

**[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](mailto: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, guide us to act, live, and pray as the times determine. Make our faith grow to accommodate the needs of Your people and the fulfillment of Your kingdom. 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 Light



Fleetwood Christian  
Reformed Church

Service Time: 10am

Scripture: John 1:1-18

Date: December 8, 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](http://www.fleetwoodcrc.org).

**[CHURCH FAMILY UPDATES]**

Prayers and condolences to the **VanRanden** family **Willy VanRanden** passed away quite suddenly last week. Willy and her husband Sam are part of the Elim community and connected to many in our church family. Pray for comfort and strength to her family and friends.

Continued prayer for **Berta Den Haan** who is still in the hospital. Pray for strength and healing that she may return home.

Continue to pray for all those in our congregation who struggle with ongoing health concerns. Pray our heavenly Father be near to them, that they may feel His strong arms supporting them in their struggles and uplifting them with His Holy Spirit.

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. We are happy to share that baby **Noah** was born last Sunday to **Madina and Iraj!** Baby and parents and big brother **Adib** are all happy and healthy. Hassina's parents, **Aziza and Abdul Satar**, as well as sister **Sina** and her family, arrived on Friday. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin to settle in Canada.

**[TODAY'S OFFERING]**

**VANCOUVER 1ST CRC CHAPLAIN & REFUGEE**

**SUPPORT IMMOBILIZER:** This position, held by Dena Nicolai and based at Vancouver 1<sup>st</sup> CRC, continues to evolve and currently focuses on four areas: ministry of presence, coordinating immediate material assistance, building long-term relationships, and training and equipping refugee supporters through educational events. This ministry receives classis support but also relies heavily on church offerings to be Christ's presence to newcomers and an encouragement to those who assist them. Please [click here](#) for more info. You may give your offering to the church or [online](#).

**[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 8:** Worship Service including communion 10am (*in-person and online*), Surge School 4-5:30pm

**TUES, DEC 10:** Morning Prayers 10-10:15am (*All are welcome*), FCRC Staff meeting following morning prayers, Youth Group—Christmas Party 5-7:30pm

**WED, DEC 11:** Muffin Morning 10am, Admin Council Meeting 2pm (*1Life HUB*), AA Group 7pm (*Fireside*)

**THURS, DEC 12:** 1Life O.T. Bible reading cohort 6:30-8:30pm (*1Life room*), KLCC 7pm (*Fireside*)

**FRI, DEC 13:** Good Shepherd CRC 7pm (*Fireside*)

**SAT, DEC 14:** Outdoor Group walking False Creek (*meet at the church at 9am*), KLCC Youth group 5-9pm

**[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 second Sunday of Advent, we will focus on scripture from John 1:1-18 where we see how "Waiting for Christ's Light" is part of the Christian way of life. We will also share in communion together.

**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](mailto: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.

**[COMMUNITY NEWS]**

**1LIFE NEWSLETTER:** Read [1Life's newsletter](#) here. As we continue in our conversations to do with responding to this moment in our denomination, you might find this month's 1Life podcast conversation with Pastor Peter Rockhold especially valuable. Peter is the former pastor of Red Deer CRC and you can hear the honest, thoughtful story of his journey into and out of the CRC, as well as his challenge to those who remain.

**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.

**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 8, 2024**

**A/V BOOTH:** Joe M. (*Sound*), Camden B. (*Camera*), Nathaniel B. (*Projection*) **MUSIC:** Jerry V. (*Piano*), Greg B. (*Bass*), Graham B. (*Drums*), Natasha B, Tim V. (*Vocals*) **PREACHER:** Justin Roukema