



Grandview Church

We welcome you in the name of Christ

December 7, 2025 ❖ 4:30pm Worship Service

Second Sunday in Advent



Peace

The Book of Ruth, Chapter 2

As part of our commitment to learning together about the history of Indigenous-Settler relations on this land, we are beginning each service with words that remind us that the land in and around Vancouver was taken over, sold, and settled without the consent of the Coast Salish peoples.

Upcoming Events

- Sun Dec 7 Advent Prayers, 3:45pm (library)
Second Sunday in Advent, service at **4:30pm**
(no morning service), followed by baked goods
- Wed Dec 10 [CLEAN Laundry Program](#), 9:30am-12pm (SpinCycle)
Centering Prayer, 12:30pm-12:50pm (living room)
- Fri Dec 12 Youth group (Karaoke + felting!), 6:30pm
- Sun Dec 14 Third Sunday in Advent, service at **4:30pm**
(no morning service)
- Thurs Dec 18 Longest Night service, 7pm (lower hall)
- Sun Dec 21 Fourth Sunday in Advent, service at **4:30pm**
(no morning service), followed by potluck
- Wed Dec 24 Christmas Eve service, **4:30pm**
- Sun Dec 28 Christmas carols and year reflection service, **10:30am**

Church Notices

Follow Up from the November Church Meeting

[Please click to read](#) an important letter from Monica and the Board regarding the discussion leading up to the reparations motion at Sunday's congregational meeting.

CBWC Update and Letter of Apology

Please click here to read an [update from the Board](#) about the CBWC investigation. You can also click to read the [letter of apology](#) that has been added to our website's [inclusion page](#).

THIS SUNDAY: Service starts at 4:30pm!

Please make sure you come at the correct time this Sunday! Our December Advent services will take place at 4:30pm. Morning services will return December 28. Wanderers (Gr 5-7) are invited to stay up for Sam's sermon this week.

Last Chance! Children & Youth Christmas Eve Choir!

Rehearsals for the children & youth Christmas Eve Choir will be December 7, 14 and 21 before the worship services, 3:30-4:15. The choir will perform during the 4:30pm December 24th service. Please contact melanie@gcbchurch.ca to sign up.

St Julian Prayers on Pause through Advent

Please note that through December, Advent Prayers for our world, our neighbourhood, and ourselves will be taking place in the library before the service, instead of St Julian Prayers.

Finance Update

- Tithing to the end of October has been \$200,490 – 5% above last year. Thank you!!
- But... this is \$60,000 below where we should be at this point in the year, if giving was consistent
- December will be an important month... stay tuned for updates!

Thank you for your faithful giving!

Board Members Needed

Our church Board needs three new people to join the team at the AGM in early 2026. If you are interested in volunteering for the Board or if you are interested in nominating someone for serving on the Grandview Board please contact the chair of the Nominating Committee, [Kathy Parsons](#). She can also answer any questions you might have

Community Prayers

- Please keep Eric's mother in your prayers as she reorients herself to home after a lengthy stay in the hospital
- Please pray for Melanie's sister, Avril, as she undergoes treatment for cancer.



Longest Night Service, December 18, 7pm

A service of remembrance for those experiencing lows, grief, or loneliness during the Christmas season. This service will be taking place in the lower hall this year.

Did You Know? Youth Group is SO FUN

Any teens who aren't coming regularly might not be aware how FUN the Friday night programming is here with GC Youth. Last Friday Sam arranged for a felting workshop that was a TON of fun. And the snacks! So.many.snacks.

Next week GC Youth are getting together for a night of karaoke and a bit more felting (because it's SO GREAT). Make sure your teens don't suffer FOMO – All high-school aged youth are invited, and friends are definitely welcome to tag along!



Winter is Coming

December means that snow could show up at some point! If you are willing to be on the roster of volunteer snow shovellers for Saturdays and Sundays, please [reach out to Caitlin](#).

Lost and Found

A couple of jackets were left behind after our last few busy weekends. Please come claim your jackets before they are donated.



On that note: Please be aware that our Lost and Found is just that – a place to store *lost items*. It is not a donation collection bin. Thanks for understanding that we don't have capacity to manage or distribute donations.



After the ESG presentation, a gorgeous, hand knit doll sweater was found in the lower hall. If you know someone who may have been at the service with a doll, please ask them if they left a sweater behind and have them contact [Melanie](#).

Note: Parking Changes on Salsbury Drive

Drivers take note! The City has installed a Loading Zone in front of our building, which is in effect 9am-6pm every day. This means no parking directly in front of the church building anymore. Don't get towed or ticketed!



The Ranch: For Rent



The Ranch is now officially [listed for rent](#) at market-rate. Recently we learned that best practice is to rent our property at market-rate to individuals, and that we can only rent at below-market rent to another charity. Our first priority was to find a charity partnership, however, after an extensive search for a charity partnership and finding none that suited, the decision

has now been made to list The Ranch at fair market value. We want to be clear about a few important points for potentially interested applicants from within Grandview:

- The Ranch's rental will be a straight up 1 year lease at market rent (\$5000/month), without the requirement for a "vision" or "mandate" for community housing, etc.
- As such, priority will not be given specifically for Grandview Congregants. At this time and season of Grandview, we feel there is benefit of separating people's place of worship with their housing security. Since The Ranch was last seeking new tenants (2021), we've learned that having too much overlap can threaten people's sense of relationship with the GC community, and we don't want to potentially cause harm in the future.
- That being said, we will welcome applications from all, including members of the GC community, with all these cards and caveats on the table.

Please feel free to [circulate the listing](#) to anyone who might be interested. Applications will be evaluated as they are received, and the Stewardship Committee will be helping to make the final decision on tenancy for 2026.

ESG Year-End Matching Campaign

Thanks to a group of generous supporters, your donations to Eastside Story Guild will be matched 1:1 until the end of 2025.

This means your giving will have double the impact!

Our fundraising goal is \$10,000, which will provide crucial staffing for our big Spring Presentation. Please donate today! [ESG Matching Campaign »](#)

ESG Bottle Drive – Thank you!!

Our bottle drive fundraiser is now ongoing with the collection bin in the lower hall. Please continue to bring in your empty kombucha bottles, milk cartons, and pop cans: We are aiming to raise \$100/month through this drive.



Community Notices

2-Bedroom Basement Suite Available Dec 1

A friend of Grandview is looking for new tenants beginning Dec 1 for a two-bedroom basement suite in the neighbourhood, at \$1900/month. Photos are available through a link in the e-bulletin. For more information, contact Monica.

Kinbrace Employment Opportunity

[Click here](#) for details about the Executive Director opportunity at Kinbrace.

Reminders

Email List

To subscribe to our email list, go to “Email sign-up” at the top right of our website: www.gcbchurch.ca

Contact Cards

If your contact information has changed, or you would like to get more involved in church life, please complete a contact card (in the pews) and drop it in one of the drop-boxes in the Sanctuary, or email your updates to admin@gcbchurch.ca.

Giving

Offering baskets are located at the front of the church and envelopes can be found in the pews. A collection for the Benevolence Fund happens about once per month. If you would like to give electronically, this can be done through our website or the QR code below. For monthly bank transfers or one-time e-transfers, please contact our [Finance Manager](#).

Bulletin Posting

To post news or announcements to the community news section of the bulletin, please submit to admin@gcbchurch.ca by **Wednesday midnight**. Inserts are reserved for church announcements.

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