

### Land Acknowledgment

*"We acknowledge we are on the traditional, unceded territories of the Semiahmoo First Nation and the broader territory of the Coast Salish Peoples."*

### Our Mission Statement

St. John's proclaims Christ in welcoming fellowship uplifting worship and compassionate service.

**Worship with us at 10:30 on Sunday Mornings.**  
**Services live on Internet and broadcast on FM 89.3**  
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**General Church Office Hours:**  
Tuesday – Friday 09:00am – 01:00pm

### **MISSION MOMENT: Sunday, November 30**

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service offers an Electronics/Computer training program in the Sabra/Shatilla Palestinian refugee camp in the southern part of Beirut, Lebanon. Established in 1962, a one-year certificate program of computer assembling and maintenance incorporates both theory and hands-on practical experience. Teachers try to simplify the material and make it interesting for students who often have only an intermediate level of prior education. A popular recent addition to the program is the repair of cellular phones. Equipping young people with skills and vocations that allow them to enter the workforce quickly, thus generating income to support themselves and their families, is especially essential in refugee communities.

**Sunday, November 30 (1st Sunday of Advent)** Nourish our hope during this season of waiting, O God, as we prepare to receive Christ among us again.

### **DAILY PRAYERS**

**Monday, December 1** We pray for the millions of people affected by HIV and AIDS, and for the work of PWS&D to provide support for those living with HIV and to prevent further spread of the disease.

**Tuesday, December 2** We pray that Vancouver School of Theology will be a community of kindness, compassion and truth-telling in the service of the Gospel.

**Wednesday, December 3** We pray for the empowerment of differences in gifts and abilities, along with the removal of barriers that keep people from participating fully in community and church life.

**Thursday, December 4** Holy One, in a world marked by fear and division, teach us to listen deeply and love boldly. May your church be a witness to unity in diversity, a place where difference is not feared but embraced as a gift from you.

**Friday, December 5** We pray for all of those who have contributed projects, events, and services in celebrating the 150th anniversary of the denomination. May these activities inspire communities of faith to continue evolving, while engaging with the present and remembering the past.

**Saturday, December 6** We pray for the safety and well-being of all people who face gender-based violence and for people and organizations working to end gender-based violence.



**St. John's  
Presbyterian  
Church  
White Rock, BC**

**30 November 2025  
10:30am**

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**"Walking in the Light When the World  
Feels Dark"**

**Preacher: Kennedy Mwashu**



***Love, Compassion, Service***

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## GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

*The asterisk \* invites those who are able to stand.*

***Music As We Gather: “Make A Joyful Noise”  
300 “Father, We Love You”***

Welcome & Announcements

**\*Call to Worship**

**L:** The days are surely coming, says the Lord,  
when all nations shall stream to God’s holy  
mountain.

**P: We come today hoping for God’s peace,  
longing for God’s light.**

**L:** In the midst of a weary world,  
the Lord is our refuge and our strength.

**P: Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.**  
**L:** Let us worship God with hope and expectation.

**All:** Come, let us worship the one who shines a  
light to guide us on the path to peace and  
flourishing for all creation.

***\*Opening Hymn: “In Christ Alone”***

Advent Candle Lighting - Candle of Hope  
Lighting Candle

***\*Hymn: 122 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel,”***

Prayer of Adoration  
Prayer of Confession  
Assurance of Pardon  
\*Sharing the Peace

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you all.  
**And also with you**

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

**Scripture Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5  
Psalm 48:1-14**

*This is the WORD of GOD*  
**Thanks be to GOD**

**SERMON: “Walking in the Light When the  
World Feels Dark”**

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***\*Hymn: “I Want to Walk as Child of the Light”***

Prayers of the People

**Responsive prayer:**

Leader - God of hope,

**People - Hear our prayer**

Lord’s Prayer

**Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles’ Creed**

Special Prayers for Hongkong Fire Tragedy

***\*Hymn: 794 “Abide with Me”***

Invitation to the Offering

***\*Offertory: Doxology***

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## LIVING GOD’S WORD

***\*Hymn: 358 “There is a Redeemer”***

**\*Benediction**

***\*Sending Out Song: 119 “Hope is a Star” (vs. 1)***

## IN THE LIFE OF ST. JOHN’S

### **We Remember in Prayer:**

Jean Andrew, Fern Beale, Jean Chalcraft, Janet Duncan,  
Doug Eyjolfson, Judy Forster, Sheila Jakus, Scott Kelly,  
Phyllis McLean, Anne McNaughton, Daniel & Annette  
Nichols, Rev. Diane Tait-Katerberg, Jessie Woolley, Janet  
Yip’s grandson Joshua, Paula Odermatt

### **Birthday:**

Rob Boyd, 01<sup>st</sup> December

### **Kent Street Choristers**

6<sup>th</sup> December; 2:00 pm; Tickets at door (\$15)

### **Holy Communion**

7<sup>th</sup> December; With Rev. Ron Tiessen

### **Combined Men’s Club & Ladie’s Friendship Group**

#### **Luncheon Meeting**

8<sup>th</sup> December; 1:30pm; By donation

### **Camp Douglas Fundraising Gala**

12<sup>th</sup> December

### **Hummingbird Ministry’s Christmas Circle**

12<sup>th</sup> December; 5:30 pm

### **Merry & Bright Christmas Celebration**

19<sup>th</sup> December, 3:30 pm

### **Christmas Eve Service**

24<sup>th</sup> December; 4:00pm; With Rev. Robin Ross

**(Please see all the notices in the main hall)**

