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*Andean Nativity Scene
Salta, Argentina, 2003*

The Birth of Our Lord: Christmas Eve **A Festival Service of Word & Feast**

24 December 2025 • 7:00 PM

The Birth of Our Lord: Christmas Eve

“As we remember the coming of the Christ child, let us be aware that he may not come now in the form of a baby, but as a stranger, a beggar, a member of our family in distress, as an enemy, a soldier, someone who oppresses our people. ... But these may be hiding the face of Christ. We must offer what is each person’s basic need—the need for acceptance, whoever we are and whatever we have done. ... We have to hold our doors open.”

— A Quaker ministry spoken at Ramallah, Palestine (West Bank), Christmas 1992

GATHERING 모임

The Spirit gathers us in unity

Prelude 전주

Tim Bailey

Call to Worship 예배로 부름

Rev. Matthew Emery & Pastor Youngsun Cheon

One: Through lush farmland and bleak alleyways

Many: sweeps good news of great joy!

One: Through empty wants and desperate needs

Many: blazes a star to light our way.

One: Through pounding turmoil and dazing fear

Many: sounds an angel chorus:

Glory to God in the highest;

peace to God’s people on earth!

One: Receive the news! Follow the star! Heed the angels!

Many: Through song and silence,

word and wonder,

community and communion

let us make our way to Bethlehem.

One: Let us worship the Holy One
who beckons in an infant’s cry.

* Hymn 찬송 — “O Come, All Ye Faithful”

Voices United #60 – vv. 1, 3, 5

* Greeting 인사

Rev. Matt

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

One: Let us pray.

**Many: You surprised a world, O God,
by coming not in clashing thunder or flashing lights
but in the quiet and simple splendour of a child’s radiant face.
Help us to understand this mystery
of love beyond all loves,**

that we may be led to a new kind of love:
 a love that loves not by what we can get
 but in what we can give,
 a love that counts not who is worthy to receive
 but, beyond our human calculations,
 is showered freely on all.
 Show us the way of Bethlehem's child,
 that in seeking, we may believe,
 and in believing, we may learn again how to love,
 all to glory of the that same child:
 Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.

A Word of Welcome 교회소식

WORD 말씀

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

Prepare the Way: Advent Candle Lighting 찬송

Sharlene Jonasson

Choir: ♪ The coming of Christ 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: Tonight we light all of the Advent candles—hope, peace, joy, love—
 and now finally, the Christ candle.
the candles are lighted

On this holy night, we gather in anticipation,
 remembering the birth of our Saviour.

***Many:* We welcome the coming of Christ.**

One: In the darkness of the world, a light shines,
 bringing hope, peace, and joy to all.

***Many:* We welcome the coming of Christ.**

One: The angel's song echoes in our hearts: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward all."

Many: We welcome the coming of Christ.

One: With the shepherd, we come to the stable, eager to behold the child, the Saviour of the world, lying in a manger.

Many: We welcome the coming of Christ.

One: In the midst of our busy lives, we pause and bow before the newborn King, whose birth brings salvation to all people.

Many: We welcome the coming of Christ.

One: O God, with grateful hearts, we open ourselves to the peace and love that Christ brings, knowing that in him, all things are made right. Tonight the word became flesh and dwelt among us and we rejoice in the gift of your Son. May we live in the light of his love this Christmas and always.

Many: We welcome the coming of Christ.

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.

Scripture Reading 성경봉독 — Luke 2:1-14 (*pew bibles NT p. 58*) *Sydney MacPherson*

God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Anthem — "Angels Are Making Their Rounds" by Pepper Choplin

The Choir

Angels are making their rounds, O what a beautiful sound,
angels are making their rounds, angels are making their rounds.

Fear not, Zechariah, for the Lord has heard your prayer. Elizabeth will bear a son.
Hail, O blessed one, you have found favor with God.

Angels are making their rounds, O my, what a beautiful sound.
Heaven's glory comes down when angels are making their rounds.

Fear not, Joseph, go and take Mary to be your wife, for she carries a holy Child.
Unto you is born a Saviour, glory to God and peace on earth, for now the Lord is with you.

Angels are making their rounds, O my, what a beautiful sound.
Heaven's glory comes down when angels are making their rounds,

Hail, O blessed one, you have found favor with God.
O blessed one, you have found favor with God.
Gloria, Gloria, O gloria, now the Lord is with you.

Angels are making their rounds, O my, what a beautiful sound.
Heaven's glory comes down when angels are making their rounds.

Fear not, Zechariah, fear not, Joseph, Hail, O blessed one,
The Lord is with you, the Lord is with you.

Scripture Reading 성경봉독 — Luke 2:15-20 (*pew bibles NT p. 58*) *Sharlene Jonasson*

The world's deep night is shattered by the light of God's new day. The glory of God is revealed to poor shepherds, who share the good news with others.

after the reading:

One: Word of God, Word of Life.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Dwelling in the Story 설교

Rev. Matt

*** Hymn** 찬송 — “What Child Is This”

Voices United #74

Responding in Generosity 봉헌

Pastor Youngsun

OFFERTORY MUSIC

The Choir

“Mary Did You Know” by Lowry & Greene, arr. Jack Schrader

Mary, did you know that your baby boy would some day walk on water?
Mary did you know that your baby boy would save our sons and daughters?

Did you know that your baby boy has come to make you new?

This child that you delivered, will soon deliver you.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy will give sight to a blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will calm a storm with his hand?

Did you know that your baby boy has walked where angels trod?

When you kissed your little baby, then you kissed the face of God.

The blind will see, the deaf will hear, the dead will live again;
The lame will leap, the dumb will speak the praises of the Lamb.

Mary, did you know that your baby boy is Lord of all creation?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy will one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your baby boy was heaven's perfect Lamb?

This sleeping child you're holding, is the great, the great “I AM!”

Responding in Prayer

Ross Shearer, diaconal ministries student

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

Many: Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
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.

하늘에 계신 우리 아버지여,
이름이 거룩히 여김을
받으시옵며, 나라이 임하옵시며,
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.

FEAST 성찬

God feeds us with the Presence of Jesus Christ

* Hymn 찬송 — “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

Voices United #58

Invitation to the Feast

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: We do give you thanks, God most Wonderful...

... and so we join our voices with all that has ever been, all that is, and all that will ever be, in a song of praise to you, God of all creation:



Many: Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho-ly ho - ly, great God of life and death;



earth and heav-en shout your glo - ry: ho - san - na—ev-'ry breath!



Bless-ed is the One who comes now, in your name and born of Ma - ry!



“Ho - san - na,” now we sing; “ho - san - na to the King!”

One: And on this night, this night of all nights, when we celebrate ...

... So we eat, we drink, and we remember:



Many: Christ has died, and Christ is ris - en; Je-sus Christ will come a - gain!



Christ has died, and Christ is ris - en; Je-sus Christ will come a - gain!

One: Loving Parent of us all, we ask that you would send your Holy Spirit ...
... all glory and honour are yours, God most Holy, now and forever.



Many: A - men and al - le - lu - ia! A - men and al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia and a - men! Al - le - lu - ia and a - men!

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.

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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. Come to one of the stations to receive a piece of bread and a cup. Partake of these and then, as you depart from the communion station, ***pick up a candle*** and join others to ***form a circle around the perimeter of the room.*** If you prefer not to receive Communion this evening, you are still invited to come forward, receive a blessing if desired, and pick up a candle to join in the circle.

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***.

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION:

* **Hymn** 찬송 — “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

Voices United #35

* **Hymn** 찬송 — “See amid the Winter’s Snow”

Voices United #76

SENDING 파송

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

* Spreading the Light of Christ

Rev. Matt

* Hymn 찬송 — “Silent Night, Holy Night”

Voices United #67

* Charge and Benediction 파송과 축도

* Hymn 찬송 — “Joy to the World”

Voices United #59 – vv. 1, 2, 4

* Dismissal 예배로 부름

Pastor Youngsun

One: Glory to God in the highest!
Go in joy. Embody God’s redeeming grace.

Many: Thanks be to God.

* Postlude 후주

Tim Bailey



Life at Cloverdale United Church

Worship

Many thanks to today's ...

ushers/greeters: Allan and Judy Sanders

digital ushers: Daniel Ariss, Doug Sowerby

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.



Recording and streaming in use: Please note that video cameras and microphones are capturing our worship services, and that the resulting content may be transmitted over Zoom, YouTube, or other platforms. 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).



Thank you for **silencing cell phones** and other devices, and for refraining from flash photography.

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Worship for Season of Christmas

Our celebration of the coming of God-with-us, the birth of Jesus Christ, continues through the remainder of the Season of Christmas:

- Sunday, December 28, 10:30 am: A Service of Lessons & Carols for Christmas, led by Pastor Youngsun and members of the CUC choir
- Sunday, January 4, 10:30 am: Worship for the Feast of the Epiphany, led by Rev. Matt and including Holy Communion

Prayer Circle: Ross Shearer invites you to participate in the Prayer Circle in the coming New Year, beginning January 6, meeting every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. in the Lounge.

This gathering offers a quiet and reflective space for mindfulness, prayer, and the study of scripture, with an opportunity to thoughtfully explore its meaning and relevance in our lives. This Prayer Circle is part of Ross Shearer’s field placement project, and all are warmly encouraged to attend.

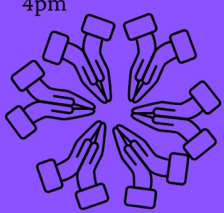
Prayer Circle

In the Lounge

Starting January 6th

Tuesdays

4pm



Mindfulness Together

Poinsettia Dedications

In Memory of Robert Grossman

Given by Muriel Grossman

In Memory of Ross & Marnee
Connal, Cliff & Bea Hull, Peter &
Taylor Connal

Given by Christine Connal

In Memory of Fred MacPherson

Given by Sydney MacPherson

In Memory of Presunka Family,
Gorrell Family

Given by Lori Presunka

In Memory of Margaret Grant

Given by Carole Teather

In Memory of Ted & Cora Adams
Don & Frances Franklin

Given by Maureen Franklin

In Memory of Peter and Teresa
Cousins

Given by Elenore & Melissa Sturko

In Memory of husband, Bill;
sons, Billy and Kevin;
and great-grandson, Henry

Given by Trixie Martyn

In Memory of Trevor John Files

Given by Mary Files

In Memory of Art & Shirley Penn,
Andy Higginson

Given by Debbie Penn

In Memory of Michael Cook,
Jack & Cath Jolleys

Given by Judy Cook

In Memory of Jorgen Johansen

Given by Judith Johansen

In Memory of Rick McBain, Ryan,
Ed, Shirley, Ralph Menzies,
Thelma Smidt

Given by Sharon McBain

In Memory of Douglas Alexander

Given by Daniel Ariss

In Memory of May Graham,
Fergus Graham

Given by May Taylor

In Memory of Rick Jonasson

Given by Sharlene Jonasson

In Memory of Boulton & Dora
Rogers, and Gwen & Jim Nichols

Given by Dianne Nichols

In Memory of Rev. Murray
Henderson, and Margaret

Given by Glenys McFarlane

In Memory of Mom Wood, Dad
Wood, Mom Cryer, Dad Cryer

In Honour of Marguerite Cryer

Given by Marguerite Cryer

In Memory of Muckl and Christel

Given by Christine Stueckl

In Honour of Doris Cameron's

100th Birthday

Given by Bev Siggs

IMAGINE Children's Retreats

First Third Ministry's *Imagine Children's Retreats* are for children ages 8 to 11 years old and those who lead them. A United Church of Canada event, all people of diverse faith expressions, gender identities, and ways of being family are warmly welcome! Together, we become a multi-age and inter-cultural community gathered to wonder about and explore faith through stories, worship, music, drama, and more. Sharing playfulness, meals, and connection with one another in a safe and welcoming setting, together we deepen our relationships with God.



- **MARCH 6-8: Evans Lake Forest Education Centre (Lower Mainland)**
- **MARCH 13-15: Camp Pringle (Vancouver Island)**
- **APRIL 17-19: Kasota East Camp, Sylvan Lake, Alberta**

More information and registration (open now!) at:

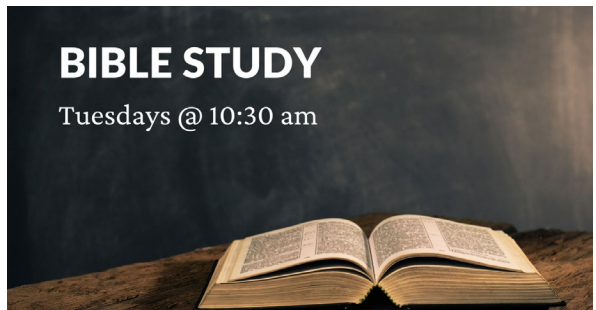
<https://www.firstthirdministry.ca/imaginechildrensretreat.html>

Tuesday AM Bible Study:

*Tuesdays, 10:30 am, in-person in the CUC Lounge AND online via Zoom, **resuming Tuesday, January 6.***

At the Tuesday Morning Bible Study, each week we learn about and discuss the bible reading(s) that will be featured in the coming Sunday's worship service. Usually led by the preacher for the coming Sunday, sessions often feature a helpful bible background video presentation, and always include wide-ranging conversation. All are welcome and invited; no previous knowledge or experience with Bible study required! Join us in-person in the Lounge on the lower level, or simply [click here](#) (Meeting ID 881 7265 4719, Passcode 859456) to join us online via Zoom! *For more information, contact Rev. Matt:*

matt@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca.



Serve

Serve at the Cloverdale Community Kitchen: Our congregation, together with our siblings at Northwood United Church in Fleetwood, has a volunteer team that serves monthly at the Community Dinner program at the Cloverdale Community Kitchen, now part of the Storehouse Community Hub Society (<https://www.storehousesociety.ca/programs/cloverdale-community-kitchen>). We serve on the 3rd Friday of each month (so our next serving opportunity is coming up Friday, January 16). Each time we serve, the crew for that particular night—which works from approximately 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm—is made of up a different subset of the larger team list, based on who's available and interested for that date... don't shy away even if you only want to try it out once! To keep informed on an ongoing basis about this great opportunity to express your discipleship to Jesus in a concrete, hands-on ministry of mercy-making and service, just email Bev Woods (a congregant at Northwood) at woodsbe@hotmail.com and she'll add you to the email list.



Pray

- Thank you, God of all good gifts, for the gift of all the people around our wider community who have worked and continue to work, especially in this holiday season, to **bring assistance, generosity, and joy among those in need.**
- God of life and hope, console all who are mourning in the wake of the hate-motivated **shootings at Bondi Beach** in Sydney, Australia, comforting them with your presence and strengthening them to face the journey of grief still in front of them. For those overwhelmed by fear, especially members of the Jewish community all around the world, grant your peace and the assurance of community solidarity, we pray. Help all of us resist the forces that exploit, dehumanize, and marginalize, and to seek to combat hate and overcome violence through fierce love.
- Strengthen and sustain **Estelita**, sister-in-law of Glenys, merciful One, as she undergoes chemotherapy for cancer.
- Bring healing and life to **Miguel**, gracious God, the local community member and frequent Cloverdale Community Kitchen guest recently struck by a bus as a pedestrian along Highway 10.
- Pour out, dear Lord, your strength and healing on **Sue**, a friend of Laurel recently diagnosed with bladder and kidney cancer and preparing for surgery in January to remove one kidney.
- We pray, O God, for **Malika**, friend of Michelle, recently diagnosed with cancer in her stomach and lymph nodes and undergoing chemotherapy.
- We lift into your light, O God, **Priscilla**, who has just had surgery for breast cancer, and for her family journeying alongside her, including mother Dorothy; heal her body, guard her spirit, and give all of them strength, courage, and patience, we pray.

- Continue to strengthen and heal **Gurpal**, husband of CUC worshipper Michelle, as he continues to recover from surgery to remove a cancerous kidney.
- God of grace and courage, we lift up to you **all those facing the scourge of addiction**, in all its forms. Pour out your power and help them join with you in breaking the bonds that keep them captive.
- 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, Gerrit, Brenda, and Roy**.
- For the nations and peoples of **Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan**, and the Mainland of **China** (*from the World Council of Churches' prayer cycle*).

Other news and notes

Staff Doings: Please note that...

- Our lead minister, Rev. Matthew Emery, will be on vacation (and out of the province) beginning tomorrow, December 25, through Friday, January 2. He will be back to preach and lead worship on Sunday, January 4. While Rev. Matt is away, our associate minister, Pastor Youngsun Cheon, will be available for any pastoral emergencies or other matters; Pastor Youngsun can be reached at youngsun@cloverdaleunitedchurch.ca or on his cell phone at 604-767-3517.
- The church offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26, for the Christmas Day and Boxing Day holidays. Our office administrator, Lily Lee, will next be in the office on Tuesday, December 30.



The season of Christmas is here: a season of joy and gratitude, of reflection on what's truly important, and of generosity and giving. Our Truest Lover—the God who creates and redeems and sustains us all—has given us far more than just calling birds, french hens, or turtle doves. In particular here at Cloverdale United Church, we know that God has given us a joyful, wondrous, and transformative part in God's mission to this community and to all the world. As the end of the calendar year—and, thus, the tax year—approaches, prayerfully consider whether you may be hearing the call to make Cloverdale United Church a special part of your end-of-the-year



giving. Perhaps you might think about a special end-of-the-year gift to CUC in one of these ways:

- a contribution to the *Hamper & Assistance Fund*, which is the fund we use for our in-house Christmas-time hampers and for contributing toward the community-wide Cloverdale Christmas Hamper Program. This fund *also* supports CUC being able to provide grocery assistance gift cards and other crisis assistance, as needs arise throughout the year.
- an extra, one-time *unrestricted/undesignated gift*, (i.e., a general offering), which helps support the breadth of our ongoing life and ministry as a congregation.

You can make a contribution to CUC in any of these ways:

- bringing your *cheque* or *cash* to the Sunday offering plate or mail to the church office during the week;
- via free *eTransfer* from your bank account, to cloverdalepastoralcharge@gmail.com
- via a credit or debit card through our CanadaHelps page: <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/47707?v1=true> (please note that service charges do apply).

- We're also more than happy to talk with you about *gifts of securities* or other assets, as well as leaving a legacy through a *bequest* to CUC in your will. Contact the church office for more info...

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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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