

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 February 23, 2020

Welcome to this time of worship. This is the last Sunday of Epiphany, the season that marks the beginning of Jesus ministry - the light of the world has come. Today we will break from the usual lectionary readings to focus on Genesis 2 and 3; we'll explore the role that shame played in the fall from the way things were supposed to be. We'll hear how God alone rescues us from shame. In Christ, God restores us!

Order of worship

Songs of praise

Prayer of confession and assurance of forgiveness

Song

Offering: (Special Collection); Song

Prayer

Bible reading: Selected verses from Genesis 2 and 3 (pgs 2-4)

Message: "The counter-intuitive response to shame"

Song

Blessing

Song

Keep These Matters in Your Prayers:

-Give thanks that the Western Forest Products strike is over. Pray for healthy relationships and trust between management and labor.

-Pray for peaceful and just resolution to pipeline protests. Ask God for soft hearts and inquisitive minds so that we can discern ill-informed opinions, resist stereotypes, and not settle for overly simplistic answers.

-At least 24 people were killed after unidentified gunmen attacked a church in northern Burkina Faso, in the latest assault against places of worship in the West African nation. The attack took place on Sunday during a weekly service at a Protestant church in Yagha, a volatile province near the border with Niger. A group of "armed terrorists attacked the peaceful local population after having identified them and separated them from non-residents," the regional governor said. "The provisional toll is 24 killed, including the pastor... 18 wounded and individuals who were kidnapped," he added.

Mark your calendar

Sunday, March 8: (after the morning worship) - Annual General Meeting

Combined Worship Services

The church of Port Alberni has long gathered together through the season of Lent for Sunday evening worship services. This is the schedule for this year; all services begin at 6:00pm. Note that we will host the first service, on March 1.

March 1	@ CRC	Preacher: Mike Watson
March 8	@ Jericho Rd	Preacher: Bruce Greenwood
March 15	@ Community Life	Preacher: Zach Hillman
March 22	@ Southside	Preacher: Michael Ramsey
March 29	@ First Baptist	Preacher: David Zvonar
April 5	@ Gateway	Preacher: Rory Franks

Administration Committee - If you feel that you have a need for a surplus pew, free to you as a member of AVCRC, please contact one of the Admin Committee. (They are being offered to parishioners first, then any remaining will be sold)

The 2019 donation tax receipts have been issued.

Please find them in your church mail slot. If you do not have a church mail slot they will be sent to your address. If you do not receive yours in the next week or so please let one of the Deacons know.

A list of potential charity organizations the AVCRC would like to donate to is also in your mail slot. At the AGM in March, the members will vote on which they would like to support.

Thank you all for your generous donations throughout 2019.

The Deacons: Janay G, Pete B, Patty T

Weekly Schedule

Sunday: 6:00pm – Youth Bible Study

Tuesday: 7:00 pm - Prayer Meeting for children and grandchildren

Wednesday: 10:00 am – Coffee Break Ladies' Bible Study – Everyone welcome!

Christian Women's Club Luncheon - Tuesday, March 3 @ noon to 2:00 pm

'Picture Perfect' – Photography with Bonnie B and Pauline H

Guest Speaker and Musicians: Brenda and Bronwyn N P

\$22. Payable at the door, plus collection of a non-perishable donation for ADSS Breakfast Club.

RSVP before February 26th to Sylvia at 250-724-7309 or dabra@telus.net

Dear Alberni Valley CRC: Thank you for your gift of \$279.50 to Bethesda in 2019. Your act of giving last year meant we were able to host 33 people with diverse abilities in our summer camps, introduce a spring break respite service for 7 children, purchase fitness equipment for a new inclusive fitness class, and serve families who are seeking assistance as they navigate unfamiliar systems. Please go

to <https://www.bethesdabc.com/donations.html> to see the other services funded by donations.

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Faith CARE: Learning How to Grow Restorative Churches is a 2 - 4 day skill based conference teaching restorative practices. There are 3 *participation options* over 4 days - APRIL 15 -16, & 17-18 @ Langley Willoughby CRC.

Faith CARE trains and supports churches to:

- transform conflict and become **restorative culture congregations**,
- implement a restorative, relational framework across congregational life and explicit practices that help to heal relationships and build stronger, more connected congregations,
- use restorative approaches to healing relationships and repairing harm in churches.

To view the brochure, **register** and learn more info - visit www.bcsafechurch.com or call Faye Martin @ 604-850-5137 & Walt Brouwer at 778-344-2999. **Register** by **March 30, 2020**

<u>OFFERING SCHEDULE</u>	<u>COUNTER</u>	<u>HELPERS</u>
February 23 – Special Collection	Janay G	Kim M & Lois L
March 1 – Budget	Pete B	Rinnie H & Roy K

	<u>GREETERS</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>		<u>LIBRARIAN</u>	<u>SECURITY</u>
February 23	Alice & Theo V				
March 1	Jane D	Roy K; Kim M			
February 23				Joan W	Yvonne A
March 1				Anita B	Jake C

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.

AVCRC WELCOMES YOU!
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