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CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM

PASTORAL STAFF

Pastoral Coverage for December, Dr. George Sears

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If you are in need of pastoral care, advice or visitation, Pastor George Sears is available for pastoral care during the month of December.

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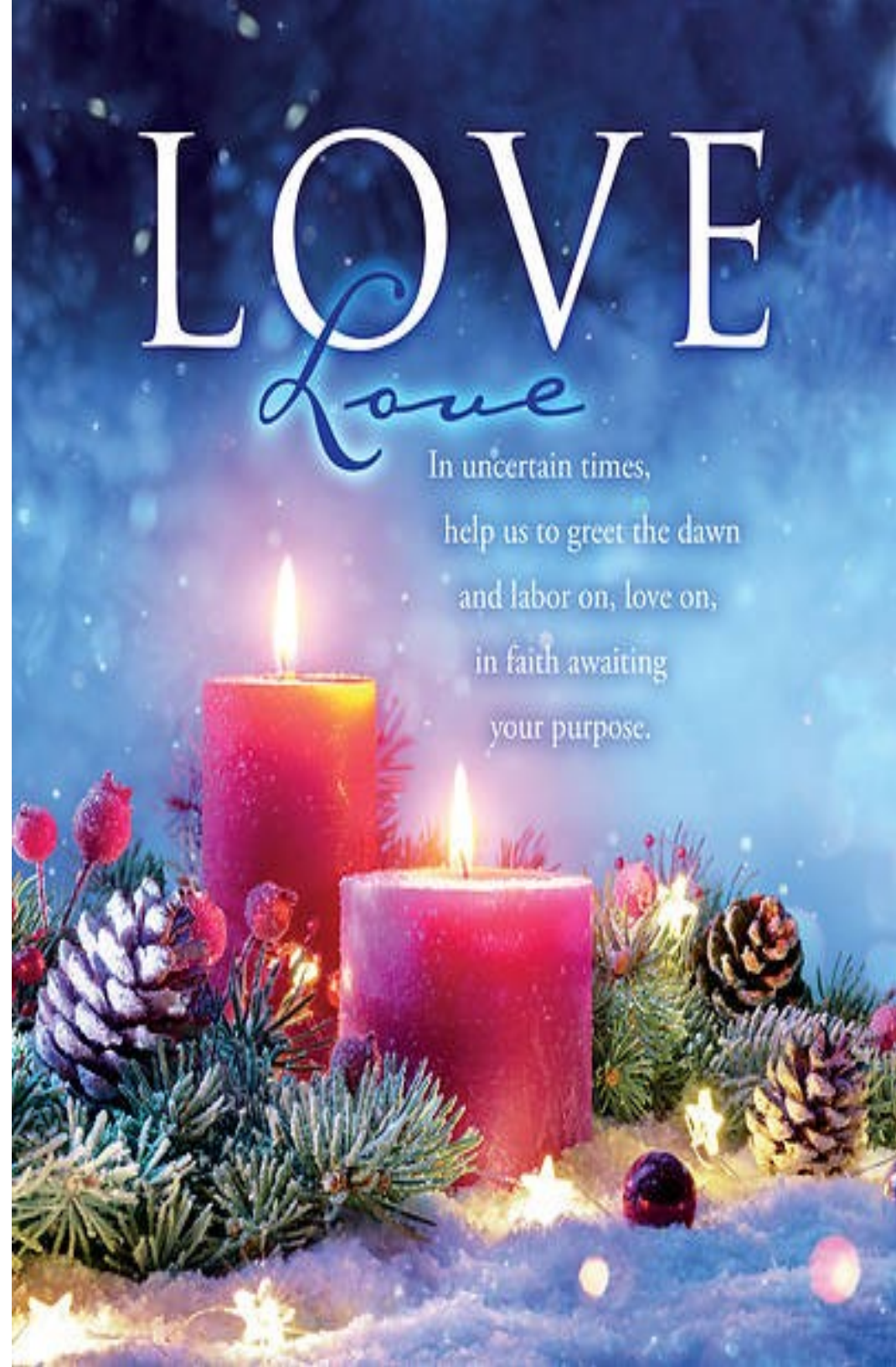
BOARD OF ELDERS

Bill Konnert (Moderator), Rajender Kumar, Jack Masing, Sharon To-
bert.

LOVE

Love

In uncertain times,
help us to greet the dawn
and labor on, love on,
in faith awaiting
your purpose.



WELCOME TO CHURCH!

We are excited to worship in person at Ebenezer or online. **As per the revised provincial guidelines, we remind you that it is mandatory to wear a mask in the building and observe social distancing.** We also welcome you to sing in worship while wearing a mask. Please remember to stay home if you are not feeling well. May God bless you richly today and every other day!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2021

Welcome & Call to Worship

Prayer

Opening Carol: #178 *O Come All Ye Faithful*

Songs of Praise and Worship

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting (The Aina Family)

Advent Carol: *"Hope for All the World We Sing"* (Verse: Love)

Special Music Presentation: *"Welcome to Our World"* (C. Rice)

Vocalist: Rhea Ravanera

Announcements

* School-age children may now leave for Sunday School.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 5:36-47

Sermon: "LOVE IS..." (Dr. George Sears)

Song of Response

Communion

Closing Carol: #181 *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* (vs. 1-3)

Benediction

You are invited!

EBC Hot Turkey Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 12th

*Come downstairs after the
service to enjoy a special
Christmas meal!
(in the Lower Auditorium)*



PRAYER AND PRAISE

Monday We pray for our NAB National Missionary, **Marijana Čizmanski, in Serbia.** Marijana works alongside Ron and Jeannie Seck in leading the development of Community Health Evangelism ministries in Serbia. Marijana has a background in hospice care and social services, both of which have helped shape her love for those in great need. **Pray for the ongoing relationships Marijana and her team are building in the communities they serve.**



Tuesday We lift up our province and all who live and work throughout British Columbia. We pray for those who were affected by the flooding and landslides. We lift up the all those who have experienced loss - that they would be comforted. We lift up those involved in the clean up and rebuilding efforts - that they would be kept safe. We thank God for those who came to the aid of those who needed help. We also pray for wisdom for municipal and provincial leaders as they plan the next steps.

Wednesday We pray for our neighbourhood: for those needing hope, for those struggling to make ends meet, for those overwhelmed with the challenges of life. May we be vessels of God's goodness, love, kindness, and mercy.

Thursday We pray for our fellow BCBA Church, Midtown Church in Chilliwack, BC. We lift up their pastors, Matt, Dave and Lloyd, leaders, and people of Midtown Church as they minister to their community.

Friday We pray for our whole church community; our leadership team, staff, and our congregation. May we trust in Christ and know the guidance of the Holy Spirit during this time of pastoral transition, search and change.



Saturday We pray for those who are sick, shut-in or bereaved. We especially remember: Elsie Baum, Agnes Becker, Russ and Rita Crossley, Kurt Gottschling, John and Frieda Hait, Lavina Hait, Linda and Tor Hoen, Bill Konnert and family, Diana Reichert, Jose and Elena Ronzano, Rick and Carol Townsend, Jean Tsui, and Pearl Weiss. May they find healing, wholeness, comfort and peace in Christ.

THIS WEEK

CHALLENGERS Bible Study and Fellowship All are welcome! Meets weekly on **Wednesdays at 11am** in the Lower Auditorium. Pastor Tony Tremblett will be the speaker. **This week (Wednesday, December 8th) a pizza and salad lunch will be provided!**

ADVENT Worship Celebration at 10:30 a.m. Dr. George Sears will be preaching at our Sunday service next week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS We celebrate with **Patience and Samuel Ajise on the birth of their baby boy born on** Wednesday, November 24th. His name is Nathan Ajise.

EBC CHRISTMAS DINNER NEXT SUNDAY!

You are invited to stay for a special hot turkey Christmas meal following the service on Sunday, December 12th!

We look forward to gathering together to share a Christmas meal. If you are interested in helping in any way, contact Graham Gertz.



SEARCH COMMITTEE At our annual business meeting last week, the members voted to appoint a Search Committee for a Senior Pastor. The members will be Bill Konnert, Sharon Tobert, Elfrieda Brose, Jack Masing, Wayne Faszer, and Florence Kinniston. Be in prayer for the committee as they start to do this important work for us.

Daily Bread Devotionals The December/January/February "Daily Bread" Devotionals are here! **If you would like a copy, they are in the back at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex.**

TITHES & OFFERINGS There is an offering box at the back of the church. You can also give by Interac e-transfer. Details of the process are available on the church website. Thank you for your faithful giving!

If you would like prayer for any person or reason, please contact Sharon Iseli (604-244-1636), Freda Ross (604-326-5123) or the church office. We can pray during the Pastoral Prayer and/or list them in the Sunday bulletin, as well as through the Prayer Chain.