

#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 8, 2019: ADVENT 2

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!

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.

NARRATIVE LECTIONARY

Advent 2 Isaiah 40:1-11 Comfort, Comfort My People

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.

In verse 9 personified Zion/Jerusalem is depicted as a "herald of good tidings." In the Septuagint the Greek word for "herald" is the same as that for "gospel/evangelist" in the New Testament. So that even though others use the term (Psalms 40:9; 96:2) it is Second Isaiah who first suggests the character that sustained the early church: God's redemption. Much of the Old Testament years for redemption, Isaiah 40 declares it.

The Synoptic Gospels cite Isaiah 40:3 as fulfilled in the ministry of John the Baptizer (though it is John who is "in the wilderness" rather than the "highway" in conformity with the Septuagint punctuation). Nevertheless, Second Isaiah's anticipated deliverance of Israel reaches back to the exodus and points forward to Jesus Christ.

ORDER

+ **WELCOME:** 10:00 AM

+ **WORSHIP**

+ **BODY LIFE**

Prayer, Narrative Lectionary, Spotlights, Giving

+ **TEACHING:** Advent 2, Persecution and Glory

+ **SENDING**

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, Advent 2, Potluck TODAY!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, Advent 3

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, Advent 4,

Christmas Caroling, 7 PM

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, Christmas Eve Service,

5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, Christmas Day

Is there something missing on our church calendar?

Email: calendar@pilgrimchurch.ca to let us know!

CAMP FALCON ROCK

Christmas Eve Special Offering: Build-a-Lodge

Rooted in evangelism, education, social development, and leadership training, Camp Falcon Rock's mission is to bring holistic healing to the next generation of young people in Romania. The camp began running summer programs two years ago, with programs already running at full capacity. This Christmas the camp team is running a Build-a-Lodge campaign for a lodge that will allow them to increase the work they are doing in Romania throughout the year.

For more information visit www.rootsinromania.com

MISSIONS FEST

Fri Jan 31 & Sat Feb 1, 2020

This year's theme is Altar Vision, asking the question: What does it look like to live a life surrendered to Christ? More info & registration:

<https://www.missionsfestvancouver.ca>

Please note that this year's conference will be on Friday and Saturday only.

PILGRIM YOUTH # NARRATIVE LECTIONARY

SUNDAYS, 11:35 AM-12:30 PM 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!

CONTACT: Charmaine, 604-760-9388

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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 today.

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.

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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+ **David Wing Tai Liu**, Elder
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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.

JOIN: COVENANT PARTNER

Are you looking for a deeper commitment to Pilgrim Church? Are you still questioning and would like to know a little more?

We'd love for you to begin the journey with us.

If you'd like to know more about Covenant Partnership (membership) at Pilgrim Church, please speak with Pastor Shel or an elder 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:** Immanuel Baptist Church, Vancouver
- + **Missionary of the Week:** Shan Reed, NAB Missionary in Japan

Can we add you to our prayer list? 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
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
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

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 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 and sign in!

Wi-fi (Sign-in required)

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

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 today!