

December 29, 2019



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## CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

### PASTORAL STAFF

#### **Senior Pastor, Dr. John Oakes**

While Pastor John is on leave, if you have any pastoral needs or concerns, please contact one of the Elders listed at the below via the church office Tel: 604-324-7674 Email: [office@rockofhelp.com](mailto:office@rockofhelp.com)

#### **Director of Music, Grant Gwynn**

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### BOARD OF DEACONS

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### BOARD OF ELDERS

Bill Konnert; Sharon Tobert; Rajender Kumar; John Oakes,  
Rhea Ravanera; Loren Stark

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Ebenezer Baptist Church  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
December 29<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, 10:30 am

### Gathering of the Community

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Hymn #178: "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Prayer and Greeting

### Word and Worship

Songs of Praise

Children's Focus

Announcements

Scripture Reading: Revelation 12:1-12

Special Song: "I Heard the Bells" - Joel Secaluya

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Hymn #245: "Rejoice the Lord is King"

Message: "Heaven's First Christmas" - Rev. Tony Tremblett

### Response and Dismissal

Song: "Living Hope"

Benediction

***Everyone is welcome to stay for coffee and fellowship in the Narthex after today's service.***

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### Monday



### **Mark Zubert, Create Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota**

**which** describes itself as neighbours from every walk of life simply following Jesus in an informal, non-religious, relationship-first, compassionate community. Create Church is designed around creating communities of people to go to the places Jesus would go, eat with the people Jesus would eat with, and create church for those farthest away from organized church. Pray for their efforts to connect with the local community through study, play, and prayer together.

### 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 Faith Chinese Baptist Church, 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

Pray for NAB Executive Director Dan Hamil and the staff at our North American Baptist Headquarters asking for God's direction, equipping and provision for each of them as they pursue their callings to spread the gospel.

### Friday

We lift up our staff and elected leadership, as we prepare for the new year. 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, and Pearl Weiss. For those having recent losses: Debbie and Greg Tobert and family; the family of Sylvia Schmuland and the Ratum family. May they find healing, wholeness, comfort and peace, in Christ.

**If you would like prayer for any person or reason, please contact the church office, Sharon Iseli (604-244-1636) 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

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

### Christmas Reading From Our Church Library

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### Youth and YA Pick-up Basketball

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### Young Adults

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