

Fourth Advent, Sunday, December 22, 2019



Richmond
Alliance
Church

The Word Became Flesh



Midnight Clear

Opening Prayer

The First Noel
(Lighting of
the Advent Candle)

Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Behold Him

Giving of Our Offerings
Children's Dismissal

"The Circumcision of Christ"
(Luke 2:21)
- Pastor JD

Adore

Baptism

Christmas Day

Benediction

HELPING
PEOPLE KNOW
AND FOLLOW
JESUS CHRIST

WELCOME!

We are a multi-ethnic, intergenerational church, dedicated to helping people grow in their relationship with, and commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are looking for a church home, or exploring the issue of faith and spirituality, you are more than welcome here.

This Week

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| TUE | 6:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service |
| WED | (RAC Youth will resume Jan 8, 2020) |
| THU | (Ladies' Morning Break will resume Jan 9, 2020) |
| NEXT SUN | 10:30 am - "The Word... His Incarnation (Part 2)" (John 1:14-18) - Pastor Ron |

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 24, 2019, 6 – 7 pm

CHRISTMAS... FOR ALL!



**Congratulations to Isabelle
Best on her baptism today!**

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. (Rom 6:4)

Christmas Decoration Take-Down: Saturday, January 4, 10:00 am. Contact Andrea Krause if you're available to help.

RAC CHRISTMAS PROJECT

We have reached our Missions budget for the year. Praise the Lord! However, we want to continue to dedicate this Christmas season to a special focus on worldwide missions. Please consider making an extra donation to "**Missions**"—as the greatest gift that we celebrate is the gift of Jesus to this world.



Prayer & Praise

- Pray for **Glenn Oerzen's mother, Ursula**, who is home following surgery. Pray for her, both as she has recently lost her husband, and her ongoing health issues. Pray also for Glenn and Carol and the family as they have to make decisions for her long-term care arrangements.
- Pray for **Ninoy Constantino**, is back in the Richmond Hospital. Pray for him as he continues to battle ongoing health and strength issues.
- **Pastor Ron and Marcella** thank you for your prayers and words of condolences following the passing of Marcella's father, **Allen**, on Dec 7. A graveside service was held in Calgary Thursday.

Update from **Don and Betty Orr** in Iraq: Today we heard that because of the protests and violence in Baghdad, the government agency that grants letters required for NGO and aid agencies working in Iraq has shut down. This means that 90% of the help given to people in displacement camps, including from the UN will cease within the next 30 days. Please pray for the violence in Iraq to cease and for peace to rein. Pray that the help these people require as winter hits can reach those in need.

IN NEED OF A PRAYER? If you have a specific need you would like prayer for, simply write it on the back of the Welcome Card, and place it in the offering bag. Also, an Elder is available to pray with you following the service (next to the Communion Table).

*The church office will be closed on Wed and Thurs, December 25–26, 2019.

Sermon Notes

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| But it is necessary for eternal salvation that one also believe in the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ faithfully. | 29 |
| Now this is the true faith: | 30 |
| That we believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and human, equally. | |
| He is God from the essence of the Father, begotten before time; | 31 |
| and he is human from the essence of his mother, born in time; | |
| completely God, completely human, with a rational soul and human flesh; | 32 |
| equal to the Father as regards divinity, less than the Father as regards humanity. | 33 |
| Although he is God and human, yet Christ is not two, but one. | 34 |
| He is one, however, not by his divinity being turned into flesh, but by God's taking humanity to himself. | 35 |
| He is one, certainly not by the blending of his essence, but by the unity of his person. | 36 |
| For just as one human is both rational soul and flesh, so too the one Christ is both God and human. | 37 |

Finances

General Fund:

Last Week: \$7,997.05

Year-to-date: \$193,672.72

Budget-to-date: \$192,500.00

Benevolent: \$100.00

Mortgage Reduction: \$605.00

Global Advance: \$550.00

Canadian Ministries: \$50.00

*Online giving available through
the church's website*

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Ministries

CHILDREN

The Nursery is available for newborns to age 3. Children ages 4 through grade 5 join their parents in the sanctuary before being dismissed upstairs for Children's Church.

YOUTH

Christ-centred church ministry for high school students (Gr.8-12) is available to students both in and out of our church. We meet weekly on Wednesday evenings.

HOME GROUPS

Experience church at a smaller level at home groups! Groups meet weekly for Scriptural discussion, personal sharing, prayer, and fellowship.

WOMEN

Ladies' Morning Break is a ministry to empower women for godly living. We meet Thursday mornings at 9:30 am.

MEN

Meet every Wednesday at 6:30 am for a look into God's Word.