

OUR WORSHIP TODAY

March 15, 2020
Third Sunday of Lent

TODAY'S SERVICE

This Sunday is the third 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. 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:

- families who have lost their loved ones as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, and we pray for healing and grace for those who are infected and affected. Pray also for the international community and health professionals in their efforts to combat this pandemic.
- the work of Canada Foodgrains Bank and World Renew as they bring hope to hungry people through their emergency food relief efforts.

We give thanks for:

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GATHERING

Opening Song: *Lion of Judah*
Welcome/Greetings

PRAISE

Call to Worship
Song: *Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Songs: *Man of Sorrows*
Nothing but the Blood

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Invitation to SONLIFE
Guatemala Interview
Prayers of the People

GOD'S WORD

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:24 - 10:33
Message: *“Olympian Spirituality for Ragamuffins”*

RESPONSE

Songs: *The Servant King*
When I Survey

SENDING

Invitation to Prayer, Fellowship
Parting Blessing
Song: *In Christ Alone*

**Offering baskets will be in the lobby following the service*

MISSIONAL PRAYER GROUP In upcoming months, a prayer group will be gathering once a month from the Langley/Surrey CRC churches. The intent of this group is to pray for increased participation with the Holy Spirit and missional impact in our neighbourhoods and cities. If you are interested in this, please be in touch with Pastor Jenna at jenna@willoughbychurch.com.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The church will follow the directives and protocols of the BC Government regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. Should we be advised not to meet in large groups such as worship services, we will honour that advisory and suspend worship services and all church related activities. Sunday services may then be hosted via live-stream or podcast. In the meantime, services and other activities will continue as planned with those who choose to attend.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 15	Worship Service 10:00 am	Sanctuary
	Youth Group Lazy Sunday 7—9 pm	Church
	- games and snacks	
Monday, March 16	Young Adults 7:30 pm	
Tuesday, March 17	Deacons Meeting 7:30 pm	Fireside Room
Thursday, March 19	Seniors—Games Day! 10:00 am	Fellowship Hall
Friday, March 20	Moms & Tots 9:30 am	Fellowship Hall
Sunday, March 22	Worship Service 10:00 am	Sanctuary
Monday, March 23	Young Adults 7:30 pm	
Tuesday, March 24	Pastoral Elders Meeting 7:00 pm	Fireside Room

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Tenebrae: Thursday, April 9, 7pm Willoughby CRC
Good Friday: Friday, April 10, 7pm Immanuel CRC
String Quartet: Sat. April 11, 7pm Hope Community Church

Immanuel, The Bridge, Hope Community and Willoughby CRC churches are collaborating to offer three services during Holy Week in a desire to journey towards Easter together.



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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 Nehemiah. We meet next on April 1.

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 19 Games Day in the Fellowship Hall. Come join us for fun, food and fellowship! (*Our planned bowling event has been cancelled*). **For April 23 meeting:** Do you have a liberation story to share? Please send to patstorteboom@gmail.com.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: SONLiFE and nursery teen volunteer pizza & pop lunch **Sun. April 5 11:45am** in room 201. See pastor Liz for more info.

PIG ROAST DINNER & SILENT AUCTION, April 17, 6pm Come and support our students and leaders as they embark on two missions trips this summer. All donations & ticket purchases matched 1:1 by the DeVries Family Foundation. Check the church website for more details.

EVENING OF PRAISE hosted by young adults from various reformed churches, **Sat. April 4, 7:30pm**, Abbotsford FRC (3366 Mt. Lehman Rd) followed with refreshments. Theme will be on Christ's death, resurrection, ascension and reign. Offering to be received for Delta Hospice.

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 opened March 13.

MARRIAGE COURSE Email marriage@willoughbychurch.com if you and your spouse are interested in spending 7 evenings building into your marriage. This course is a great way to revisit the core elements of marriage and strengthen your relationship. Classes to start in April.

QUESTIONING CHRISTIANITY with Tim Keller, livestream recording, **7:00 pm** at New West CRC, 8255—13th Ave, Burnaby. **Tonight, March 22:** Can we do without the church?

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, or call at 604-852-3701.

LADNER CRC is looking to fill 2 part-time positions - Worship Director and Children's Ministry Director. For info, contact Ashley at ash.vandermeer@gmail.com.

BETHESDA is seeking to employ Residential Support Workers for their residential and community inclusion services in various locations. Visit <https://www.bethesdabc.com/careers.html>.



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>NURSERY CARE</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>SONLiFE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY</p> <p>Ages 3—Grade 4 Register at the SONLiFE table in the lobby.</p> <p>Story: Lent and the Cross</p> <p>Offering: Offering: World Renew – Free a Family</p>