

**POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**

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January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**J. Evan Kreider - *The Baptism of Jesus***

**Worship Leader:** Paul Thiessen  
**Accompanist:** Deberah Shears

**Music Worship:** Doug Medley  
**Usher:** Caleb Yang

**Last Sunday** On Epiphany Sunday, Michael Despotovic spoke about the story between the introduction of a conflict, the end of such conflict, and the resolution of the tension brought on by the conflict. Casually asking, “where are you from?” can be the start of an experience of ethnic or racial discrimination. Michael challenged us to think about how our word choices, especially adjectives, can add unfair qualifiers to peoples’ identity. The traditions of Epiphany celebrate the Magi as outsiders – Gentiles – who belong in the story of Christ while not being Jewish. Can we watch our words without coming across as judgmental to those who haven’t yet shifted their language to be more inclusive and less likely to cause tension? [KH]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/conflict-resolution-2020/>

**PGIMF News - Upcoming Services**

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| January 19 | Loren Balisky                 | Meaning and Purpose                |
| January 26 | Annika Krause                 | TBA                                |
| February 2 | Frances Kitson                | TBA                                |
| February 9 | Curtis Funk & J. Evan Kreider | Favourite Hymns of Faith - and Why |

**Wider Church News**

**MCC-BC** Get involved with something record-breaking big! Help MCC touch the lives of people in need while celebrating MCC's 100th anniversary. MCC is attempting to collect 6,500 comforters to deliver to people affected by conflict and disaster around the world. A handmade comforter provides not only warmth but also a tangible message to people in places like Syria or Ukraine that their needs are not forgotten. We need your help to reach our goal of collecting 6,500 handmade comforters on January 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm at Ross Road Community Church (3160 Ross Road, Abbotsford) for a comforter-making session. More info at <https://mcccentennial.com/create/>

**Moves and changes**

*A number of address moves and changes were reported here. Please contact the webmaster for permission to update your lists.*

**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”.

**Regent College** The Dal Schindell Gallery at Regent College features the work of Troy Terpstra, a former resident of the MSC and one-time speaker at PGIMF. His work borrows fragments of imagery from René Girard, TS Eliot, Leonard Cohen, and Psalms of both praise and lament in this largely figurative series of paintings. Runs Jan 16-Feb 21, Mon-Fri 8:30 - 5:00 pm, Sat. 12:00 - 4:00 pm. Free Admission.

**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);  
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*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*

### Snow days announcement

This reminder asks you to check your e-mail by 8:30 on Sunday mornings when snow is expected or has fallen, to find out if the service has been cancelled. The worship leader for each Sunday will be responsible for checking the conditions (walks shovelled, road conditions, etc.) in the area of the church with an appropriate person (residence coordinators or other church members in West Point Grey) and will "call off" the service as decided in their sole discretion.

**Concert** Rebecca Ruthven invites you to the first concert of the new year in the Chamber Music Concert Series at St. Paul's Anglican Church (1130 Jervis St., Vancouver) on Sunday, January 12th at 2pm, featuring Mendelssohn, Shostakovich, and a Beethoven sextet featuring two horn players. Admission is by donation. See more at: <https://www.stpaulsanglican.bc.ca/events/>

**MCBC** MCBC is looking for a person with a passion for women's ministry. Duties include coordinating the MCBC Women's Ministry, including organizing the Women's Day in May, and acting as a resource to the Women's Retreat Committee if needed. Please contact Janette at the MCBc office for further information.

**Save the Date!** The MCBc annual General Meeting and LEAD conference will be held this year on February 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> at Cedar Valley Mennonite church in Mission, BC. More information to follow later. Nominations are sought for important positions within the conference - see Andre for a list if you wish to be considered to serve. This is also a call for motions to be made at the AGM. The report book will be made available on-line after February 7th.

**Mennonite Disaster Service** MDS has a new website with lots of easy-to-find information for those who are curious or want to serve or donate. See more at <https://mds.mennonite.net/> and click on the links to Canadian Projects or Region 5.

**Reconciliation Workshop** The Society of Friends (Quakers) and MCBC Indigenous Relations Working Group invite you a weekend workshop on *The Cost of Colonialism: The Joy of Jubilee* to be held at Peace on 52<sup>nd</sup> Church Friday February 7<sup>th</sup> (7-9 pm) and Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> (9am - 4pm). If dispossession and discipleship are mutually exclusive, what Biblical resources area available to address it? Contemplate the practice of Jubilee in courageous conversation with Steve Heinrichs at this free event. Food provided: please email Lucia Eitzen at (*contact info available from webmaster upon request*) with your RSVP so arrangements can be made. More information at [www.tinyurl.com/JoyofJubilee](http://www.tinyurl.com/JoyofJubilee)

### Psalm 29

One <sup>1</sup> Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
**All ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**

One <sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;  
**All worship the Lord in holy splendour.**

One <sup>3</sup> The voice of the Lord is over the waters;  
**All the God of glory thunders,**

One the Lord, over mighty waters.

**All <sup>4</sup> The voice of the Lord is powerful;  
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

One <sup>5</sup> The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
**All the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.**

One <sup>6</sup> He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
**All and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

One <sup>7</sup> The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames  
of fire.

**All <sup>8</sup> The voice of the Lord shakes the  
wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of  
Kadesh.**

One <sup>9</sup> The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to  
whirl, and strips the forest bare;

**All and in his temple all say, 'Glory!'**

One <sup>10</sup> The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
**All the Lord sits enthroned as king for  
ever.**

One <sup>11</sup> May the Lord give strength to his people!  
**All May the Lord bless his people with  
peace!** [NRSV]

## Matthew 3:13-17

<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup>John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' <sup>15</sup>But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. <sup>16</sup>And

when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup>And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' [NRSV]

## Isaiah 42:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.  
<sup>2</sup>He will not cry or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;  
<sup>3</sup>a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.  
<sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.  
<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,

who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:  
<sup>6</sup>I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,  
<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.  
<sup>8</sup>I am the Lord, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.  
<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them. [NRSV]

## Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did

both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.' [NRSV]