

PILGRIM CHURCH

# ADVENT NEWSLETTER

## WELCOME

We are delighted that you're here today! Please introduce yourself by filling out the Connect Card provided in this newsletter and place it in the offering bowl or in the bin at the back.

We are a diverse family consisting of those curious about or captivated by Jesus' life. We gather each Sunday morning to join the 2000 year old tradition of worship, wrestling with the Bible, and becoming authentic spiritual family. Because God's Spirit is already at work everywhere, we want to be good and engaged neighbours here and around the world. We are Pilgrim people!

 Coffee and tea is available in our foyer. Enjoy!

**PARENTS:** Our nursery is a safe and comfortable environment available during the service for children up to 5 years old. We share a Bible story, games or art, and have creative free play; all taught by loving, caring individuals. Your children are welcome here!

### ORDER OF SERVICE:

- + WELCOME: 10:00 AM
- + WORSHIP
- + BODY LIFE
  - Prayer
  - Spotlights
  - Giving
- + TEACHING: Advent 3: INTO THE WILD, Luke 3:1-20
- + SENDING



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### + CHRISTMAS (ADVENT) CONNECTING AND CELEBRATING OPPORTUNITIES!

There are still great ways to connect and celebrate in the month of December at Pilgrim!

- + SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16, 7 PM: Christmas caroling night
- + WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 7 PM: Christmas caroling night
- + SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 10 AM Guest: Bob Krahn, Executive Director of the BC North American Baptist Conference

The night that changed everything

## Christmas Eve Celebration

### CAROLS, CANDLES, & THE CHRISTMAS STORY

- + MONDAY, DECEMBER 24: 5:30 PM
- + SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 10 AM Guest: David Cho

+ YEAR-END GIVING: As we are approaching the end of the year we are running slightly under budget. Our treasurer, Andre Deepwell, reports, "As of Sunday December 9, donations towards our 2018 general fund budget of \$150,000 are \$138,380. There are three Sundays left in 2018 to raise \$11,620. This is about 7.7% of our budget." He is always happy to discuss any budget and giving questions you have. Also, a big "Thank You!" to Andre and those who work with our finances.

+ INVITE! INVITE! INVITE! We have invite cards available in the foyer. Take some today and hand them out before next Sunday!

+ 2019 Devotional Day-planners are in the foyer. Pick one up.

+ PILGRIM CHURCH DIRECTORY: Access our church directory, event schedule, bulk email, and texting groups for leaders, all on your phone. To set up an account, first fill out a Connect Card with your email address, then download [breezechms.com/app](http://breezechms.com/app) and sign in!

### WE'RE HIRING!

Pilgrim Church is on a revitalization mission to connect people with Jesus in Vancouver! If you, or someone you know, has the eyes to see what is AND what can be, you might be a great fit in our spiritual family. More information is available at [pilgrimchurch.ca](http://pilgrimchurch.ca)!

#### Worship Leader

Pilgrim Church is looking for a part time (~8-12 hours/week) person to lead and develop our musicians and Sunday worship experiences with the team and lead pastor.

The first responsibility is to provide leadership for worship ministry and the additional responsibilities will be based on the person's gift-mix and Pilgrim Church's developing needs/dreams. If this is something you know someone would be good at please encourage them to apply.

#### Children's Ministry Director

Pilgrim Church is looking for a part time (~8-12 hours/week) associate pastor/director for Children & Family Ministries.

The first responsibility is to provide leadership for Children/Family Ministry and additional responsibilities will be based on the person's gift-mix and Pilgrim Church's developing needs/dreams. If this is something you know someone would be good at please encourage them to apply.

### LET'S CONNECT



Sign up for our weekly email, listen to sermons, get notes or home group questions, read our newsletters, and stay up to date with our calendar online! You can also find our sermons on YouTube, the Google Podcasts and Apple iTunes. Visit [pilgrimchurch.ca](http://pilgrimchurch.ca) for links.



Dear church, Thank you for your pastor appreciation gifts and words of encouragement. We are glad to be on this journey of renewal and seeking to be a blessing people in Vancouver for a new season. Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas, Pastor Shel & Anne.

+ **PILGRIM Youth!** We're taking our Sunday worship experience deeper to develop our beliefs, wrestle with questions, and experience of God by going through the youth Alpha course! We meet each Sunday except the first, after church from 11:30 to 12:15pm, in the parsonage basement!



## PRAYER & PRAISE:

- + Remember to pray for your neighbours. Get to know their names, and ask for spiritual favour.
- + **Family of the Week:** Soon Suh
- + **Church of the Week:** Rose of Sharon, Langley; David Strauss, Lead Pastor
- + **Missionary of the Week:** Paul and Tanya Gericke, NAB Missionaries in Romania
- + Continue to pray for Tea Esser, who fell last Sunday. She is still in hospital recovering.

## COMPASSION:

- + **COMMUNITY KITCHEN:** We meet together to cook dinner, eat, and make new friends.  
**WHO:** All welcome! Bring yourself, your family, and your friends!  
**WHEN:** 5:45-8:30 PM, last Thursday of the month  
**WHERE:** Fellowship hall  
**DETAILS:** Cost of meal is \$2 (to cover the cost of food)  
**CONTACT:** Corrine communitykitchen@pilgrimchurch.ca
- + **PRAYER BREAKFAST:** After breakfast, we pray for one another, our community, our city, and our country. We end when the dishes are done.  
**WHO:** All welcome!  
**WHEN:** 9-11 AM, 2nd/4th Saturdays  
**WHERE:** Fellowship hall  
**DETAILS:** Bring food to share  
**CONTACT:** Sarah, sarahchui@gmail.com

## GIVING:

Online giving to Pilgrim Church is now set up! Visit [pilgrimchurch.ca](http://pilgrimchurch.ca) to give through PayPal or e-transfers. E-transfers address is [giving@pilgrimchurch.ca](mailto:giving@pilgrimchurch.ca). If you have questions or need help deciding what is the best way for you to give, please speak with Andre, Shel, or Harry.

## SERVE WITH US:

- WELCOME:**  
 Today: Mekedes M., Erich L., Ruth S.  
 Dec 23: Saron B., Izaak L., David L.
- NURSERY:**  
 Today: Sarah C. & Corrine L.  
 Dec 23: Alita D. & Mekedes M.

## PRODUCTION

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| <b>Today</b>       | <b>Dec 23</b>   |
| Video: Charmaine L | Video: Ruth S.  |
| Sound: Harry L.    | Sound: Harry L. |

## CELEBRATE WITH US:

- DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**  
 16 Gerhard Menzel  
 18 Claire Boese  
 25 Young Lee
- JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:**  
 3 Ana Bela Ferreira  
 29 Andre Deepwell

## ELDER & EQUIPPING TEAM:

- Shel Boese, Lead Pastor, 778-751-3313, [shel@pilgrimchurch.ca](mailto:shel@pilgrimchurch.ca)
- Andre Deepwell, Elder, [andredeepwell@pilgrimchurch.ca](mailto:andredeepwell@pilgrimchurch.ca)
- David Wing Tai Liu, Elder, [davidliu@pilgrimchurch.ca](mailto:davidliu@pilgrimchurch.ca)
- Corrine Lewand, Ministry Support, [corrine@pilgrimchurch.ca](mailto:corrine@pilgrimchurch.ca)

## Meeting Location:

6075 Inverness Street  
 Vancouver, British Columbia V5W 3P8

**Church office drop-in visiting hours:** Monday through Thursday, and Saturday 9am-noon (please call in advance). In order to follow basic ministry ethics guidelines, our staff/pastor will not meet in the office facility alone. A third person must be in the building or the meeting can take place in a more public location (e.g. coffee shops/restaurants). Call or text 778-751-3313 to verify or to meet at other times/locations.

There is a wireless network available during the service. Sign-in is required. The network is [pilgrimwireless](http://pilgrimwireless) and the password is [pilgrim@inverness](http://pilgrim@inverness).



These smaller groups in our church community are inside our homes where we go deeper, build friendships, and walk out the Christian life with each other. Often the discussion is based on reviewing the sermon bible text/topics and then challenging one another to see how it applies in thinking and living. Are you ready to join a group? Check out these great groups this week! Speak with the contact person if you need more details.

### 1. SUNDAY MORNING GROUP

- WHO:** All welcome!
- WHAT:** Sermon-based discussion
- WHEN:** 11:30-12:30 PM, Sun. mornings
- WHERE:** Fellowship hall
- CONTACT:** [davidliu@pilgrimchurch.ca](mailto:davidliu@pilgrimchurch.ca)

### 2. INVERNESS HOME GROUP

- WHO:** All welcome!
- WHAT:** Sermon-based discussion
- WHEN:** 7:15 -8:45 PM,  
2nd, 3rd & 4th Wednesdays  
(on break until January)
- WHERE:** Parsonage, back door
- CONTACT:** [contact@pilgrimchurch.ca](mailto:contact@pilgrimchurch.ca)

### 3. WEDNESDAY NIGHT GROUP

- WHO:** All welcome!
- WHAT:** Sermon-based discussion
- WHEN:** 7:30-9:30 PM,  
every other Wednesday
- DETAILS:** Contact for location
- CONTACT:** Erich or Corrine,  
[thelewards@gmail.com](mailto:thelewards@gmail.com)

### 4. FRIDAY HOME GROUP

- WHO:** All welcome!
- WHAT:** Sermon-based discussion
- WHEN:** 6:30-9:00 PM,  
2nd, 3rd and 4th Fridays
- DETAILS:** Contact for location
- CONTACT:** [Maureen, mmlau@gmail.com](mailto:Maureen,mmlau@gmail.com)

### 5. COLLEGE AND CAREER HOME GROUP

- WHO:** Youth and young adults
- WHAT:** Sermon-based discussion
- WHEN:** 6:00-9:00 PM,  
1st, 3rd Fridays
- DETAILS:** Contact for location
- CONTACT:** Claire,  
[claire\\_paul@hotmail.com](mailto:claire_paul@hotmail.com)  
or Ruth, [ruthbsamson17@gmail.com](mailto:ruthbsamson17@gmail.com)

*JOIN US THIS WEEK!*