

# OUR WORSHIP TODAY

February 23, 2020

## TODAY'S SERVICE

We continue our series on the book of 1 Corinthians entitled Cross-Pressured Church. As we have seen repeatedly in this series, there are striking similarities between the ancient city of Corinth and our own day, particularly in the challenges that the Corinthian church faced. Inequality, class divisions, church splits, marriage issues, divorce, celibacy, human sexuality, worship wars, theological confusion—you name it! 1 Corinthians presents us with deep pastoral wisdom combined with profound theological reflection to ground us as God's new humanity in—and for—today's world.

## OFFERING

*Willoughby Church Ministries*

The special offering for this month is for the Chaplaincy and Refugee Support work of Dena Nicolai. Working out of Vancouver CRC, Dena offers a ministry of presence for refugees new to Canada, creates opportunities to build the connection between church and newcomers, and supports BC churches in their refugee re-settlement endeavors. An offering will be held **Today, February 23**, however, your gifts toward this project are welcome at any time. Write *Refugee Chaplain* on the cheque memo line or envelope to designate your gift.

## PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

*We pray for:*

- the Guatemala Team who have arrived safely in Guatemala and have begun their work with Bethel Ministries.
- Dena Nicolai's ministry with refugees. That every person who has found themselves a refugee would know the love and presence and hope of Jesus in the middle of the darkness.
- M2W2 volunteers, that the Holy Spirit empowers them to bring hope and light to the inmates they meet with.
- the CRC as it seeks new leadership with the recent resignation of its current executive director, Steve Timmermans.
- justice to prevail in the current pipeline dispute in Northern BC.
- East Africa and the growing devastation due to locust infestation. Pray for World Renew as it assists the local population to adapt to this plague, store their harvested food & manage their food supply.
- Venezuela experiencing one of its worst economic downturns where many are without food, resources, or a path toward a secure future.

## GATHERING

Opening Song:

*Behold Him*  
Welcome/Greetings

## PRAISE

Call to Worship

Song:

*Better is One Day*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Songs:

*Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)*  
*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Invitation to SONLIFE  
Prayers of the People

## GOD'S WORD

Scripture:

1 Corinthians 7:25-40

Message:

*"To the Unmarried..."*

## RESPONSE

Song:

*Take My Life*

Offerings:

Willoughby Church Ministries

Song (piano only):

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

## SENDING

Invitation to Prayer, Fellowship  
Parting Blessing

Song:

*We Will Feast in the House of Zion*

Young adults are hosting a **FREE dinner** on **February 26 @ 5:30 pm** before the Ash Wednesday service. RSVP at Eventbrite so we know numbers! We look forward to sharing a meal together!

**CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS!** You are invited to participate in a communal artistic project for our upcoming Lent series. We are asking for photograph submissions depicting a "cross" anywhere in nature, technology, architecture, etc.—wherever you see the criss-cross symbol in everyday life. For further details, please go to our church website ([willoughbychurch.com/events](http://willoughbychurch.com/events)) or see the lobby posters. Final submission date: **Friday, February 28th.**

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, February 23

MT Serve Team Meeting	6:00 pm	Fireside Room
Youth/Twilight Service	7—9 pm	Church

### Monday, February 24

Financially Speaking	7:00 pm	Fellowship Hall
Young Adults	7:30 pm	

### Tuesday, February 25

Coffeebreak	9:15 am	Immanuel CRC
Pastoral Elders Meeting	7:00 pm	Fireside Room

### Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday Dinner	5:30 pm	Fellowship Hall
Ash Wednesday Service	7:00 pm	Sanctuary
Cadet Club	7:00 pm	Church

### Sunday, March 1

Worship Service	10:00 am	Sanctuary
New Members Class	11:45 am	Fireside Room
Youth	7—9 pm	Church

### Monday, March 2

Young Adults	7:30 pm	
--------------	---------	--

### Tuesday, March 3

Coffeebreak	9:15 am	Immanuel CRC
Prayer Team	7:30 pm	Sanctuary

### Wednesday, March 4

Women's Bible Study	10:00 am	Fireside Room
GEMS Club	7:00 pm	Church

### Thursday, March 5

Seniors	10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
---------	----------	-----------------

### Friday, March 6

Moms & Tots	9:30 am	Fellowship Hall
-------------	---------	-----------------

**Lead Pastor:** Ed Gerber  
[ed.willoughbychurch@gmail.com](mailto:ed.willoughbychurch@gmail.com)

**Associate Pastor:** Jenna Fabiano  
[jenna@willoughbychurch.com](mailto:jenna@willoughbychurch.com)

**Youth Pastor:** Curtis Meliefste  
[curtis@willoughbychurch.com](mailto:curtis@willoughbychurch.com)

**Administrator:** Julia Ravensbergen  
[julia@willoughbychurch.com](mailto:julia@willoughbychurch.com)

**Children's Pastor & Ministry Coordinator:** Liz Tolkamp  
[liz@willoughbychurch.com](mailto:liz@willoughbychurch.com)

**Daycare Director:** Joni Garratt  
[daycare@willoughbychurch.com](mailto:daycare@willoughbychurch.com)

**Custodian:** Andy Groeneveld  
[andy@willoughbychurch.com](mailto:andy@willoughbychurch.com)

# PROGRAMS

**GEMS** encourages girls in grades 3-7 to develop a relationship with Jesus while building friendships with each other. GEMS meets alternate Wednesdays from 7-9 pm. See calendar for dates. Visit [willoughbychurch.com](http://willoughbychurch.com) for more information.

**CADETS** where Christian men mentor small groups of boys in grades 3—7, helping them learn what it means to live a Christ-like life. Cadets meets alternate Wednesdays from 7-9 pm. See calendar for dates. Visit [willoughbychurch.com](http://willoughbychurch.com) for more information.

**YOUTH** where youth learn to navigate culture while forming a godly worldview. For all teens grades 8-12. Visit [willoughbychurch.com](http://willoughbychurch.com) for more information.

**YOUNG ADULTS** meets weekly on Mondays for dinner and bible study. For info, email [youngadults@willoughbychurch.com](mailto:youngadults@willoughbychurch.com).

**MOMS & TOTS** meets regularly every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month to share a coffee, catch up, and let our kids play. We're always open to newcomers! For info, email [momsandtots@willoughbychurch.com](mailto:momsandtots@willoughbychurch.com).

**WOMEN'S MORNING COFFEE BREAK** meets weekly on Tuesday mornings at Langley Immanuel Church (21713 50th Ave). This is for women of all ages and children up to age 5. Coffeebreak is a joint venture of Willoughby Church and Immanuel CRC. For info, talk to Denise Noordam or email [coffeebreak@willoughbychurch.com](mailto:coffeebreak@willoughbychurch.com).

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** meets every other Wednesday at 10 am in the Fireside Room. You are welcome to join us for our current study on Ezra and Nehemiah. We meet next on March 4.

**SENIORS @ WILLOUGHBY** An opportunity to meet with friends and neighbours and share in activities that encourage fellowship, health and love for God and each other. Seniors meet every other Thursday. For more info, email [seniors@willoughbychurch.com](mailto:seniors@willoughbychurch.com).

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

Faith CARE trains and supports churches to:

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

Register by **March 30** at [www.bcsafechurch.com](http://www.bcsafechurch.com). For more info, speak with Pastor Liz.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SENIORS For April 23 meeting:** Do you have a liberation story to share? Please let Pat ([patstorteboom@gmail.com](mailto:patstorteboom@gmail.com)) know soon.

**FINANCIALLY SPEAKING** Tomorrow, **February 24, 7 – 9 pm.** The Deacons are hosting a second workshop designed to help you develop a biblical view of your finances, strengthen your financial literacy, manage your financial resources and plan your will and estate legacy. Presenter: Cheryl Abbot of Kingdom Advisors. For more information, see Shane Schaap or our church website.

**NEW MEMBERS CLASS** If you are interested in becoming members of Willoughby Church, or just want to learn more about what that means, we are hosting a two-part class on **Sunday, March 1 & March 8** after the service in the fireside room. A light lunch is provided. Contact Pastor Jenna for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Women's Retreat **April 24-26**, Sts'ailes (Chehalis) Retreat Center in Agassiz. Retreat speaker: Pastor Jenna. More information and registration coming soon. Tell your friends!

**PARENTS NIGHT OUT** Dreaming of a night out without your children? All children ages 3 and up are invited to join us, under the supervision of two ECE teachers, **February 28 from 4:00-7:30pm**, for a night of games, crafts, and lots more fun! Dinner included. Cost: \$15 per child. All proceeds go to the Spring Mexico Team from Immanuel CRC. For more info and registration forms, email [kevin@licrc.ca](mailto:kevin@licrc.ca).

**QUESTIONING CHRISTIANITY** with Tim Keller, livestream recording, **7:00 pm** at New West CRC, 8255—13th Ave, Burnaby. **Tonight, Feb. 23:** Why trust the Bible? **March 22:** Can we do without the church? **April 19;** Why believe in Jesus? **May 10:** How can we believe in Jesus?

**THE BIG SING** A community hymn sing, **Sunday, March 1** (two performances - 4pm and 7pm) at South Abbotsford Church (32424 Huntingdon Road, Abbotsford). Free admission. Donations will be accepted to support the Pacific Mennonite Children's Choir and the Abbotsford Youth Orchestra's trip to Scotland in July 2020.

**LANGLEY CHURCH SLOPITCH** is looking for new players or new teams. All games are in North Langley. This is a great opportunity for Christians to come together and play a great game and at the same time be a witness for Christ. Email [Langleychurchslowpitch.com](http://Langleychurchslowpitch.com) or check our page at [facebook.com/langleychurchslowpitch/](https://facebook.com/langleychurchslowpitch/).

**THANK YOU!** We would like to thank everyone who kept Linda in their thoughts and prayers over the last few weeks. The cards and delicious meals were a testimony as to how important it is to give as well as receive to those in need. We have been blessed by the community that surrounds us and thank God for His healing. *Henry & Linda de Jong*



# WELCOME TO WILLOUGHBY CHURCH!

*It's great to have you join us  
in worship to our Lord and Saviour.*

Available for you:

<p><b>WELCOME CARDS</b></p> <p>We invite you to tell us about yourself by filling out a Welcome Card located in the pew and placing it in the offering plate.</p>	<p><b>COFFEE</b></p> <p>Please join us for coffee and conversation after the service in the lobby and hallway. Feel free to take it outside weather permitting.</p>
<p><b>PROGRAMS &amp; EVENTS</b></p> <p>Brochures about the Christian Reformed Church and its ministries are available in the rack outside the office. Willoughby Church's ministries &amp; events are detailed on our website at <a href="http://willoughbychurch.com">willoughbychurch.com</a>.</p>	<p><b>BIBLES</b></p> <p>Feel free to take a Bible from the pew as our gift to you!</p> <p><b>ACCESSIBILITY</b></p> <p>Listening Aids can be provided by the technicians in the Sound Booth.</p> <p>Large print worship materials are available from the ushers if needed.</p> <p>An accessible washroom is located on the west end of the lobby by the entrance to the fellowship hall.</p>
<p><b>PRAYER</b></p> <p>Prayer partners are praying throughout our worship time and are available in the lobby during worship and at the front of the sanctuary following the worship service.</p>	
<p><b>NURSERY CARE</b></p> <p>Infants - Age 3 Upstairs - accessed toward the back of the church building</p> <p><i>Register outside the nursery</i> Room 204: 1-12 months Room 211: 12-36 months</p>	<p><b>SONLIFE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY</b></p> <p>Ages 3—Grade 4 Register at the SONLIFE table in the lobby.</p> <p><b>Story:</b> Follow Me: Jesus Calls His Disciples</p> <p><b>Offering:</b> Offering: World Renew – Free a Family</p>