

[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.

CHAIR OF COUNCIL: Gil Vergilio

VICE CHAIR: John Bron **CLERK:** Henk Van Andel

DEACON REP TO ADMIN: Linda Knopp

MEMBER AT LARGE: Donna Klomps

CHAIR OF DEACONS: Michael Milankovics

REACHING UP: *Elders ... Deacons*— Manny Valoma, Joe Milankovics

REACHING IN: *Elders* - Donna Klomps, Jim Tolsma, *Deacons*—Tim Yzerman, Lynn Jansen

REACHING OUT: *Elder* - Margaret Verkaik, *Deacons* - Michael Milankovics, Joyce Triemstra

[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: Active Waiting



Fleetwood Christian
Reformed Church

Service Time: 10am

Scripture: Luke 12:35-40

Date: December 1, 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 and condolences to **Ben and Leanne Vriend and family** with the passing of Ben's father, **Dan Vriend**. He was 95 and a member of First Church, Edmonton for 75 years. "My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Psalm 73:6

We are grateful that **Herma Jut** could return home this week after being placed in CareLife facility for rehabilitation after suffering a fall. **Crena and Herma** are celebrating 60 years of marriage and are thankful to God they could be home together to celebrate His many blessings.

Please continue to pray for **Berta Den Haan**. Pray for strength and healing as she is very weak.

Pray for strength and grace for all those suffering from illness. For those whose health is failing, for those who are homebound and those who grieve. Good news - Hassina's parents, **Aziza and Abdul Satar**, as well as **sister Sina and her family**, are arriving on December 6! Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they prepare to leave and as they travel across the world next week

[TODAY'S OFFERING]

REFRAME MINISTRIES provide daily and weekly Bible based messages in ten languages to evangelize and disciple the peoples of the world, calling them 'back to God.' Reframe ministry covets your prayers and support, praying that together we can share the good news of God's love to our neighbours. Visit [their website](#) to see how you are helping to share the Gospel. You may give your offering to the church or [online](#).

[OFFERINGS FOR DECEMBER 2024]

DEC 1: CRCNA ReFrame Ministries

DEC 8: FCRC Deacon Fund

DEC 15: NightShift Ministries

DEC 22: Ministry to the Seafarers

DEC 25: Cascade Christian Counselling

DEC 29: World Renew

DEC 31: Vancouver 1st CRC Chaplain and Refugee Support Mobilizer

IMPORTANT REMINDER RE: FLEETWOOD DOLLARS:

Please be aware that **all Fleetwood Dollars** that are stamped (2024) or unstamped (pre-2024) **must be used by no later than December 31, 2024**. After December 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 for 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 1: Worship Service 10am (*in-person and online*), Christmas Plant Delivery, Surge School, Congregational Meeting 5:30 potluck – Meeting 6pm

MON, DEC 2: Rental Event 5-10pm

TUES, DEC 3: Morning Prayers 10-10:15am (*All are welcome*), FCRC Staff meeting following morning prayers, Senior's Exercise and Christmas Social 10:30pm, Youth Drop IN 3-7pm, C4C 6:30-8pm

WED, DEC 4: Youth Unlimited—Muffin Morning 10am, Youth Unlimited –Thrive Program 12-2:30pm, Mid-week Prayer Group 1-2pm (*1Life HUB*), Consistory Meeting 4pm, AA Action Group 7pm

THURS, DEC 5: 1Life 9-2pm, KLCC 7pm (*Fireside*)

FRI, DEC 6: Good Shepherd CRC 7pm (*Fireside*)

[COMING UP]

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP THIS ADVENT SEASON:

The season of Advent is upon us. The word "advent" means coming, making this the season of waiting for Jesus to come. This season is an opportunity for us to acknowledge that all is not right in the world and in our own lives. We are waiting for our Saviour to come

into our broken world and our broken lives to make all things new. 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 week, the first Sunday of Advent, we will begin with scripture from Luke 12:35-40 where we see how waiting is part of the Christian way of life.

CHRISTMAS PLANT DELIVERY IS TODAY: The deacons would like your help in building community this Christmas. You are invited to take one (*or more*) Christmas plant(s) **today** and deliver it to the senior member from our church family whose name is printed on the accompanying slip attached to the card. Addresses and phone numbers are provided. May this opportunity be as much of a blessing to you as it will be to them!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TONIGHT: Reminder of our congregational meeting this evening, beginning with potluck at **5:30pm** followed by our meeting at **6pm**. Copies of the [congregational package](#) are available at our welcome center. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

SENIORS' EXERCISE AND CHRISTMAS POTLUCK: Join us this **Tuesday, December 3rd** for a special Christmas potluck. We will start with exercise at 10:30am followed by a social with lunch. All are welcome! (*Please bring a potluck item to share*)

MID-WEEK PRAYER: Wednesday afternoon prayer group meets this **Wednesday, Dec. 4 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**" on **Saturday, Dec. 14 at 2pm** in the Oasis at Elim Village, and on **Sunday, Dec. 15 at 7pm** at New West CRC. Contact Tina 604-588-6377.

FREE PUBLIC EVENT WITH DR. SALIM MUNAYER (*Fuller Seminary, Peace & Reconciliation Network*) exploring the current experiences of middle east Christians as well as on-going Jewish-Palestinian reconciliation work which Dr. Munayer has been involved with for 30 years. **Sat, Dec. 6 at 7pm at New Life CRC Abbotsford.**