

[WELCOME] We are glad you are here! At Fleetwood CRC we believe that God is calling us to **reach up** to Him in worship and prayer, **reach in** to each other for learning, fellowship and accountability, and **reach out** to our community with God's love. May you be blessed by your time here, and leave reminded of God's love for you.

[NEW TO FLEETWOOD CRC?] The order of our service reflects the Reformed tradition of which we are a part. Our worship is centred on Word and sacrament: every week we hear the Scriptures, **God's Word** is preached, and we celebrate the sacrament of the **Lord's Supper** together monthly. The **Christ candle** at the front of the Sanctuary reminds us of Christ's presence. Please fill out a **communication card** in your pew and place it in the offering basket at the back doors. This is so we can get in touch with you and get you connected to our church community.

[CHILDREN'S CHURCH] Children age 3 - Grade 3 are invited forward for a brief children's time before they go upstairs for worship & a Bible lesson.

[CHILDREN FOR CHRIST] C4C for children Grade 4-7 meet on the 1st Tuesday (6:30-8pm) and the 3rd Sunday of the month (during the service)

[NURSERY] Available upstairs for infants and toddlers up to age 3. Each parent is provided with a pager for a call-back if necessary.

[PRAYER] If you are looking for a quiet, space for prayer, please feel free to use the prayer room upstairs overlooking the sanctuary. If you would like **someone to pray with you**, a member of our prayer team would love to meet you for prayer at the right of the stage after the service. If you would like to submit a prayer request to our prayer team email prayer@fleetwoodcrc.org.

[SMALL GROUPS] To join a small group, start a new one, or wonder a bit more about the place of small groups in the Christian life, please contact a pastor or our church office administrator.

[DAILY PRAYER]
Lord, with Your coming, our lives have a greater demand placed upon them. Help us learn the art of active, consistent service while maintaining enough silent spaces to hear Your call. Amen.

Fleetwood CRC is led by a Council of Elders and Deacons along with staff. If you have a pastoral need or would like to talk to someone confidentially, we encourage you to contact one of the Pastors, Elders, or church office. Our passion is to connect deeply with those around us, to encourage each other to trust Jesus more and more, and to help each other become the people God is calling us to be.

COUNCIL OF FLEETWOOD CRC:
CHAIR OF COUNCIL: [Gil Vergilio](#)
VICE CHAIR: [John Bron](#)
CLERK: [Henk Van Anandel](#)
DEACON REP TO ADMIN: [Linda Knopp](#)
MEMBER AT LARGE: [Donna Klomps](#)
CHAIR OF DEACONS: [Michael Milankovics](#)
ELDERS: John Bron, Natalie Cooper, Donna Klomps, Jim Tolsma, Margaret Verkaik, Marten Van Huizen
DEACONS: Lynn Jansen, Linda Knopp, Michael Milankovics, Joe Milankovics, Joyce Triemstra, Manny Valoma, Tim Yzerman

[HOW TO GET INVOLVED] Members and guests are encouraged to participate in the ministries of the church. Our pastors would be happy to meet with you to determine where your gifts would best fit in our community. Information about weekly activities/ events can be found in our bulletin & on the website.

[OFFICE HOURS] 9am - 4pm Monday - Friday
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Advent Series: What are You Waiting For?

Title: Waiting For Comfort



**Fleetwood Christian
Reformed Church**

Service Time: 10am

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11

Date: December 15, 2024

Welcome to Fleetwood CRC where we as a community are learning to love like Jesus!

We invite you to join us online or in-person @ 10am.

We encourage you to visit our website at www.fleetwoodcrc.org.

[CHURCH FAMILY UPDATES]

Prayers of comfort and strength for family and friends connected to **Hester DeRuyter**. Pray for her brother **Arie** and wife **Else DeKleer**, for **Tina Potma** her sister-in-law and **Dineke Vanderploeg** (great niece) and family. Hester passed away on Wednesday, December 11 at the age of 89.

Wedding Bells for **Jacob van der Ende** and fiancé **Emma** who will be married here on Saturday, December 21, 2024. Join them in their gladness by offering prayers of thanksgiving and asking that the Lord's loving hand will bless this new union. Continued prayer for **Berta Den Haan and Else DeKleer** who are in the hospital. Pray for strength and healing that they may return home.

Continue to pray for those in our congregation that are recovering from surgery and those with ongoing health concerns. Pray for **Herma Jut, John & Janny Kalsbeek, Tina Verveda, Tony Vanderwiel** and **Willy Van Huizen**.

Pray for those whose health limits them to gather here in-person. Pray they may feel God's presence and continue to worship with us in spirit.

Prayers for many blessings. **Hassina's** parents, **Aziza & Abdul Satar**, as well as sister **Sina with Ghulam Ahmad, Alisina, Arsalan, Fareshta & Atal**, all arrived! We are glad that the long trip went well and that they were able to greet and meet the congregation already last week Sunday. Thank you for welcoming them!

[TODAY'S OFFERING]

NIGHTSHIFT MINISTRIES: NightShift Ministry is known as the organization on the front lines of outreach and care for the vulnerable, addicted and homeless people of Surrey. They offer clothing, meals, crisis counselling, basic nursing, prayer and loving community contact. Read more by visiting their [website](http://www.fleetwoodcrc.org). You may give your offering to the church or [online](http://www.fleetwoodcrc.org).

[OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER 2024]

DEC 1: CRCNA ReFrame Ministries

DEC 8: Van. 1st—Chaplain Refugee Support Mobilizer

DEC 15: NightShift Ministries

DEC 22: Ministry to the Seafarers

DEC 25: World Renew

DEC 29: Cascade Christian Counselling

DEC 31: FCRC Deacon Fund

IMPORTANT REMINDER RE: FLEETWOOD DOLLARS:

Please note **all Fleetwood Dollars** that are stamped (2024) or unstamped (pre-2024) **must be used by no later than Dec. 31, 2024**. After Dec. 31, 2024 they will be null and void and therefore not accepted towards any cause in 2025. If you wish to purchase Fleetwood Dollars for use beginning January 1, 2025 you can place your request in December using the Fleetwood Dollar Donation envelope but **your cheque must be dated January 1, 2025** or later to qualify for the 2025 tax year. Please keep any Fleetwood Dollar requests and cheques completely separate from any other donations. This change is as per our 2023 budget meeting where the congregation was notified that Fleetwood Dollars will only be usable in the year purchased and cannot be carried forward into the following year. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated by your Counting Committees!

[THIS WEEK AT FLEETWOOD CRC]

SUN, DEC 15: Worship Service at 10am (*in-person and online*), Children for Christ (C4C grades 4-7) gather this morning, Surge School 4-5:30pm

MON, DEC 16: Youth Unlimited—Muffin Morning Christmas Party 5-9pm (*Fellowship Hall*)

TUES, DEC 17: Morning Prayers 10-10:15am (*All are welcome*), FCRC Staff meeting following morning prayers, Stephen Ministry 7pm (*1Life HUB*)

WED, DEC 18: Muffin Morning 10am, Youth Unlimited -Thrive Program 12-2pm (*Fireside*), Mid-Week Prayer Group 1-2pm (*1Life HUB*), Consistory Meeting 4pm (*1Life HUB*), AA Group 7pm (*Fireside*)

THURS, DEC 19: 1Life Meeting 9-2pm (*1Life room*), Wedding Rehearsal 7-9pm, Kingdom Life Community Church (KLCC) 7pm (*Fireside*)

FRI, DEC 20: Good Shepherd CRC 7pm (*Fireside*)

SAT, DEC 21: Wedding of Jacob & Emma 2:30pm

[COMING UP]

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP THIS ADVENT

SEASON: This Advent we ask, "What are you waiting for?" And we will discover the good news that we who wait for Jesus Christ, receive the light, comfort, and fulfillment only He can give. This third Sunday of Advent, we will focus on scripture from Isaiah 40:1-11 where we see how "Waiting for Comfort" is part of the Christian way of life.

Children for Christ (C4C) will gather this Sunday.

FLEETWOOD FAMILY CHRISTMAS: Join us for a family friendly service on **Sunday, Dec. 22 at 4pm** singing Christmas Carols and telling the Christmas story followed by Christmas treats, hot chocolate and crafts. For those of all ages! Invite your family, friends and neighbours. If you are able to help out, please contact Sarah sverkaik@fleetwoodcrc.org.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE: If you are interested in being part of a small singing ensemble for Christmas Day, please let Sarah know.

YEAR END SLIDESHOW: Do you have any photos from this past year related to church activities? (*events, service projects, small groups etc.*), please send them to Sarah for our New Year's slideshow.

MID-WEEK PRAYER: Wednesday afternoon prayer group meets this **Wednesday at 1pm**. Bring your praise, joys and concerns and we'll pray over these and other items together. All are welcome.

[COMMUNITY NEWS]

THE GLORIA DEI CHORALE is pleased to present their Christmas Worship service, "**Night of the Father's Love**" tonight **Sunday, Dec. 15 at 7pm** at New Westminster CRC. Contact Tina 604-588-6377.

CHRISTMAS PIPE ORGAN CONCERT: Maranatha Canadian Reformed Church (12300 92 Ave, Surrey) invites you for a Christmas Pipe Organ Concert with audience singing and special pieces from Bach, Dupre, Widor, and Zwart on **Sat, Dec. 21 at 3pm**.

LEADING IN WORSHIP - DECEMBER 15, 2024

A/V BOOTH: Ian R. (*Sound*), Reuben V. (*Camera*), Joyce W. (*Projection*) **MUSIC:** Sharlene B. (*Piano*), Jason V. (*Guitar*), Ted P. (*Bass*), Justin H. (*Drums*), Jennifer & Olivia S. (*Vocals*)

PREACHER: Justin Roukema