

## POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

Web site: [www.pgimf.org](http://www.pgimf.org)

February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

### Frances Kitson - *The Bible: Why Bother?*

Worship Leader:  
Accompanist:

Laura Eriksson  
Rosemary Bell

Music Worship:  
Usher:

J. Evan Kreider  
Ed Epp

**Last Sunday** Annika Krause spoke about the awkwardness of “proclaiming the good news” in a post-modern world. Relativism and Moralistic Therapeutic Deism (God as a Genie in a bottle) add to society’s skepticism of organized religion, which is already provoked by the cringe-worthy versions of Christianity that we see in the news and on social media. In Matthew 4, Jesus acted in love to restore health while giving credit to God as the source of unconditional love. Are we prepared to share the theology behind our actions in support of creation care, human rights, and reconciliation with First Nations? [KH]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/post-modern-proclamations/>

### PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

February 9  
February 16  
February 23  
March 1

Curtis Funk & J. Evan Kreider  
Henry Neufeld  
Margaret Trim  
Henry Klippenstein

Favourite Hymns of Faith - and Why  
Three Stories  
TBA  
How do you experience God? Pt 1

**Photo and Video Release** Please see Janice to help refresh our website by signing PGIMF's Photography & Videography Release, allowing PGIMF to include a photo or video of you on the PGIMF website. You are not required to sign, and your privacy will be respected at all times.

**Hymn Sing** The residents of the Menno Simons Centre will host a hymn sing Wednesday, February 5, at 8:30 pm organized by MSC resident Joshua Kuepfer. This follows the 7:00 pm community potluck meal, to which you are also invited. Come raise your voice and your glass (of water)!

**Help Wanted** No salary, no lottery winnings, no looting the Federal Reserve; just building up your treasure in heaven. Build up your treasure now by serving on the Nominations Committee to seek out more servants for Christ in our own fellowship, as well as help for the Camp Luther committee. And if you have always wanted to take on a task in the church because you have some good ideas, please volunteer now! Tap someone on the shoulder now, before the Nominations Committee taps you!

### Wider Church News

Regent College Dr. Iain Provan will be speaking at the 2020 Comagape Christian Conference at UBC on Saturday, February 8. Dr. Provan will give his talk, "Am I My Brother's Keeper? And What About the Planet?", at 2 pm and again at 3:15 pm at UBC AMS Student Nest, 6133 University Boulevard, Vancouver, Room 2306 (Level 2). Tickets available at

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/comagape-christian-conference-2020-tickets-87531159053>

### Moves and changes

John & Erna Friesen now live at  
(address, location and phone number  
available on request from webmaster)

**MCC-BC** The MCC-BC fundraising banquets take place:

### RECORDING THE SERVICE

Please note that we record the response time after the sermon. You are encouraged to share your thoughts as fully as you feel led with the proviso that no privacy can be guaranteed. The response time will not be posted to the website. You are encouraged to bring forth private issues during the time of sharing and prayer, which will not be recorded.

**Moderator**—Veronica Dyck (604-290-1627); **Worship**—J. Evan Kreider (604-228-1217);  
**Congregational Care**—Lois Funk (604-992-8213); **Recording Secretary**—Andre Pekovich (604-879-0007);  
**Music**—Ruth Enns (604-987-7430); **At Large**—Travis Martin (604-603-7843); Chan Yang (778-681-1475);  
**Finance**—Doug Medley (604-328-2980); **Congregational Co-ordinator**—Janice Kreider (604-228-1217)

*Our PGIMF gratefully acknowledges that we meet on the unceded ancestral lands of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish peoples. As Jesus reconciled us to God, we are called and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with each other*

- February 8 in Richmond (Peace Mennonite Church)
- February 15 in Langley (North Langley Comm. Church)

Get your tickets now from the churches involved, directly from MCC-BC at 604-850-6639, or at <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events>.

**Voices Together** The new hymnal *Voices Together* will be available in the fall 2020 for release. Pricing for individual hymnals is listed at \$32.99 CAD but a discount of up to 10% will be available when ordered by May 1<sup>st</sup> in bulk. Please watch for the discussion about whether to purchase the new hymnals for the church - an opportunity will be given for you to add your order to the church's order "at the Mennonite price".

**Delegates required** The MCBC Annual General Meeting needs delegates from PGIMF February 29<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Valley Mennonite Church (32860 Cherry Avenue, Mission). See Veronica Dyck to be a delegate - 5 required. Everyone is also invited to attend the LEAD conference (\$35 registration) which features lectures and workshops on the Church and Mental Health with Daniel Whitehead of Sanctuary Ministries.

**Vancouver Cantata Singers** Invites you to their next concert *Tundra: Music of Northern Lands* featuring sacred and secular music from northern countries including works by Emerson Eads, Ola Gjeilo, Jón Liefs, Sergei Rachmaninov, Caroline Shaw, and the premiere of a new commission by composer-in-residence Craig Galbraith. Sunday February 16 at 3:00 pm at The annex (8233 Seymour St. Behind the Orpheum). Tickets \$10-35 at [www.vancouvercantatasingers.com](http://www.vancouvercantatasingers.com)

**BCMB Celebration Banquet & Fundraiser** Join Camps BC for their second annual Celebration Banquet & Fundraiser in February 2020 and hear stories of faith and service from those who have had their lives affected at the camps and from those who have served in leadership, led by Marv Penner. Tickets \$20 at <https://bcmb.org/event/celebration-banquet-fundraiser-campsbc/>

**Writer's workshop** Are you interested in writing out your own life experiences in story form? Melody Goetz leads this workshop at the Mennonite Heritage Museum in listening to your own life like a friend would - with patience, attentiveness and compassion. Saturday February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. Registration \$40 for members and \$50 for non-members. More info at [www.mhsbc.com](http://www.mhsbc.com)

**Save the date!** The BCMB annual convention will be held May 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> at Central Heights Church (1661 McCallum Rd. Abbotsford). Registration (\$40) is now available on the BCMB website at <https://bcmb.org/event/bcmb-convention-2020-delegates/>, with costs for voting delegates covered by PGIMF (includes Saturday lunch).

## Psalm 19:1-6

<sup>1</sup> The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.  
<sup>2</sup> Day to day pours forth speech,  
and night to night declares knowledge.  
<sup>3</sup> There is no speech, nor are there words;  
their voice is not heard;  
<sup>4</sup> yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,  
<sup>5</sup> which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding  
canopy,  
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.  
<sup>6</sup> Its rising is from the end of the heavens,  
and its circuit to the end of them;  
and nothing is hidden from its heat. [NRSV]

## Psalm 19:7-11

<sup>7</sup> The law of the Lord is perfect,  
reviving the soul;  
the decrees of the Lord are sure,  
making wise the simple;  
<sup>8</sup> the precepts of the Lord are right,  
rejoicing the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear,  
enlightening the eyes;  
<sup>9</sup> the fear of the Lord is pure,  
enduring for ever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true  
and righteous altogether.  
<sup>10</sup> More to be desired are they than gold,  
even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey,  
and drippings of the honeycomb.  
<sup>11</sup> Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward. [NRSV]

## Psalm 19:14

<sup>14</sup> Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable to you,  
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. [NRSV]

## Micah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Hear what the Lord says:  
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.  
<sup>2</sup> Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.  
<sup>3</sup> 'O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!  
<sup>4</sup> For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.  
<sup>5</sup> O my people, remember now what King Balak of  
Moab devised,

what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'

<sup>6</sup> 'With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?  
<sup>7</sup> Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'  
<sup>8</sup> He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God? [NRSV]

## Call to Worship

One Gracious God, we have come in search of Christ, the Author of Life.  
All Open the Scriptures to us, that we might see Christ truly  
and meet Christ face to face. Amen.

- Sing the Story #141