

Welcome to  
St. John's  
Presbyterian Church

1480 George Street  
White Rock, BC

**December 20, 2015**  
*Fourth Sunday in Advent*



**WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

*Morning Praise*

"Go Tell It On the Mountain"

Hymn 133

"There's a Star in the East"

"I Am the Light of the World"

Announcements

Advent Liturgy

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Greeting & Call to Worship

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

**WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading **Micah 5 : 2 – 5**

(Pew Bibles p. 658 / large print p. 1445)

**Luke 1 : 39 – 45**

(Pew Bibles p. 724 / large print p. 1588)

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

Presentation "O Ancient Love" M. Joncas

Sermon **"The Joy of the Promised King"**

Prayers of the People "Wait For the Lord"

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" Hymn 165

**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**

"The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy"

Charge & Benediction

"The Trees of the Field"

Postlude

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

*Today's Greeters*

Jacqueline Chartier  
and Sheila Jakus



**Happy Birthday** to May Duncan TODAY,  
December 20, Samantha Collins on December 23 and  
Cathy Jeatt & Trisha van der Westhuizen on December 26!

**Remember in Prayer:**

George Boulet, David & Jenny Zhang, Brad Forster,  
Alex Lozanski, Denis & Barb Marshall, Jim McKee,  
Dr. Vern Sobey and Harriet Waesch.

**Please get your Poinsettia order in today!** Today is the  
deadline if you want to order a poinsettia for the Christmas Eve  
service. Please follow the instructions on the insert in your  
bulletin. **Money for flowers should not go into the offering!**

**New Greeter Sign-Up Sheet for January to March 2016**

is posted on the bulletin board! If you would like to be a  
greeter, please add your name to the list! Thank you to all  
who have volunteered in 2015!

**Christmas Services at St. John's:**

**Presbyterian and Lutheran Traditional**  
Traditional Christmas Eve Service at **4pm**

**Presbyterian and Lutheran**  
Candlelight Service at **7pm**

**Traditional Afrikaans**  
Christmas Day Service at **10am**



### **Bible Readings**

#### **December 21 to December 27**

Obadiah 1 – 21; Isaiah 7 : 10 – 8 : 10;  
Isaiah 8 : 11 – 9 : 7; Luke 2 : 1 – 20; Hebrews 1 : 1 – 14;  
Acts 6 : 1 – 15; Psalm 148 : 1 – 14

#### **No Session meeting until next year!**

**Tuesday, January 26 at 7pm**

**It is time to reflect** and ponder during Advent as Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart so long ago. Advent means 'coming' and refers to Jesus Christ's coming to earth as an infant and to His promised return to earth known as the 'second coming'. Books are on display in the library to read during this time of Advent.

~ Librarian Fern Beale ~

#### **Wednesday Bible Studies**

We are now on break until the New Year.

See you on January 13th!

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### **Sunday Morning Worship Begins at 10:30am**

A service in the **Afrikaans** language is held each **second** and **fourth** Sunday at 9am.

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**Church Office Hours:** Wednesday & Thursday 9am to 3pm

The office will be **closed for Christmas December 25 through January 5**, re-opening on January 6.

Bulletin submission deadline is Wednesday morning by 9am.

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