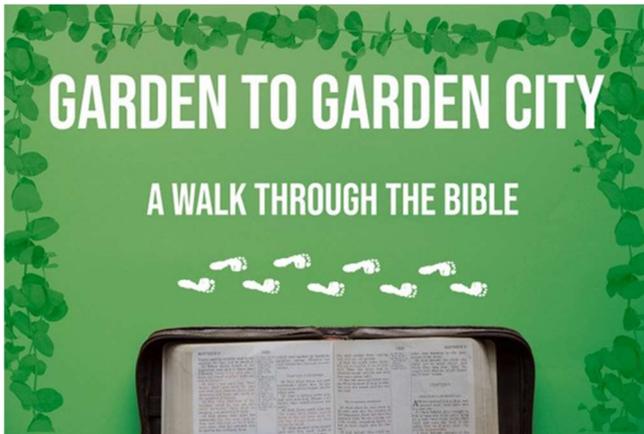




Helping people take the next step toward Jesus

Welcome

God is worthy to be praised!



Reading Revelation 4-: 1-5 : 7

GATHERED WORSHIP BOOKLET

SUNDAY DECEMBER 18TH 2022

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We're so glad you are with us today!

Wonga Park CRC is a church that is committed to helping people grow in their faith, one step at a time. We believe people do this by encountering God in His living word, through prayer, and in community with other believers.

New here?

We would love to meet and connect with you, so please fill in your details on the back of this booklet, place it in the offering bag and one of our team will contact you.

God's Word

We encourage you to take notes in the place provided, to reflect on what God has been saying to you, and to discuss it with your family, friends and children.

Prayer

We have several places in our worship service where we pray. If you have a prayer request, please fill in your request with your details (if you would like us to contact you) on the last page of this booklet, and place it in the offering bag. Our prayer team will pray for your request.

Community

We encourage you to stay after the service for coffee and fellowship. We would love to meet you and get to know you more. We have a cry room off to the side of the church for parents with infants. During School term we also run a Sunday School for primary school aged children.

Order of service

Call to Worship - Welcome

Song

Advent reading and lighting of Candle

Song– Love–How Deep the Father’s Love for us

Lord’s Supper

Song–Response to Lord’s supper

Children’s Talk - Sarah Pretorius

Children’s Song

Offerings - Peter Williams

Reflection song during Offering–

Prayer over Offerings - Peter Williams

Children go to Sunday School

Announcements– Peter Williams

Congregational Prayer– Peter Williams

Song

Scripture reading

Scripture - Revelation 4 : 1-5 : 7(CSB)

Sermon - God is worthy to be praised!

Sermon Discussion

Song

Close of service – Invitation and Benediction

Song

Today Pastor Chris Pretorius will be preaching.

Duty Elder : Peter Williams

Sermon Title : God is worthy to be praised!

Reading : Revelation 4 : 1-5 : 7

Sermon Notes

Discussion Questions

1. What stood out for you? What was new or challenging?
2. What is one thing you can share with a co-worker or friend this week?
3. According to Revelation 4 why should we worship God the Father?
4. According to Revelation 5 why should we worship God the Son?
5. Consider John weeping because no one was worthy to open the scroll. Why do you think he had such a strong reaction?
6. What does this teach us about our design and character?
7. What does it mean for the elders to cast their crowns at the Lamb's feet?
8. How do you think that applies to us today?
9. What is one step you can take in growing in your worship of God?

Sermon Notes continued

"Prayer is chatting with God, in freedom and with simplicity. In the midst of both calm and chaos, prayer moves us to internally sit still at his feet. Prayer can change our thinking and bring peace, as we remember that he controls everything. Prayer reminds us that he is the end to which we affirm and steward our callings in life. Prayer allows us to see God actively listening and responding to our needs. Prayer brings closeness and authenticity to our relationship with him." — Shekea Moreno

As we go into the coming week let us daily pray;
That we will humbly bow in gratitude for all that our dear Saviour did for us by coming to earth to redeem us.

Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and redeemed his people. (Luke 1:68 NIV)

Give praise and thanks to God our heavenly Father for the deep love he shown for us by going to such extreme lengths to save us.

Give thanks and praise for the successful operation that Heather Linde underwent and pray that he will continue to watch over her in whatever is still to come.

Please pray for those for whom the Christmas period is anything but joyous as they miss loved ones or face loneliness which is often brought home strongly at this time of year.

Pray for all those who have received their results from exams, pray that those who are disappointed will know the peace of God and know that their result does not define who they are.

Give thanks to God for all the teachers and school ancillary staff who have dedicated themselves to the teaching of our children and young people.

Pray for our nation that the enforcement of suspect ideologies will not be allowed to stifle the message of the gospel of salvation.

*Thank
You*

Herman and Heather Linde, thank everyone for their prayers and support for Heather. We are most grateful for the comfort brought to us by our family in Christ. God bless.

Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Iran, especially those who have converted from Islam. A new report from the U.K. government corroborated what persecution watchdogs have long warned: Iran is a dangerous place for Christian converts and those embracing biblical faith. The report noted that the vast majority of Iranians (99.6%) are Muslim, with just 0.4% embracing other religions, including the Christian faith. Iranian Christians are generally placed into three categories. The first, ethnic Christians, include Armenians, Assyrians, and Chaldeans, who tend to be Orthodox or Catholic. While generally protected by the state, these groups are considered second-class citizens. The second group, non-ethnic Christians, are typically Pentecostals, Presbyterians, and Anglicans who speak Farsi. The third group, Christian converts, are more recent converts from Islam, typically embracing biblical faith after 2005 or 2006. The Iranian government's handling of these three groups is not equitable, with Christian converts purportedly facing the most restrictions and abuse.

"Ethnic" Christians are considered to not be "at real risk of persecution of serious harm from the state." This is the same for "non-ethnic" Christians who converted before 1979 and through 2005 and 2006, though the situation is different for Christian converts, Fox News reported. "In general, a person who is found to have converted to Christianity and who seeks to openly practice their faith in Iran, are likely to be subject to treatment or discrimination by the state that is sufficiently serious, by its nature or repetition, to amount to persecution," the report reads. Of course, Christians generally face more restrictions than those in other groups, as churches and Christians are forced to register with the government, and proselytization is precluded. "Churches are monitored by security officials to ensure Christians of a Muslim background do not attend and those that do not comply with these restrictions have been closed down," the report reads.

The U.K. report builds upon other documented data showing the horrific treatment of Christians in Iran. Open Doors USA's "World Watch List" ranks the nation as the ninth most challenging place in the world for Christians to live. "Converts from Islam to Christianity are most at risk of persecution, especially by the government and to a lesser extent by society and their own families," Open Doors reported. "The government sees the growth of the church in Iran as an attempt by Western countries to undermine Islam and the Islamic regime of Iran." It continued, "House groups made up of converts from Muslim backgrounds are often raided, and both their leaders and members have been arrested, prosecuted and given long prison sentences for "crimes against national security."

Source: *Faithwire*

Giving– Our giving is an act of Worship

In our church we have two offerings every Sunday. The first goes toward the ministry of this congregation.

The second offering goes toward various Christian causes. This week our second offering will go towards the work of our Deacons.

If you would like to support this work you can do so by in Church giving–Simply add your offering to the bag or bank transfer BSB 063 167 ACC 1015 8356

If using bank transfer please indicate whether it is for the first offering “Sun 1” or second offering “Sun 2” in the reference line. Or you can give online via our Church app:

<https://wpcrc.org.au/give>

Deacons

Our Deacons help to serve our church and the wider community both practically and financially. Financial gifts for the Deacons are always appreciated and will go towards supporting people in and outside of our congregation.

To make an offering to the Deacons account details are as follows

BSB: 063-167 Acc. 1015 8372

Joy van Veen

Dale Reed

0409 199 840

0412 216 300

Sandra Stork

0418 592 206



22nd December– Sarah Pretorius

26th December– Conrad Du Toit

What's happening this week at WPCRC

Sunday 18th December

Worship Service 10 am (in person and online)

Sunday 25th December

Christmas Day

Worship Service 10am (in person & online)



Coffee Roster

Today : Roger and Janette Fernando

Sunday 25th December

Christmas Day– Theron family

CAROLS SERVICE

Thank you to all those who contributed to our Special Carols Service last Sunday, including everyone who attended. We are especially grateful for the wonderful Children's presentation of

The Grace that changes everything!



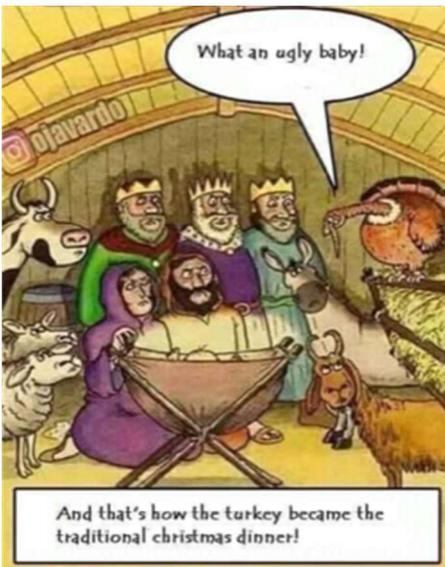




Thanks to Our Children for their wonderful Presentation.



"Nice iron. Your wife will love it. While I wrap it, you might want to go over to sporting goods and pick out a helmet."



Growth Groups

We believe that Growth Groups are the lifeblood of a disciple growing church community. We have several growth groups that meet during various times throughout the week. Each Growth Group is similar in that we meet together to pray for non believers and for each other, we study scripture and we support one another. We would love each of our members to be a part of a growth group. If you would like to join please contact our administrator by emailing admin@wpcrc.org.au

Monday night (online)

Contact :Herman Linde
0411 069 808

Monday night (online)

Contact :Leon & Anjali de Beer
0474 335 446
0460 671 271

Wednesday night

Young Adults
Contact: Kasha Schubert
0450 012 177

Wednesday night (online)

Contact: Chris Pretorius
0423 889 913

Wednesday night

Contact: Adri Bennie
0425 727 949

Thursday mornings

Contact: Wendy Harrison
0407 801 630

Friday night Parent Group

Contact : Neil Bester
0425 569 149

Contact: Martin van der Merwe
0458 908 148

Contact

If you would like further information about anything you have heard today please contact

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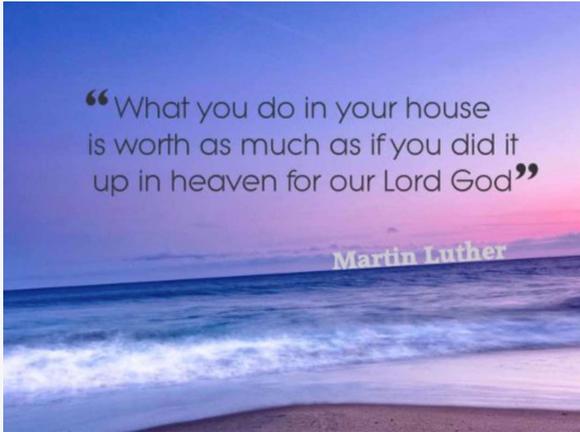
or our

Church Administrator–Michelle 0488 777 517

Or we have a full list of Contacts on the Bulletin Board in our Church Foyer.



Thank you for joining us today



Connect with us

Your name :

Contact number :

Contact email :

Prayer Requests :