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The 1st Sunday of Advent
A Service of the Word

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The doctrines of the Lord are three: the hope of life is the beginning and the end of our faith; righteousness is the beginning and end of judgment; and glad and joyful love is the evidence of the works of righteousness.

— St. Barnabas, early second century

GATHERING 모임

The Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day, the day of Christ's resurrection

Prelude 전주

Tim Bailey

Prepare the Way: Advent Candle Lighting 찬송

Rev. Matthew Emery

Choir: ♪ A candle of hope to light our way,
with longing hearts, we watch and pray.
Creator of the stars of night; your people's everlasting light.
Come, O come, Emmanuel.



Many: Pre - pare the way of the Lord. Make way for the Prince of



Peace, King of kings, Lord of lords, Je-sus, Em-man - u -



el. Pre-prepare the way, pre-prepare the way.

One: As we enter this season of Advent, we gather with anticipation,
waiting for the arrival of the one who brings light into our darkness.
This first candle represents the hope we have in Christ.

the candle is lighted

We await the coming of Emmanuel with hearts full of expectation,
knowing that he will bring new life to all creation.

Many: **Prepare the way of the Lord with hope.**

One: When we feel weary or burdened, we trust in the God who renews our
strength and fills our hearts with hope.

Many: **Prepare the way of the Lord with hope.**

One: When we see injustice and suffering, we are reminded of the coming
Christ who will make things right.

Many: **Prepare the way of the Lord with hope.**

One: In our times of struggle, may we remember the promises of God who

is with us, guiding us toward a future of restoration.

Many: Prepare the way of the Lord with hope.

One: As we wait for the Christ child, may our hearts be open to his light, and our lives be ready to reflect his love and grace.

Many: Prepare the way of the Lord with hope.

One: As we walk this Advent journey, may we be bearers of hope to those around us, proclaiming with our lives that Christ is near.
O Emmanuel, God with us, we place our hope in you.

Many: Prepare the way of the Lord with hope.

Choir: ♪ Come, O come, Emmanuel.

Many: ♪ **Prepare the way of the Lord. Make way for the Prince of Peace, King of Kings, Lord of lords, Jesus, Emmanuel. Prepare the way, prepare the way.**

Centring Quiet 집중을 위한 조용한 순간

We together hold an intentional period of quiet, during which worshippers are invited to centre themselves and prepare for the worship of God.

Greeting 인사

Pastor Youngsun Cheon

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day 오늘의 기도

Pastor Youngsun

One: Let us pray.

Many: Faithful God,
your promises stand unshaken
through all generations.
Renew us in hope,
that we may be
awake and alert
as we watch for glorious
return of Jesus Christ,
our judge and Saviour,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

신실하신 하나님,
주의 약속은 모든 세대를 지나도
흔들리지 않습니다.
우리에게 소망을 새롭게 하셔서,
예수그리스도-우리의 심판자요
구제주-의 영광스러운 다시
오심을 깨어 주의하고 깨어
기다리게 하소서.
예수그리스도는 성령과 하나 되어
한 하나님으로 영원히 살아
다스리시나이다.
아멘.

*** Hymn 찬송 — “A Candle Is Burning”**

Voices United #6 – vv. 1-4

Confession and Forgiveness 죄의 고백과 용서 *Ross Shearer, diaconal min. stud.*

CALL TO CONFESSION 고백으로의 초청

PRAYER OF CONFESSION 죄의 고백

Many: God of night and day,
there is no shadow that can conceal our sin from you
and no secret that you will not bring to light.
For our revelling and drunkenness,
Forgive us, O God.
For our debauchery and licentiousness,
forgive us, O God.
O God, forgive us our sins,
renew us in love,
and teach us to live in a way
that brings honour and glory to your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Quiet is kept for personal confession and reflection.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS 용서의 선언

One: ... Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

THE PEACE 평화의 인사

One: 그리스도의 평화가 당신과 함께 하시기를 바랍니다.
The peace of Christ be with you all.

Many: And also with you.

All are invited to share signs of Christ's peace with those around them.

Words of Welcome & News from Our Life Together 교회 소식

Rev. Matt

WORD 말씀

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Anthem — “A Carol of Hope” by Besig/Price

The Choir

As the star shone down on that holy night, to show where the baby lay,
May the light of Christmas fill our hearts, and lead us in His way.
As the angels sang on that holy night to tell of the Saviour's birth,
May the song of Christmas fill our hearts with hope for peace on earth.
Though the day may pass so quickly by, and the spirit may start to fade;
We must try to keep its meaning alive, guiding us day to day.
Child who came on that holy night, a gift from our God above,
May we reach beyond this Christmas day to share that peace and love.
We'll share His peace and love. We'll share His love.

The Early Word 어린이 설교

Rev. Matt

ending with **The Lord's Prayer** 회중기도와 주기도

Many: Our Father, who art in Heaven, 하늘에 계신 우리 아버지여,
hallowed be thy name, 이름이 거룩히 여김을
thy kingdom come, 받으시오며, 나라이 임하옵시며,

thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the Kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

뜻이 하늘에서 이룬 것같이
땅에서도 이루어지이다. 오늘날
우리에게 일용할 양식을
주옵시고, 우리가 우리에게 죄
지은 자를 사하여 준 것같이 우리
죄를 사하여 주옵시고, 우리를
시험에 들게 하지 마옵시고,
다만 악에서 구하옵소서. 대개
나라와 권세와 영광이 아버지께
영원히 있사옵나이다. 아멘.

*Children grades 5 and younger are welcome to go with the leader(s)
to Children's Church, in the Lounge on the lower level.*

First Reading 성경봉독 — Matthew 24:36-44

pew bibles NT p. 26

Jesus describes his second coming as a sudden, turbulent event that will bring about deep change to our normal, day-today lives. Therefore, he urges people to stay awake, be aware, and wait expectantly, because the Son of Man will come unannounced.

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 성경봉독 — Romans 13:11-14

pew bibles NT p. 158

Paul compares the advent of Christ to the coming of dawn. We live our lives today in light of Christ's coming in the future.

IN ENGLISH

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

IN KOREAN

after the reading:

One: 아멘 (Amen).

Many: 아멘 (Amen).

Sermon 설교 — “Courageous Living in the Light”

Pastor Youngsun

a brief moment of quiet follows the sermon

*** Hymn** 찬송 — “Awake, O Sleeper”

Voices United #566

Responding with our Gifts 봉헌

Rev. Matt

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Tim Bailey

PRAYER REQUESTS — As the morning offering is collected:

- in-person worshippers can share prayer petitions (thanksgivings and intercessions, joys and concerns) on the **purple-topped prayer request cards** found in the pew racks and place them the offering plates as they are passed.
- live-via-Zoom online worshippers are welcome to submit prayer petitions (thanksgivings and intercessions, joys and concerns) in the Zoom “chat” feature.

5 All praise to you, e - ter - nal Son, whose

ad-vent has our free - dom won; and praise to God whom

we a - dore, with Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

The Prayers of the People

Rev. Matt

FEAST 성찬

God feeds us with the Presence of Jesus Christ

* **Hymn** 찬송 — “All who are thirsty”

More Voices #4

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Matt & Pastor Youngsun

The Great Thanksgiving 성찬 감사기도

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: Blessed are you, gracious God, ...

... as we wait and watch for your coming, we proclaim your goodness:

Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth
are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!

거룩 거룩 거룩하신 여호와 전능하신
하나님, 하늘과 땅이 주님의
영광으로 찬만하나이다. 호산나!
가장 높은 곳에서 주님을
찬양하나이다.

Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

주님의 이름으로 오시는 이를
송축하나이다. 호산나! 가장 높은
곳에서 주님을 찬양하나이다.

One: All holy God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus ...

... Great is the mystery of faith:

Many: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

One: Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power ...

... all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, forever and ever.

Many: Amen.

Sharing the Feast 성찬에의 참여

An Open Table! When we celebrate Holy Communion we are *all* guests at the table, with Jesus himself as our host. We have not earned a place at the table, rather we are invited because of the amazing grace of God. For that reason, this celebration of the Holy Communion is open to all — including children—who wish to know the presence of Christ and the community of God's people, and not merely members of this congregation or denomination. This is a *joyful* feast for *all* the people of God.

열린 식탁! 우리가 성찬식을 거행할 때, 우리는 예수님이 주인인 식탁의 모든 손님입니다. 우리는 하나님의 놀라운 은혜로 인해 초대받은 모든 사람입니다. 우리의 합당성 때문이 아니라, 하나님의 놀라운 은혜로 인해 초대받은 모든 사람입니다. 그렇기 때문에, 이 성찬식은 그리스도의 임재와 하나님의 백성의 공동체를 알고자 하는 모든 사람에게 열려 있으며, 이 교회나 교단의 구성원에게만 국한되지 않습니다. 그리고 여기에는 아이들도 포함됩니다. 이것은 하나님의 모든 백성에게 즐거운 잔치입니다.

Toutes les personnes sont les bienvenues et invitées à la fête de la communion !

ਸਾਰੇ ਲੋਕਾਂ ਦਾ ਸਵਾਗਤ ਹੈ ਅਤੇ ਸੰਗਤੀ ਤਿਉਹਾਰ ਲਈ ਸੱਦਾ ਦਿੱਤਾ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ!

欢迎所有人参加圣餐节!

We receive communion at stations in the front of the church. You will come forward via the centre aisle to one of the stations to receive a piece of bread and a cup. Partake of these and return to your seat via the side aisles.

성찬을 위한 분병과 분잔은 본당 앞쪽에서 진행됩니다. 성찬에 참여하는 성도님들은 앞으로 나오셔서 개인별로 빵과 컵을 받고 자리로 돌아가시면 됩니다.

Anyone with mobility concerns may simply signal an usher or communion server to be brought the sacrament at your seat. All cups have non-alcoholic grape juice, and all bread is gluten-free.

거동이 불편한 분들이 계시다면 안내원이나 봉사자들에게 알려주십시오. 자리로 가져다 드리겠습니다. 모든 성찬 포도주는 클로버데일 교회의 관례대로 무알코올 포도주스, 빵은 전통 빵과 글루텐 프리 빵 중 선택하실 수 있도록 함께 제공됩니다.

Prayer after Communion 성찬 후의 기도

Many: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
 Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:
 Ourselves, our time, and our possessions.
 Use us, and what we have gathered,
 In feeding the world with your love,
 Through the one who gave himself for us,
 Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

SENDING 파송

God blesses us and sends us forth in mission for the world

*** Hymn 찬송 — “Rejoice! Rejoice Believers”**

LLANGLOFFAN

1 Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen-ish them with oil;
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing and dark-er night is near.
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this shad-ow'd sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon he will draw nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion; at mid - night comes the cry.
 a - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the Bride-groom is at hand!
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

*** Charge and Benediction** 파송과 축도

Pastor Youngsun

*** RESPONSE** 파송 찬양 — from “My Soul in Stillness Waits”

Refrain

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; tru-ly my hope is in you.

*** Dismissal** 예배로 부름

Rev. Matt

One: Go in peace. Keep awake.

Many: Thanks be to God.

*** Postlude** 후주

Tim Bailey

Be Our Guest! Come on down to the Lower Hall for coffee or tea or another beverage, a bite to eat, and a chat! Access to the Lower Hall is down the stairs outside the door at the front right of the sanctuary or via the elevator at the front left of the sanctuary. Follow the crowds on down, or ask an usher to guide you... We look forward to seeing you!

Life at Cloverdale United Church

Worship

Many thanks to today's ...

readers: Elenore Sturko, Myunghee Lee

ushers/greeters: Sharon McBain, Judy Johansen

digital ushers: Jamie Brown, Ben Son

fellowship time hosts: Lorrie Brown, Margaret Rose

Many ways to give! We welcome your offering in the way that works for you: by cash or cheque in the offering plates, through automatic monthly gifts via Pre-Authorized Remittance (contact the office to enrol), by free eTransfer from your bank (to cloverdalepastoralcharge@gmail.com), or by credit card via CanadaHelps (service fees apply). Want to give now but don't have cash or cheque? Scan the QR → to be taken to CanadaHelps.



Children are welcome at all services! It is important for families to worship together. Don't feel your child must be absolutely quiet or still, for we are glad to have children—and all their wiggles, giggles, and squiggles—as part of our community and worship life! After all... as an old saying goes, “faith is caught, not taught!” Children are encouraged to stand and sing with the songs, partake in communion, read and pray along when they can, and join in for the “Early Word”—a time at the front with conversation just for them near the beginning of the service. Most Sundays September through June, we have “**Children's Church**” activities during the latter two-thirds of the service in the Lounge on the lower level, to which any pre-school through grade 5 aged child is welcome! For those accompanying infants or toddlers who need a spot to ‘escape’ to during the worship service, feel free to make use of the “**Quiet Room**” off the side of the sanctuary, near the piano, where there you will find comfortable seating, toys, and a changing table all while being able to hear and see the worship service.



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Likewise, from time to time still photography of our worship services may be taken and used for church communications, websites, and other uses. By your presence within the sanctuary, you are indicating your consent to the possibility that your likeness may be captured and used in any of these ways. While video capture of congregants in the pews is relatively minimal, if you wish to guarantee you will not ever be depicted on video, the area at the rear centre of the pew seating area is unable to be picked up on camera.



Washrooms can be found just outside the sanctuary through the door at the front right of the space (the northeast corner of the room).



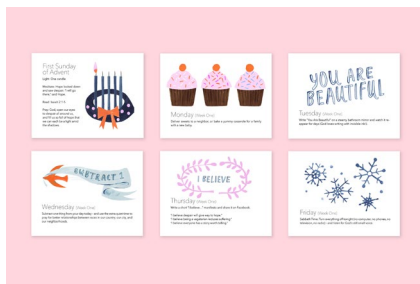
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Pick up an Advent Calendar Deck this weekend! As we enter into the season of Advent this Sunday, join with others all around our congregation in marking the days of preparation and watching through the practices you’ll find in our Advent Calendar card deck, which you can pick up this weekend.



Created by a progressive Christian media production company known as The SALT Project, in partnership with illustrator extraordinaire Penelope Dullaghan, this indigo blue (think: night sky just before dawn!) printable calendar will help you and our whole community beautifully engage the season of Advent.

Every day leading up to Christmas Eve has its own hand-illustrated card: Sundays include words from scripture, a bite-sized meditation, and a simple prayer; weekday cards include a simple, engaging daily practice to try as we watch, and wait, and pray along the road to Bethlehem.

Ideas for enjoying the calendar:

1. Put each card into a numbered envelope and open one per day until Christmas Eve.
2. Display the cards in a circle around a centerpiece or candle.
3. Pin each card onto a large, fabric-covered canvas and place a tiny Christmas decoration on each day that has passed.
4. Check out this video and let your imagination fly!

If you’re not able to be with us in worship this coming Sunday, extra sets will be available as the season progresses... pick one up when you have a chance, or let the church office know and we’ll find a way to get one to you!

Meet



Sunshine Ladies Christmas luncheon

Wednesday, December 3rd at 1:00 PM at the Cloverdale Legion. All ladies are welcome to join!

CUC Christmas Potluck

Dinner: Join us for a joyful Christmas Dinner at Cloverdale United Church on Saturday, December 13th at 5:00 PM!

We'll gather for a potluck dinner, sing Christmas songs together, and enjoy a fun gift exchange.

Everyone is welcome!

What to Bring: A dish to share for the potluck and a family gift (around \$30 value) for the gift exchange

If you have any questions, please contact **Chohee Won** at chohee@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca. Come celebrate the season with good food, music, and community. We can't wait to see you there!



Serve

You Serve with your Stewardship: *"Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy."* (Romans 13:12b-13). How are you stewarding your life? Paul reminds us that we are not created for darkness—living to satisfying our desires and fighting with other. Rather, we are created to walk boldly in God's light of truth and love. Doing so, our lives become filled with God's joy and satisfaction and love.

Serve on the PMRC Investment

Advisory Council: The Pacific Mountain Regional Council of The United Church of Canada is seeking **two new members** to join our **Investment Advisory Council** — a volunteer group that provides stewardship and guidance for more than **\$70 million** held in trust to support the mission and ministries of our Region and many United Church communities.

This is a unique opportunity to use your gifts in financial stewardship to support the life and work of the church now and for future generations. Our investments help fund ministry, social impact initiatives, property development, justice work, and community outreach across our Region.

We're looking for individuals who:

- Have **experience or strong interest in investing or financial stewardship**
- Can offer thoughtful leadership rooted in United Church values
- Care about responsible, ethical, and mission-aligned investing
- Are able to attend **four virtual meetings per year (about 2 hours each)**

You do not need to be a finance professional — familiarity with investing and a desire to learn and contribute are what matter most.

If you feel called to this ministry, or know someone who might be a good fit, we'd love to connect. Please reach out to Houston Mo, Director of Finance & Property, at hmo@united-church.ca to learn more or express interest.

We also invite you to **share this opportunity within your networks** — your support in spreading the word is deeply appreciated.

Let us steward our shared resources faithfully and boldly, for the church we are called to be.



Pray

New this week...

- We thank you, God, for the strengthening in body, mind, and spirit that has been at work in **J.**, the neighbourhood secondary student who had transplant surgery earlier this fall, and ask you to continue to hold J.'s family in a difficult journey.
- O God, we mourn the deaths of the **dozens of people killed in the high rise apartment building fire** in Hong Kong, and ask that you would make way, in the midst of the hurt and despair, into the hearts of those who have lost loved ones.
- Good Lord, thank you for the gift of the life of **Carrie**, sister of Trixie, who died November 12th, and hold Trixie and the rest of Carrie's family in your peace that surpasses all understanding.

- Give your healing and strength, gracious God, to the elementary school **students and teachers attacked by a grizzly bear** last week in Bella Coola.
- We give you thanks, O God, for the witness to Christ made through the peoples and ministries of **Turner Zion** United Church in New Denver (*from The United Church's regional council prayer cycles*).
- For the nations and peoples of **Brunei, Malaysia, and Singapore**. *We give you thanks, O God, for:* Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox, and evangelical churches and councils of churches in Malaysia and Singapore which have witnessed to the gospel and ministered to groups who are discriminated against and marginalized; economic developments that have enhanced the standard of living for many; policies and practices that seek to sustain the environment and its resources; and those who have sought to further ethnic and religious harmony. *And we pray to you, O God, for:* more just, participatory, and democratic rule; locally-determined economic development that lessens inequalities and protects natural resources; greater ethnic and religious understanding and cooperation; and the forging of national identities and visions that genuinely include all the diverse people in these countries. (*from the World Council of Churches' prayer cycle*)

Ongoing...

- Bring healing, Holy One, upon **Donna** as she recovers from shoulder surgery following a trip-and-fall accident, and give her patience and peace in the waiting.
- Surround **John** with your presence and your power of healing, good Lord, as he journeys in Surrey Memorial Hospital through treatments for his spine and other health challenges, and pour out your peace within Pat as she walks alongside him.
- Gracious God, shield, strengthen, and heal **Gurpal**, husband of occasional CUC worshipper Michelle Dhillon, as he recovers from surgery to remove a kidney that had a cancerous tumor; and give strength also to Michelle and their whole family.
- Bring help and hope, O God, to all **those facing food insecurity**.
- Hold in your heart, O God, all **those journeying with dementia, Alzheimer's, and other forms of cognitive decline**, and pour strength into those who find themselves as caregivers.
- Lift up, defend, protect, and comfort the people of **Gaza**, good Lord, as they continue facing the violence, starvation, and devastation that has been wrought upon them.
- For those of our congregation who are homebound, incarcerated, in long-term nursing care, or otherwise unable to be with us regularly, including: **Roger, Lorraine, Pauline, Eileen, Joyce, Gerri, Brenda, and Roy**.

Additions to the prayer list are always welcome! Submissions received in the office by 9:00 am Thursday morning will appear in the bulletin. Petitions regarding specific individuals or circumstances will only be retained on the prayer list for 3 weeks at a time (but can be renewed if changes in the situation warrant).

Other news and notes



Shop & Support: Support Cloverdale United Church by purchasing prepaid gift cards for a variety of retailers and restaurants through CUC's Shop and Support program. You can order online at <https://forms.gle/bgAH49tiXBmz786W7> until **December 1, 2025**, or give your order and payment to Judy Cook this Sunday. When the gift cards are ready for pickup, they can be collected at the church office during office hours or from Judy Cook on Sundays.

Classic Holiday Party at MLA Sturko's Constituency Office:

CUC Adherent Elenore Sturko, currently serving as the Member of the BC Legislative Assembly for Surrey-Cloverdale, invites all congregants and friends of the congregation to a Holiday Classic Office Party on Friday, December 12th, from 4-7 pm at the MLA Constituency Office in Cloverdale (104 – 17610 65A Ave., Surrey). This is a non-partisan event, in MLA Sturko's role as the MLA called to represent all residents of our electoral district as her constituents. Attendees are invited to bring a cash or food donation for Storehouse Community Hub Society, which does wonderful work in our community (Storehouse Society is the new name for the Cloverdale Community Kitchen organization, chosen to better represent the multiplicity of ministries carried out under their umbrella). The event is **FREE**, and **ALL** are welcome... registration is requested at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/the-mla-elenore-sturko-classic-holiday-office-party-tickets-1936792752259>



Christmas Hamper Donations:

We are once again supporting the Cloverdale Community Kitchen in its extensive effort to provide approximately 1,200 hampers to community members in need.

Hamper donation boxes will be available for donation at the front and side entrances of the church **until December 14**.

As we also support families within our own congregation, we encourage monetary donations to our Hamper Fund. This allows us to make a combined financial contribution and ensure all needs are met.

Thank you for helping us share care and compassion this Christmas season.



WELCOME TO CLOVERDALE UNITED CHURCH!

As we say at nearly every worship service, "No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey God welcomes you... and so do we." We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God's kingdom. We don't all look or act alike; God knows we don't all think alike. We don't all read the Bible the same way. We come from different religious backgrounds, we bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we gather and worship God together as one.



In this lovely old church, we do Sunday morning in some fairly traditional ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We gather around the waters of grace and the feast table of Christ, just as Christians have done for nearly two thousand years. Some of the songs we sing (certainly not *all* of them, though) are ones our grandparents might also have sung in their day. And yet, amidst rituals and rites rooting us in a deep heritage, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world and we listen for God's Spirit still speaking into our lives today. We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stick around. Have a cup of coffee or a bite to eat with us. Introduce yourself to other worshippers or our pastor. There are plenty of opportunities here to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

We are a welcoming, historic, and progressive Christian community, reaching out from the historic heart of Surrey at Cloverdale since 1875. We seek to thrive in faith through relationship with God, one another, and the community.... to serve others as Jesus would.

Cloverdale United Church recognizes that we worship, live, work, and play in traditional and unceded territories of Coast Salish peoples: primarily the Katzie, the Kwantlen, the Semiahmoo, the Snokomish, the Stolo, the Tsawwassen, and the Wsanec. We give our thanks to them and for them; we offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land. We seek to live with respect in this piece of Creation; we seek peace and justice among all who have called this land home.

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