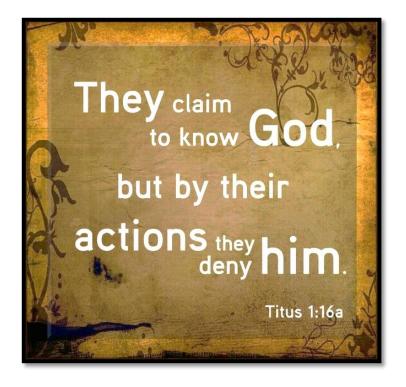
St. John's Presbyterian Church

1480 George Street White Rock, BC

September 18, 2016

Welcome Guest Minister Rev. Robin Ross



WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Morning Praise

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" "Father God" Hymn 746

"Apostles' Creed"

Announcements

Greeting & Call to Worship

"In Christ Alone"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation "Ancient of Days"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 16 : 4 - 16

(Pew Bible page 1303)

This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rev. Robin Ross

"Knowing *about* God or knowing God?"

What's the difference and why does it matter?"

"In the Garden"

Prayers of the People

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Gathering of the Offering

Doxology

Hymn 830

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

"I've Got Peace Like a River" Charge & Benediction

"The Trees of the Field"

Postlude

St. John's Proclaims Christ in Welcoming Fellowship, Uplifting Worship and Compassionate Service

Today's Greeters

Sharon Narrow & Dr. Roy Strang

Happy Birthday to Nita Joubert, September 23 and to Jean Andrew on September 24!

Happy Anniversary & Best Wishes

to Gordon & Emily Boyle on September 19 and to Hercules & Anneke van der Westhuizen on September 23!

Remember in Prayer: George Boulet, Arlene Duff, Sandy Erickson, Brad Forster, Helen Garvie, Lillie Hick, Alex Lozanski, Rod MacLeod, Jim McKee, Dr. Vern Sobey and Pat Zondag

Pastor Willem's Bible Study is Tuesdays & Wednesdays studying 'Who I Am in Christ'. The Tuesday class begins at 10am and the Wednesday class is in the evening at 7pm. The morning class has been moved to Tuesdays to accommodate Pastor's Presbytery duties. Bible study is **cancelled** for **September 27 & 28** as Pastor will be away during that week from Monday to Friday.

In-Home Bible Study begins Wednesday, September 21 at 10am at the home of Barb Petticrew. All are welcome.

Come and Celebrate Holy Communion with us on Sunday October 2 here at St. John's!

Elders please pick up your district lists in the office today!

Presbytery will hold a service of recognition for The Rev. Dr. Robert Paul as the new Dean of St. Andrew's Hall today at 3pm at St. Andrew's Hall. There is a reception to follow.

Richmond Presbyterian Church will host an 'Evening with the Moderator' tonight at 7pm. The Rev. Douglas Rollwage, Moderator of the 142nd General Assembly, will bring greetings and speak about his vision and experience thus far as Moderator. There will be light refreshments and a Q & A time afterwards. If you can attend, please confirm with Rev. Victor S.J. Kim at 604-671-2130 or clerkwestmin@gmail.com

St. John's Men's Club will meet here at the church next Saturday, September 24 at 9am. We will carpool for a visit to A Rocha at 192 Street and 16 Avenue in Surrey.

Special Kirk Session Meeting on Sunday, September 25 at 10:15am for current elders in Pastor Willem's office.

Ordination / Admission of Elders

Ordination of new elders will take place on September 25, 2016 at 10:30am. Ordained will be Jacqueline Chartier, Denise Langley, Sharon McKenzie, Ian McLean and Henry Wulkan. Jean Andrew will be reinstated as elder as she has already been ordained.

September 25 Afrikaans Service: Due to the Ordination of Elders, there will be no Afrikaans service on September 25.

Induction Service September 25 at 3pm at the Burnaby Taiwanese Presbyterian Church for The Rev. Ching-Hsi Jonah Lin.

Bible Readings September 19 to September 25

Amos 6 : 1 – 14; Ephesians 2 : 1 – 10; Luke 5 : 17 – 39; Jeremiah 32 : 1 – 15; Jeremiah 32 : 16 – 35; Jeremiah 32 : 36 – 44; Luke 16 : 19 – 31

Our Envelope Secretary needs your help! A box of envelopes was given without us recording the name of the recipient. If you have box number **1042** please call the office or speak to Denise Langley on Sunday! Thank you!!

Kirk Session Meeting this Thursday, Sep 22 at 7pm

Our September Wednesday Concert is on the 28th at 2pm Our theme "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart" focuses on God's blessings, gifts and favour – definite signs of His love! Be sure to come and bring your friends. Admission is by donation and refreshments are enjoyed after the concert.

Our Sunday Morning Worship begins at 10:30am

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A service in the **Afrikaans** language is held each **second** and **fourth** Sunday at 9am (no service on September 25)

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Church Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9am to 3pm Bulletin submission deadline is Wednesday morning by 9am.

Church Membership Matters

People need membership commitment because they need to be connected to a Christian community. This is not just for the sake of the faith community, but also for the sake of the individual. Individualist Christianity is a myth and a damaging pursuit. At the end of the day we're redeemed. We're placed in the body. The Bible specifically says He has redeemed us. He has transferred us, Colossians 1 says, from the domain of darkness into the kingdom of the Son He loves. A kingdom has a king. The king has subjects and his kingdom has a community together where we function as God's people.

God makes us a part of His larger family when we are born again. But then we should covenant in a local body and live in community with them, agreeing to live by certain established Godly principles and standards. Membership doesn't save us. But it enables us to grow and become spiritually mature in Christ. Not only should we be members of the body, each of us should also be able to express the value of, and passionately embrace, the Biblical nature of church membership.

- Taken from The Exchange, a blog by Ed Stetzer

Membership does have its advantages! Would you like to become a professing member of St. John's Presbyterian Church?

Please speak to Pastor Willem if you are interested or would like more information.

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