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# SUNDAY, December 23, 2018 ~ 10:00 AM

**WELCOME to Kelowna CRC!** **We're glad you've joined us today on this fourth Sunday of Advent!** We hope today's worship service is encouraging to you. If you are new here and would like to connect, please fill out a CONNECT card and bring it to the CONNECT Centre in the foyer and we'll exchange it for a gift. Feel free to join us after the service in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and continued fellowship. Just follow the crowd!

## *This morning…*

The series TALE SPUN continues with Pastor Nick preaching from Ruth 4:1-17. *"So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. Then he went to her … and she gave birth to a son. The women said to Naomi: 'Praise be to the Lord, who this day has not left you without a kinsman-redeemer.'"*

## *Tuesday… Christmas Day Service at 10:00 AM*

Pastor Nick will be preaching on Luke 2:1-20. *"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night."*

## *Next week…*

Pastor Nick wraps up 2018 with a yearend message from Deuteronomy 34. *"Then the Lord said to [Moses], 'This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob… I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.'"*

## Christmas Eve Devotion 2018

You are invited to a Christmas Eve devotion, hosted by Todd & Annika Statham, at the barn at Bill and Cindy's place (6105 Father's Place) tomorrow at 3:30 PM. We'll have a reading of the Christmas story, Pastor Todd will have a message, and there will be some Christmas singing and prayer. Please bring a mug, a blanket and some hot drinks and cookies for yourself or to share, and dress very warmly as the setting is outdoors and quite rustic. Contact Annika at 250.215.9458 if you have any questions.

*Please put your cell phone on "silent" for the duration of the service. Thank you!*

# THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

## *God Calls Us to Worship*

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| Opening Song | **Light of the Stable** |
| Welcome & Announcements | |
| Call to Worship/God's Greeting to Us/Mutual Greetings | |
| Gathering Song | **O, Come Let Us Adore Him** |

## *God Graciously Renews Us in Christ*

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| Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle (LOVE) | |
| Song of Response | **Angels We Have Heard on High** |
| TIME OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE | |
| Songs of Response | **Shine On Us** |
| | **Christmas Offering** |

## *God Receives Our Offerings*

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| Offering | Church Ministry Operations (Budget) |
| Secondary Offering | Kelowna Gospel Mission * |
| Offering Song | **One Still Night** |
| *No Sundayschool today* | |
| Prayers of the People | |

## *God Gives Us His Words of Eternal Life*

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| Scripture | Ruth 4:1-17 |
| MESSAGE | TALE SPUN \| COURT ROOM TO LIVING ROOM |
| Song of Response | **There Is A Redeemer** |

## *God Sends Us Out Into the World With His Blessing*

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| God's Blessing for His People | |
| Closing Song | **Joy to the World** |

** To give to the secondary offering, please use an envelope from the pew in front of you to designate your choice.*

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### *We Celebrate Birthdays*

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| Thursday: | Eldon Stephenson |
| Friday: | Braden Bouwsema, Joel De Vries |

*May God richly bless you in the coming year!*

### *Hayride Today Cancelled*

We deeply regret the Christmas hayride and caroling scheduled for this afternoon is cancelled. Unfortunately, we received almost no response from the congregation to participate while we needed a minimum of 12-14 to consider proceeding. We appreciate everyone is very busy at this time of year. We will consider this again in future years. As such, the children's movie scheduled during the hayride is also cancelled and the meeting with St. Nickolas is now rescheduled for immediately after this morning's service *(see announcement below)*.

### *St. Nickolas Today*

All children ages 12 and under are invited to meet with St. Nickolas and his assistant Peter immediately after the service in the Sundayschool room across from the Fellowship Hall. He would like to share some Christmas greetings and gifts with all of you. Please join him!

### *Thank You!*

The Primetimers and all seniors thank everyone for the beautiful wrapped and generous gifts we received.

### *Worship Service Calendar*

Come join us for a special Christmas Day worship service this Tuesday, at 10:00 AM! Also, for your information, our year-end worship service will be held next week Sunday morning, December 30th at the usual 10:00 AM. [Note: There is no worship service on New Year's Day, January 1st.]

### *Donations and Expenses for 2018*

ADVANCE NOTICE: Please note the last day for donations or expense claims for 2018 will be December 30th. We will be counting our collections December 30th after the worship service, so if donations for 2018 are in the January 6th collection, they will be marked as 2019 donations. Thank you.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tuesday @ 10:00 AM: Christmas Day Worship Service (at the church)

## SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

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| **Offerings** Today: | Church Ministry Operations (Budget) & Kelowna Gospel Mission |
| **Christmas Day**: | KCRC Benevolence Fund |
| Next Sunday: | Church Ministry Operations (Budget) & World Renew |
| **Ushers** Today: | Karen De Vries, Linda Norden |
| **Christmas Day**: | Rick & Gen Plantinga |
| Next Sunday: | Bob & Deb Folkers |
| **Greeters** Today: | Jack & Barb Taekema |
| **Christmas Day**: | Art & Liz Vanderby |
| Next Sunday: | Paul & Lynette McMechan |
| **Coffee** Today: | Dick & Marg Hanenburg, Bouwsema Family |
| **Christmas Day**: | There is no coffee after the service |
| Next Sunday: | Bill & Gerri Aalders, Anne De Haan, Irene Stoffer |
| Following Sunday: | Seinen Family, Hilverda Family |
| **Nursery** Today**:** | Cindy Bouwsema, Tahlia Rodriguez |
| **Christmas Day**: | Elizabeth Scott, Georgia Scott |
| Next Sunday: | Sara Cimbaro, Janice Pienaar |
| **Sunday School** Today: | No Sundayschool – *activity packets will be available for the kids* |
| **Christmas Day**: | No Sundayschool – *activity packets will be available for the kids* |
| Next Sunday: | No Sundayschool – *activity packets will be available for the kids* |
| **Junior Youth** (Grades 5-8): | No Junior Youth today *(picks up again January 6)* |

*We would like to hear from you regarding any prayer or general requests, suggestions, or comments. Fill out a pew card and place in one of the boxes located just inside the sanctuary doors and they will be directed to the appropriate source.*

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