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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church
December 1st, 2019, 10:30 am
Communion Sunday

Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #171 : "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel "

Prayer and Greeting

Worship and Word

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting: Heather, Simon, Liam Chan

Advent Song: "Hope for All the World We Sing" v.1 (*insert*)

Announcements

Reading: Luke 1:1-25

Musical Presentation: "The Star Carol" Soloist: Sig Stark

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory: Piano/Organ Duet

Message: "Preparing for Christmas" ~ Pastor Loren Stark

Communion

Song: "Here I Am to Worship" (*T. Hughes*)

Communion

Special Offering

Response and Dismissal

Closing Carol #172: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Benediction

**All are invited to join us for refreshments in the
narthex immediately after today's service.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday



Paul and Tanya Gericke, NAB Missionaries moved to Romania at the end of 2014 to help establish Camp Falcon Rock as a destination for students, churches, and leaders to be educated about spiritual, emotional, and physical health. Building continues but there is still much work to be done to get the camp fully operational. Pray for ongoing camp projects, and fundraising for the main lodge. Pray for the team as they cast a vision for 2020.

Tuesday

We lift up our neighbourhood and all who live and work in South Vancouver. We thank God for the opportunities we have to serve and to reach out to them and we ask God's help and guidance to do so.

Wednesday

We pray for the Montessori School and all the other regular and occasional groups and renters which make use of our building. We thank God for our facilities and for the many opportunities which they provide to serve God and others. May our church home continue to be a community centre for and a means of outreach to our local community and beyond.

Thursday

We pray for Faith Chinese NAB church, housed here in our building and with campuses in Surrey and the Tri-Cities. We pray for Pastor Yujian Hong, his fellow ministers, the staff and members of FCBC as they reach out with the message of the gospel to Mandarin speaking ethnic Chinese and others here and in our surrounding communities. We ask God's continued provision for and blessing on their ministries and outreach and on our mutual cooperation.

Friday

We lift up all our staff, as we enter the busy seasons of Advent and Christmas. May they know the presence, enabling and direction of the Holy Spirit.

Saturday

We pray for our sick, shut-ins and bereaved, and for all who care for them. We especially remember Ebenezer members who can no longer attend regularly for health reasons, including John & Frieda Hait, Doug & Diane Reichert, Eugenie Krause, Irene Maas, Daralee Richmond, Jose and Elena Ronsano, Pearl Weiss, and Sylvia Schmuland. May they find healing and wholeness, comfort and peace, in Christ.

**If you would like prayer for any person or reason,
please contact the church office or Freda Ross (604-326-
5123). We can pray for folks publicly during the Pastoral
Prayer and/or list them in the Sunday bulletin, as well as
through the Prayer Chain.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Note of Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers go out for Debbie and Greg Tobert, Samuel and Meg. Debbie's mother, Nelsina Gilmer passed away this past week. Pray for Debbie and Greg, as they travel to Roanoke, Virginia to be with family.

Special Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are in honour of Rose Masing on her special birthday. Congratulations, Rose! May God continue to bless you!

Pastor John

Pastor John continues to be on **medical leave**. He welcomes our prayers. If you have any pastoral needs or concerns, please contact one of the Elders listed at the back of the bulletin.

Young Adults

YA meet with Pastor Amos immediately after the church service today for lunch.

Family Ministries Ice Skating Today

Family Ministries event is TODAY December 1, 2:00 p.m.–4:15 p.m at Sunset Rink, 390 East 51st Avenue, Vancouver. There is a small entry fee and skate rental fee. Please **sign up at the Welcome Centre**.

Ebenezer Chess Club

The Ebenezer Chess Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in December **from 7:00–9:00 p.m. in Room 3B**. Meetings are bi-monthly. **Contact Simon Chan** for details (simon.chan7@gmail.com). Meeting December 3rd.

Women's Get Together

Ladies - come join us for an afternoon of tea/coffee, baking and carol singing on **Saturday December 7 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm**, downstairs in the Lower Auditorium.

Challengers Christmas Banquet

Tickets for the Challengers Christmas Banquet on December 11 at 11:00 am are available today. \$15.00

Church Christmas Dinner

Our **Church Christmas Dinner is on Saturday, December 14** in the **Lower Auditorium** at **6:00 p.m. All are welcome!**

REGULAR MID-WEEK PROGRAMMES

Mid-Week Bible Studies The **Tuesday Bible Study** with Pastor John Oakes is cancelled. **The Thursday study with Manny and Violet Sadiq resumes this week on December 5th.**

Youth Group **Tuesday, December 3, 7:00–9:00 p.m. in the Youth Room.**

Challengers (55+) will meet **this Wednesday, December 4. Rev. Tony Tremblett will be speaking. Do not bring a sandwich.** It is a **special occasion** and a **full lunch** will be provided.

Choir **practices continue in the Parlour on Thursday, December 5 from 7:30–9:00 p.m., as well as next week Sunday after the service from 12:15–1:00 p.m.**

WELCOME TO EBENEZER!

*A warm welcome to all our visitors! Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we are happy to see you. We hope you enjoy your time with us and sense God's presence. If you'd like to get in touch, please fill out the Welcome Card in the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate or contact our Senior Pastor directly.
Thanks for joining us. God bless you!*

THIS MORNING

Greeters

Our Greeters for December are Minda Francisco and Elena Sinocruz

Prayer Partners during the Worship Service

December 1: Sharon Iseli; Merle Eisner

December 8: Loren Stark; Kirsten Oakes

Nursery (*Located near the ramp on the north side*).

The Church nursery is open for the use of parents with infants up to 2-years-old, but there are no care providers.

Noah's Place (2–4 yrs); Children K—Grade 6

Children's Sunday School is from 11:00–12:00. Children are invited to leave the service after Children's Focus. The 2-4-year-olds are to be picked up at the close. Children Kindergarten to Grade 6 will be released from the Parlour at the end of the service.

Noah's Place Helpers

December 1: Debbie and Meg Tobert

December 8: Reah and Dana Cabang

Choir

Choir practice today after the Service 12:15-1:15. We are singing next Sunday. Practice at 9:30 on December 8th.

NEXT SUNDAY

10:30 am - Second Sunday of Advent.

STEWARDSHIP: YEAR 2019

Weekly Goal: \$ 4,420.00

YTD Goal: \$ 227,740.00

Rec'd Nov 24: \$ 21,053.75

YTD Rec'd: \$ 228,478.59

Thank you for your faithful giving to the Lord!

**Advent Song:
Hope for All the World We Sing**
Tune: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Verse 1

**Hope for all the world we sing
Jesus is the Christ our King
In our times of deep despair
We need news of love and care
When our days feel dark and cold
We need words of hope to hold
In a world in need of light
Jesus makes our darkness bright
Hope for all the world we sing
Jesus is the Christ our King**



Year End Notes

Our Daily Bread:

The regular print edition for December/January/February is available at the Welcome Centre. The large print edition is expected for January/February later this month.

Expense Claims:

If you have expenses to be charged to the church for 2019 that are still outstanding, please submit a pink "Requisition for Payment Form" available outside of the church office as soon as possible. This will help us with our year-end accounting. Thank you.

Greetings and Reports:

Christmas Greetings and year-end reports from our friends and supported ministries will be displayed on the Missions bulletin board by the ramp entrance.

Enjoy some Christmas items from the EBC library:

One Wintry Night - Ruth Bell Graham

A Treasury of Christmas Miracles - Karen Kingsbury

A Christmas Promise - Thomas Kinkade

Starry, Starry Night - Lurlene McDaniel

The Winter Seeking - Vinita Wright

Christmas Child - DVD

The Nativity Story - DVD

We also have some "Pastor Picks" books displayed.

