

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

March 1, 2020

TODAY'S SERVICE

This Sunday is the first Sunday of Lent—the season in the Christian calendar when we focus our attention on the work of Jesus Christ and shape all of our liturgy, art, and songs around His journey to the cross.

During Lent we will continue our series in the book of 1 Corinthians entitled “Cross-Pressured Church”. As we have repeatedly seen in this series, there are striking similarities between the ancient city of Corinth and our own day. Paul’s letter presents us with deep pastoral wisdom and profound theological reflection to reorient us towards Christ and ground us in the reality of His cross and His Kingdom.

OFFERING *Willoughby Church Ministries*

This month’s special offering is for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB). The CFGB provides food in times of crisis for hungry people in the developing world by helping people grow more food to better feed themselves and their families and by providing nutritional support for malnourished people. This year marks 35 years that World Renew has worked alongside CFGB. Over the last three years, with increased conflict, *hunger is on the rise*. Yet there is hope as many people experience whole-person transformation when they encounter God’s love through your prayers and financial support. Donations to CFGB are matched 4 – 1 by the Canadian Government. This offering will be on March 29, but your gifts are welcome anytime this month. Write CFGB on the memo line of your cheque or envelope.

PRAYER & THANKSGIVING

We pray for:

- Classis BCSE that meets this week.
- World Renew and its work to help change lives affected by poverty, hunger and crisis and bring hope and healing through the power of God’s love. (See the WR Annual report in you mail slot for more information and stories).

We give thanks for:

- two new daycare staff members, and that the transition to working with the children will go smoothly.

GATHERING

Opening Song: *Hope of the Nations*
Welcome/Greetings

PRAISE

Call to Worship
Song: *Wonderful Merciful Saviour*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Songs: *Jesus Messiah*
Your Great Name

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Invitation to SONLIFE
Prayers of the People

GOD'S WORD

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Message: *“My Weight is My Love”*

RESPONSE

Song: *O Praise The Name (Anástasis)*
Offerings: Willoughby Church Ministries
Song: *How Great Thou Art (verses 1-3)*

SENDING

Invitation to Prayer, Fellowship
Parting Blessing
Song: *How Great Thou Art (verse 5 & chorus)*

PROFESSION OF FAITH CLASS

If you are interested in making profession of faith, this is the class for you. Over the course of 5 weeks, we will learn what profession of faith means, what it means to be a member of the church, learn about God and his work in the world, and learn our own faith stories. Please contact Pastor Curtis to sign up.

TODAY Daily Devotion booklets for March/April: In an effort to curb our paper waste and save on shipping costs, the number of booklets ordered are being reduced. Therefore the booklets will no longer be placed in individual mail-slots but rather you are invited to pick up a copy from the information rack in the lobby.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 1		
New Members Class	11:45 am	Fireside Room
Youth Dinner	4—8 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
Sunday, March 8		
Worship Service	10:00 am	Sanctuary
New Members Class	11:45 am	Fireside Room
Youth	7—9 pm	Church
Monday, March 9		
Young Adults	7:30 pm	
Tuesday, March 10		
Coffeebreak	9:15 am	Immanuel CRC
Council Meeting	7:00 pm	Fireside Room

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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 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 for more information.

YOUTH where youth learn to navigate culture while forming a godly worldview. For all teens grades 8-12. Visit willoughbychurch.com for more information.

YOUNG ADULTS meets weekly on Mondays for dinner and bible study. For info, email 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.

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.

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.

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. For more info, speak with Pastor Liz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIORS March 5: Mark Griffioen will share about safety from a Fire-chief's perspective. Come join us! **For April 23 meeting:** Do you have a liberation story to share? Please send to patstorteboom@gmail.com.

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 **TODAY, March 1 & Sunday, March 8** after the service in the fireside room. A light lunch will be provided. Contact Pastor Jenna for more information.

WOMEN'S RETREAT APRIL 24-26 Come and rest, reflect and laugh. Check the church website for more information. Encourage your friends to come! Registration opens March 13.

MARRIAGE COURSE Please email marriage@willoughbychurch.com if you and your spouse are interested in spending 7 evenings building into your marriage. The Marriage Course is a great way to revisit the core elements of marriage and strengthen your relationship. We hope to begin a class in April.

THE BIG SING A community hymn sing, **TODAY, 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.

CLASSIS BC SOUTH-EAST Delegates from across south and east B.C. will meet this Tuesday and Wednesday in Gateway CRC, Abbotsford. Items on the agenda include:

- a report from a Priorities Task Force with proposals to refresh and renew our meetings
 - a proposal to establish an Equipping Committee to coordinate the training and equipping ministries in the two B.C. classes
 - a Financial Report for 2019 as well as the AGM of the corporation of Classis BCSE
 - a report from the Council of Delegates and our Canadian Director of Ministries on significant changes taking place in CRC ministries
- Please remember Classis and your delegates in prayer.

GALLERY 7 THEATRE presents *Panic Squad Extended Cast Extravaganza*, a hilarious night of super-funny, super-clean comedy improv. Watch and be amazed as The Panic Squad creates hilarious scenes right before your eyes, using only the suggestions you give them. A super-fun night out with family, friends or care group. Runs one night only: **March 6, 2020, 7:30 pm** at the Matsqui Centennial Auditorium, 32315 South Fraser Way, Abbotsford. For tickets and info: online at www.gallery7theatre.com or House of James, 2743 Emerson Street Abbotsford (604-852-3701). Group rates available!



WELCOME TO WILLOUGHBY CHURCH!

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

Available for you:

<p>WELCOME CARDS</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>COFFEE</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>PROGRAMS & EVENTS</p> <p>Brochures about the Christian Reformed Church and its ministries are available in the rack outside the office. Willoughby Church's ministries & events are detailed on our website at willoughbychurch.com.</p>	<p>BIBLES</p> <p>Feel free to take a Bible from the pew as our gift to you!</p> <p>ACCESSIBILITY</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>PRAYER</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>SONLIFE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY</p> <p>Ages 3—Grade 4 Register at the SONLiFE table in the lobby.</p> <p>Story: What is Lent?</p> <p>Offering: Offering: World Renew – Free a Family</p>
<p>NURSERY CARE</p> <p>Infants - Age 3 Upstairs - accessed toward the back of the church building</p> <p>Register outside the nursery Room 204: 1-12 months Room 211: 12-36 months</p>	