St. John's Presbyterian Church 1480 George Street in White Rock December 3, 2017



WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Morning Praise

"Cause Me to Come"

"You Are My God"

Announcements

Advent Liturgy & Prayer

Lighting of the Advent Candle

"Hope is a Star" Hymn 119

Greeting & Call to Worship

"He is Coming Again"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Isaiah 64 : 1 – 9 (pew Bible p. 1161)

Mark 13: 24 – 37 (pew Bible p. 1578)

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

Presentation

Sermon "Take Notice, Watch and Pray"

Prayers of the People "When He Cometh"

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

Apostle's Creed

Institution

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

"Go Tell it on the Mountain" Hymn 133

Charge & Benediction

"The Trees of the Field"

Postlude

Happy Birthday!

Retha Truter today, Dec 3 Anneke van der Westhuizen Dec 5

Remember in Prayer:

Hazel Alden Jim McKee Anne McNaughton Natalie Anthony Sylvia Bleeks Carla Simpson George Boulet Alex Lozanski Pat Brown Rod MacLeod Ruth Campbell Margie Stager Pastor Willem Sandy Erickson Helen Garvie Maxine Watson



Pastor Willem's Bible Study

Studies are finished for year and will resume on Jan 3.

In-Home Bible Study is held at the home of Barb Petticrew Wednesday mornings at 10am. **December 13 will be the last study until January**. All are welcome!

The Lord is Coming! Prepare! Books are on display in the library to be read during this time of Advent. "But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart." Luke 2:19

Special Kirk Session meeting next Sunday, December 10 after church.

Bible Readings December 4 to December 10

Nahum 1 : 1 – 15; Nahum 2 : 1 – 13; Nahum 3 : 1 – 19; Isaiah 40 : 1 – 17; Isaiah 40 : 18 – 31; 2 Peter 3 : 1 – 18;

Mark 1:1-8

Christmas Services Poinsettia or Flowers

If you would like a poinsettia purchased for you, or if you would like to provide one for the Sanctuary, please take a form and envelope provided in the hall today and follow instructions. Forms should be placed in the office drop box or given to Leone Wright by next Sunday, December 10.

SJP Outreach Committee has adopted a family of four this Christmas. Any cash donations would be greatly appreciated to ensure a festive, blessed Christmas for this single parent and three girls. Please see Denise Langley.



St. John's Presbyterian Church

Worship with us at 10:30 on Sunday Mornings! Next Afrikaans Service is January 28 at 9am

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General Church Office Hours: Wed & Thu 9am - 3pm

St. John's Ladies Fellowship Updates

The Spirit of Giving in Our Community

Many thanks to the congregation for your generous support of our Christmas hamper for the family of six. Our ladies will pack the hamper with donated items and gift cards at our December 12 Ladies Fellowship meeting. There is one more week to donate needed items, food or funds. All is due by Sunday, December 10. The Christmas dinner hamper and gifts will be delivered to the family near Christmas.

Any gift items may be wrapped and labeled with gender and age. Please **do not wrap** stocking items such as candy, pens, stickers, nail polish, etc. and non-perishable food. See the marked box in the narthex. If you prefer to give a monetary donation through St. John's, mark the 'Special' line of your envelope 'Christmas Hamper'.

Wish List, Gift Ideas and Items Needed:

Age 4 Girl: Princess / girly items, Barbie, "Hatchimal", preschool toys.

Age 10 Boy: Lego, super heroes, loves history and inventors.

Age 12 Girl: Craft kits, Google gift card, loves to paint and draw.

Age 18 Boy: PS4 gift card, Marvel.

Age 20 Boy: Amazon gift card, remote control items.

Mom: Bath & Body Works or Lush products.

Stocking Stuffer Ideas: Pens, felts and/or pencil crayons, socks, mitts, gloves, candy canes, chocolate, gum, nail polish, stickers, men's razors, deodorants, lotions, soaps, body wash gel, blender (black), mixer (black), hair dryer/diffuser.

Items donated to date by kind donors:

Toques, mitts, stuffed animals, art set and mixer. Also, a generous church member has purchased waterproof jackets for each child. Thank you so much for helping us make Christmas a little more merry for this local family!!





Christmas Events at St. John's

December 3, 10 & 17

St. John's Advent Services 10:30am

December 17

Guest Minister Rev. Robin Ross 10:30am

December 24

SJ Presbyterian Sunday Service 10:30am

Guest Minister Rev. Robin Ross

SJ Presbyterian & WR Lutheran
WR Lutheran Rev. David Hilderman
Traditional Christmas Eve Service 4:00pm

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Candlelight Service 7:00pm

December 30

> New Year's Lunch 11:00am