

# OUR WORSHIP TODAY

March 8, 2020  
Second Sunday of Lent

## TODAY'S SERVICE

This Sunday is the second 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:*

- those who continue to live with chronic illnesses such as fatigue, concussion, fibromyalgia, mental health, anxiety.
- those in Nashville, Tennessee who have lost loved ones, homes and neighbourhoods as a result of this week’s devastating tornados.
- Syrian refugee families displaced from their homes and living in camps in Lebanon. Pray for the efforts of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to address basic food needs, education, and other resources. Pray also for hunger and food insecurity problems in Canada.

*We give thanks for:*

- Classis meetings held this past week and the many stories shared of God’s faithfulness to the ministries of this Classis.

## GATHERING

Opening Song:

*I Stand Amazed*  
Welcome/Greetings

## PRAISE

Call to Worship

Song:

*I Believe in Jesus*

## CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Songs:

*O Sacred Head Now Wounded*  
*You are My King (Amazing Love)*

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Offerings:

Song:

Invitation to SONLIFE  
Willoughby Church Ministries  
*My Jesus I Love Thee*  
Prayers of the People

## GOD'S WORD

Scripture:

Message:

1 Corinthians 9:1-23  
*“Am I Not Free?”*

## RESPONSE

Song:

*Celebration of the Lord's Supper*  
*The Power of the Cross*

## SENDING

Song:

Invitation to Prayer, Fellowship  
Parting Blessing  
*There is a Redeemer*

**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. Contact Pastor Curtis to sign up.

**LENT AT HOME TIP:** Many Christians practice giving something up for Lent in order to make more space for God. If you have kids in your household, think together about how you might make more space for God this week. For example, you might take a technology break each day and spend the time reading about Jesus’ life and ministry in The Jesus Storybook Bible or Growing in God’s Love: A Story Bible, and talking about the stories together. *(from crna.org/FaithFormation)*

## CALENDAR

### Sunday, March 8

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

### Wednesday, March 11

Women’s Bible Study 10:00 am Fireside Room

### Sunday, March 15

Worship Service 10:00 am Sanctuary

### Monday, March 16

Young Adults 7:30 pm

### Tuesday, March 17

Deacons Meeting 7:00 pm Fireside Room

### Thursday, March 19

Seniors Meet 10:00 am Fellowship Hall

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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](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 Nehemiah. We meet next on March 11.

**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

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY** Women's Bible Study meets Wednesday, **March 11 at 10 am** in the Fireside Room. We will be studying Lesson 9 on Nehemiah chapter 4. Please note that our next study is on **April 1**. If you're interested in joining us, you're most welcome. Contact Grace at [ngroot@shaw.ca](mailto:ngroot@shaw.ca).

**SENIORS For April 23 meeting:** Do you have a liberation story to share? Please send to [patstorteboom@gmail.com](mailto: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 our second part of a two-part class **TODAY, March 8** after the service in the fireside room. A light lunch will be provided. Contact Pastor Jenna for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE:** SONLiFE and nursery teen volunteer luncheon. **Sunday, April 5 11:45 am** in room 201. See pastor Liz for more info.

**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](mailto: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.

**GALLERY 7 THEATRE** presents The Secret Garden, an award-winning Broadway musical based on the children's novel by Francis Hodgson Burnett. The show will warm your heart and refresh your spirit: **March 27, 28, March 31 – April 4, 2020, 7:30pm; matinees March 28 & April 4, 2:00 PM** at the Abbotsford Arts Centre, 2329 Crescent Way, Abbotsford. Tickets and info: House of James, 2743 Emerson Street, [www.gallery7theatre.com](http://www.gallery7theatre.com), or call at 604-852-3701.

**RESONATE GLOBAL MISSION** Do you have a heart for people to know Jesus? Resonate Global Mission has opportunities to serve throughout the world. We need teachers, chaplains, leadership developers, community development practitioners, trainers and more. Discover how your gifts and passions can make an impact in the lives of people around the world. Visit [www.resonateglobalmission.org](http://www.resonateglobalmission.org) or connect with Jessica Boy at [jboy@rcna.org](mailto:jboy@rcna.org)

**GROUNDWORK: I BELIEVE** - What is a creed? Is the Apostles' Creed biblical? Join Groundwork as we begin a study of the Apostles' Creed and the scriptures that inform it. Dig into Romans 10:9 and Deut. 6:1-9 to discover the function these summary statements have in the life of faith and the value they offer us yet today. Subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails and listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com).



# 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>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>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>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> Communion and the Cross</p> <p><b>Offering:</b> Offering: World Renew – Free a Family</p>