

[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, we are slow to come to our senses. Often feeble offerings are merely extensions of our sin. Quicken your Spirit within us and move us to offer up that which is pleasing to you. 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 Andel](#)

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 to be Satisfied



Fleetwood Christian
Reformed Church

Service Time: 10am

Scripture: Joel 3

Date: December 22, 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 the **den Haan family**.

Berta den Haan passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at the age of 76. Prayers of comfort and strength to all those connected to Berta. "For we do not grieve as those without hope." *Thessalonians 4:13*. A service in thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Fleetwood CRC on **Saturday, January 4 at 1pm**.

Prayers and condolences for **Richard Brouwer and Karen Vlieg** who grieve the loss of Richard's mother who passed into glory last Saturday in the Netherlands. She was 87 years old. Pray for comfort and strength for Richard, Karen and the Brouwer family. Pray for safety in their travels as they have gone to Holland for her funeral and to spend time with family there.

Continued prayers of comfort for family and friends of **Hester DeRuyter**. Hester passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 11th. A service in thanksgiving for her life will be held here at Fleetwood CRC on **Thursday, January 16 at 11am**.

Please pray for **Bill Lucas** who has difficulties with mobility and balance resulting in falls and being in and out of hospital. Pray for health and strength. Congratulations to **Jacob van der Ende and Emma Bieur** who were joined in marriage here yesterday. May the Lord's joy and peace make beautiful the path you walk together.

Pray for strength and grace for all those suffering from illness. For those whose health is failing, for those who are homebound and those that grieve. Ask our heavenly Father for strength where there is weakness, hope where there is suffering, and joy where there is sorrow.

Pray this Christmas season, that our thoughts and attention may be directed towards what matters most, Jesus Christ our King. Pray our focus be on worshipping our Heavenly Father, thanking Him for the gift of His Son, celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour and the new life found in Him.

[TODAY'S OFFERING]

MINISTRY TO SEAFARERS: Life at sea and in ports around the world is often lonely for sailors far from their homes and families for months at a time. Your donation to the seafarers can help share the love of God in Christ on ships in the Port or Vancouver particularly during the Christmas season. For more information on the Ministry to Seafarers, visit their website by [clicking here](#). You may give your offering to the church or [online](#).

CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERING—WORLD RENEW: World Renew responds to urgent needs around the world. It works in partnership with other agencies to provide food, tools and crisis counseling. The goal is to help communities to develop in positive and lasting ways. World Renew does not receive ministry shares, and is dependent on the gifts of God's people to support it. Visit [their website](#) for more information.

[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. 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!

YEAR-END GIVING: Reminder that **Dec. 31, 2024** is the last day we can accept your donations that count for the 2024 income tax year. All **cheques must be dated and received by Dec. 31, 2024** or earlier. Any cheques received after Dec. 31st will be considered 2025 donations. *Thank you.*

[THIS WEEK AT FLEETWOOD CRC]

SUN, DEC 22: Worship Service at 10am(*in-person and*

online), Fleetwood Family Christmas 4-5pm

MON, DEC 23: (*Office hours varied*)

TUES, DEC 24: Christmas Eve (*Office hours varied*)

WED, DEC 25: Christmas Day Service at 10am, AA Group 7pm (*Fireside*)

THURS, DEC 26: Boxing Day (*Office closed*), Kingdom Life Church (KLCC) 7pm (*Fireside*)

FRI, DEC 27: Good Shepherd CRC 7pm (*Fireside*)

SAT, DEC 28: Children for Christ (C4C) Social 2-4pm

PLEASE NOTE: Office hours will be varied over the holiday season, so please call ahead to ensure that the church is open before heading over. *Thank you.*

[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 fourth Sunday of Advent, we will focus on scripture from Joel 3 where we see how "Waiting to be Satisfied" is part of the Christian way of life.

FLEETWOOD FAMILY CHRISTMAS: Join us this afternoon beginning at 4pm for a family friendly service complete with Christmas Carols and hearing the Christmas story followed by Christmas treats, hot chocolate and crafts. For all ages! Invite your family, friends and neighbours.

CHRISTMAS DAY: Join us for worship Christmas Day (*Wednesday at 10am*) where Pastor Justin will lead our service and we will celebrate Christ's birth with a message "Glory Revealed", reflecting on scripture from Luke 2:1-14. You are invited to stay for coffee and fellowship after the service including Christmas cookies! We look forward to celebrating together and Merry Christmas!

FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE: Please find a [summary of our finances](#) through November 2024 in your church mailbox this morning. Thank you for your faithful giving!

LEADING IN WORSHIP - DECEMBER 22, 2024

A/V BOOTH: Eric V, Simon V, Ronia P.

MUSIC: Kathleen V. (*Piano*), Daniel A. (*Guitar*), Ian R. (*Sax*), Zachary A. (*Drums*), Sarah V. (*Vocals*)

PREACHER: Justin Roukema