

# #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 15, 2019: ADVENT 3

## 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 3

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.

"The Advent 3 reading is a story of redemption, but painful redemption; of return, but a return marked with grief; of rejoicing, but of a joy that is inextricably linked to the losses that came before. It is a story of ambiguous joy—and are not our lives? For that matter, is that not the core of Advent itself? On this day, we make space to honor the pain of what is lost as we await the fulfillment of the Messiah. That pain is woven together with the joy of love that has been, and the hope of redemption to come. For most of us, in this life, we exist never fully in one state or the other, the sounds of our joyful shouts can never be easily distinguished from the sounds of our weeping" (Working Preacher).

## ORDER

- + **WELCOME:** 10:00 AM (lighting Advent candles)
- + **WORSHIP**
- + **BODY LIFE**  
Prayer, Narrative Lectionary, Spotlights, Giving
- + **TEACHING:** Advent 3, Stand Firm, 1 Peter 5
- + **SENDING**

## CALENDAR

**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](mailto: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](http://www.rootsinromania.com)

## MISSIONS FEST

**Friday, January 31st-Saturday, February 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. Our last meeting until January is today. 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](mailto:contact@pilgrimchurch.ca) today.

## GIVING

Visit [pilgrimchurch.ca](http://pilgrimchurch.ca) to give online through PayPal or e-transfers. Our 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.

## 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.

## 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!

## 2020 MISSIONS BUDGET

Planning on going on a service or short-term missions trip? Pilgrim Church would love to support you! We have funds set aside to help cover costs of Pilgrim People engaging in the work God is doing around the world. For more information or to request an application form, contact our Compassion/Missions Coordinator at [missions@pilgrimchurch.ca](mailto:missions@pilgrimchurch.ca)

## 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.

## 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



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**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](http://breezechms.com/app) and sign in!

Wi-fi (Sign-in required)

**Network:** [pilgrimwireless](http://pilgrimwireless) **Password:** [pilgrim@inverness](mailto:pilgrim@inverness)