

# #NEWSLETTER

WE EXIST TO  
LOVE OUR CITY  
AND TO INVITE  
OUR NEIGHBOURS  
TO FLOURISH BY  
ROOTING OUR LIVES  
IN THE OUTRAGEOUS  
LOVE AND LIFE  
OF JESUS.

## DECEMBER 1, 2019: ADVENT 1

### WELCOME!

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



Enjoy coffee and tea available in our foyer!

### ADVENT 1: FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISES

Our God is a God of promises. The people kept committing idolatry and injustice, so God gave them a consequence for their sin. Their temple was destroyed, and they were exiled from their homeland. But, God's promise went further than punishment. God promised to send a leader to establish a kingdom of peace and justice (Jeremiah 33). Even before that peaceful kingdom came, God promised to comfort the people and bring them back from their exile (Isaiah 40). God kept that promise, when, after more than 50 years, the people could return to their land and rebuild the temple (Ezra 1 & 3). The miraculous birth of John, the forerunner and baptizer, signalled that the promise of the Messiah would soon be fulfilled (Luke 1). This promise was finally kept with the birth of Jesus, the Son of God (Luke 2).

### PARENTS

Our nursery is a safe environment available during our Sunday gathering 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.

## PILGRIM kids!

Every Sunday (except the first), we worship, play, and enjoy simple teaching, and conversation led by screened volunteers in a safe environment. Our check-in station is set up and a Pilgrim Kids team volunteer will be available to register your child from 9:30-10:15 am each week in our foyer. If you are first-time guest, we will give you a registration card to fill out so that when you return, there is only a quick check-in each week. Kids stay with parent/guardian during the music set and are released for the Pilgrim Kids! ministry time with our team. Kids remain in the fellowship space with our Pilgrim Kids team until (only) the parent/guardian with the matching tag checks them out.

### GIVING

Visit pilgrimchurch.ca to give online through PayPal or e-transfers. Our e-transfers address is: 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.

### ORDER

- + WELCOME: 10:00 AM
- + WORSHIP
- + BODY LIFE  
Prayer, Narrative Lectionary, Spotlights, Giving
- + TEACHING: Advent 1, Grace + Truth = Love!
- + COMMUNION
- + SENDING

### CALENDAR

- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, Advent 1, Communion
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, Advent 2, Potluck
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, Advent 3
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, Advent 4,  
Christmas Caroling
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, Christmas Eve Service
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, Christmas Day

Is there something missing on our church calendar?  
Email: [calendar@pilgrimchurch.ca](mailto:calendar@pilgrimchurch.ca) to let us know!

### SERVE: TEAMS

It's a great season to join a team here at Pilgrim. We have a team for you! It's easy to connect and we provide training. **Sign-ups are in the foyer today** but you can always chat with someone serving, use the Connect Card, or email [contact@pilgrimchurch.ca](mailto:contact@pilgrimchurch.ca).

## PILGRIM YOUTH # NARRATIVE LECTIONARY

Our youth, grades 7-12, regularly meet each Sunday (except the first) after the worship gathering. For December, we will not meet on the 1st or 8th (potluck) and our last meeting until January is December 15! Don't miss it!  
**SUNDAYS, 11:35 AM-12:30 PM**  
CONTACT: Charmaine, 604-760-9388

### GUEST, JANUARY 5

Jenn Richards is currently the Pastor of Discipleship at Life Church Vancouver in Mount Pleasant and a teacher with the Vancouver School Board. Recently graduating from Regent, she focuses on mission, evangelism, and preaching to develop safe spaces for people to question and doubt because she believes the gospel is rich and meaty enough to soak the complexities of our lives. Jen served with Pastor Shelby as part of the leadership team that launched The Meeting House High Park site in Toronto in 2014-2015.

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## NEW BELIEVERS COURSE

In January, we will offer a New Believers Discipleship Course lead by Pastor Shel on Following King Jesus. The first few classes will be on Sunday following worship, then settling into an agreed-upon time. This is NOT to replace Home Church, but a course for those new to the gospel, reading, understanding, and applying the bible, and living as disciples of Jesus in all areas of life together. If you are interested, please email: [contact@pilgrimchurch.ca](mailto:contact@pilgrimchurch.ca) today.

## 卍 NARRATIVE 卍 LECTIONARY

**Advent 1, Jeremiah 33:14-18, A Righteous Branch from David**

We are using the Narrative Lectionary as a way to encourage Biblical reading and reflection. Each week an insert is provided in this newsletter with household devotions and readings for each day during the week. The readings follow 9-month/4-year church year cycle.

## CELEBRATE!

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 David Deepwell
- 16 Gerhard Menzel
- 18 Claire Boese
- 26 Young Lee

## ELDER & EQUIPPING TEAM

- + **Shel Boese**, Lead Pastor, 778-751-3313  
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- + **Andrés Pérez González**, Worship Director,  
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### 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). We 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.

Do you have some information we could include in our newsletter? Are we missing something or do we have incorrect information? Please let us know!  
Email: [newsletter@pilgrimchurch.ca](mailto:newsletter@pilgrimchurch.ca) today!

## PRAYER

**How to pray missionally:** Use a small notebook and list names of people in your life, particularly those that don't know Jesus. Even if you don't know their name, make a note, e.g. neighbour two homes down, pug dog-walker, etc. This is one way to soften your heart and prepare for "divine appointments." More supernaturally-natural things happen when we use our spiritual say-so in life.

- + Pray for our Pilgrim Kids and Pilgrim Youth to desire to grow in faith, love Jesus, and walk in his grace
  - + Pray for healing and filling of the Holy Spirit
  - + Pray for the energy and learning of our volunteers
  - + Pray for your pastor and family
  - + Pray for those struggling with pain, loss, and battles
  - + Pray for the leadership of Pilgrim Church in the new year
  - + **Church of the Week:** Faith Chinese NAB, Vancouver/Surrey/Tri-Cities
  - + **Missionary of the Week:** Paul and Tanya Gericke, NAB Missionaries in Romania
- Can we add you to our prayer list? [prayer@pilgrimchurch.ca](mailto:prayer@pilgrimchurch.ca) or fill out a Connect Card!

## HOME CHURCH



Home Church is the core unit of following Jesus in community. These smaller groups meet inside our homes in neighbourhoods where we go deeper, build friendships, engage our city and neighbours, and walk out the Christian life with each other. If you would like to try out a home church to see what they're like, here are a few options. We would love to have you!

### + SATURDAY BREAKFAST HOME CHURCH

- WHO:** All welcome!
  - WHAT:** Teaching-based discussion
  - WHEN:** 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 10 AM - 12 PM
  - DETAILS:** Rotating between South Van and Surrey
  - CONTACT:** 604-836-8198 (Wing) or [davidliu@pilgrimchurch.ca](mailto:davidliu@pilgrimchurch.ca)
- WhatsApp for group news and updates

### + KILLARNEY HOME CHURCH

- WHO:** All welcome!
  - WHAT:** Teaching-based discussion
  - WHEN:** Fridays, 7:30 - 9:30 PM, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Fridays
  - DETAILS:** E 58th Ave. & Kerr St area (rides are available)
  - CONTACT:** 778-836-4091 (Maureen) or [maureen@pilgrimchurch.ca](mailto:maureen@pilgrimchurch.ca)
- WhatsApp group for updates

### + SOMA (SOUTH MAIN) HOME CHURCH

- WHO:** All welcome!
- WHAT:** Teaching-based discussion
- WHEN:** 7:15-9 PM, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Wednesdays
- WHERE:** Poh Suan and Yola's home
- CONTACT:** 778-751-3313 [contact@pilgrimchurch.ca](mailto:contact@pilgrimchurch.ca)

## CONNECT



Sign up for our weekly email, listen to sermons, get notes or home church 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.

**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, fill out a Connect Card with your email address, download [breezechms.com/app](https://breezechms.com/app) and sign in!

Wi-fi (Sign-in required)

**Network:** pilgrimwireless **Password:** pilgrim@inverness