters in Christ ... I am going to do a 5 week Women's Bible Study by Beth Moore. I wondered if any of you are interested. It will involve doing a daily homework piece on your own then coming together once a week to watch a video and discuss what comes up. We would meet in the evenings. If you are interested, I would be glad to meet together to look over the material and chat about what kind of time frame works best for you. You can email me at erinkeizer@gmail.com. 'Disciples Making Disciples' ☺

Weekly Calendar:

Christmas Caroling: Today at 6:00pm you're invited to join a wandering band of carolers, making brief stops at the homes of our seniors to sing together. We'll meet at the church and carpool. We'll need about one hour.

*****Christmas Eve, December 24: 6:00 pm Candlelight Service*****

Please bring baked goods and other treats to share in the time of fellowship following the service. Thanking you, the Worship Committee.

<u>OFFERING SCHEDULE</u>		<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>HELPERS</u>	
December 22 – ACAWS		Pete B	John K & Elaine V	
December 29 – Shelter Society		Janay	Kim M & Lois L	
		<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>	
December 22		Bev & Brian H	Roy K, Yvonne C, Curtis	
December 29		Alice & Theo V	Jessica O, Anita B	
		<u>COFFEE MAKERS</u>	<u>LIBRARIAN</u>	<u>SECURITY</u>
December 22	Bob & Joan W		Anita B	Pete B
December 29	Roy & Joanne K		Alice V	Pete B

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.

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.

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