

## POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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January 7, 2018

**J. Evan Kreider** - Epiphany

**Worship Leader:**

Henry Neufeld

**Music Worship:**

Andre Pekovich

**Accompanist:**

Ruth Enns

**Usher:**

Edward Epp

### Scriptures for Today

Proverbs 71:1-7, 10-14

Isaiah 60:1-6

Matthew 2:1-12

**Three Sundays ago** Al McKay (PHS chaplain) described the "Blue Christmas" services that he leads at Single-Room Occupancy (SRO) hotels in which people can turn over to the Creator the tensions and burdens they carry in this season as a result of losses and feelings of isolation. Our lives can be (and even smell) messy, like the first Christmas must have been – not the happiest time of year! He read two poems by the late Bud Osborn, a Downtown Eastside poet, opening our eyes to seeing God in the faces of streetwalkers and bidders. Institutions tend to value the lives of the successful, while in the upside-down Kingdom, every life is important.

Are we open to seeing Jesus in unfamiliar yet authentic places? [KH]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/called-to-relationship-2017/>

### PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

January 14

Henry Klippenstein

Doubt & Faith - Part 1

January 21

Henry Klippenstein

Doubt & Faith - Part 2

January 28

Janice Kreider

Our Global Fellowship

February 4

Johann Funk

Lamentations

**Snow Days** Please check your e-mail by 8:30 on Sunday mornings when snow is expected to find out if the service has been cancelled by the worship leader for that Sunday. Worship leaders will check with people in the area of the church to determine if it is reasonable to continue the service under such conditions.

**Next Sunday** The PGIMF Transition Committee recommended at the last congregational meeting that PGIMF consider the Peretz Centre as a possible venue for PGIMF Sunday worship services. A visit to the Peretz Centre will be conducted **next Sunday** (January 14) after our service and a shortened coffee time to be in at 12:30 pm. The Peretz Centre is located at 6184 Ash Street (1 block west of Cambie between 45<sup>th</sup> & 46<sup>th</sup>). Plenty of street parking is available. All are welcome.

**Refugee proposal** The Westside Churches Refugee Sponsorship committee has decided to sponsor three Turkish people currently living precariously in Nigeria and requests PGIMF be the signing authority for this application. The funds are already in place, as is our agreement to support future refugees, but our consent and willingness is needed for the application to go ahead as soon as possible. If you have questions, will you please direct your questions to the Moderator or to Travis (by e-mail).

### Wider Church

**Regent College Free Public Lecture** You are invited to hear Dr. David Clough (Yale) speaking on Eating Peaceably: Christianity and Veganism which informs of the place of animals in Christian theology and ethics arising out of his work in Christian pacifism. Hosted by A Rocha and Vancouver School of Theology, the lecture takes place Tuesday, Jan 9, 2018 from 7:30pm - 9:30pm in the Chapel at Regent College. Free parking.

### 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.

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**Music**—Ruth Enns (604-987-7430); **At Large**—Janice Kreider (604-228-1217); Chan Yang (778-681-1475);  
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**Sacred Sanctuaries Presentation** Worshipers residing on the Westside may be interested in a lecture and slideshow being put on at St. Philip's Anglican (3737 W. 27<sup>th</sup> Ave., Vancouver) by worshiper Derek Simpkins who with wife and friend recently completed a voyage around the eastern Mediterranean where they were able to visit some outstanding "sacred sanctuaries". Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

**Mennomedia** The publishing arm of the North American Anabaptist churches is Mennomedia. With thousands of titles of fiction, theology, worship materials, children's sources, and a blog about reading all things Mennonite called [Mennobytes](http://Mennobytes), (formerly Third Way Café) it's worth a look. The feature book on the site this week is Love in a Time of Hate: The Story of Magda and André Trocmé and the Village that Said No to the Nazis. See more at [www.mennomedia.org](http://www.mennomedia.org)

**Pacific Theatre** Tickets now available for Ruined, a play by Lynn Nottage that exposes the conflicts and brutalities of a small bar in a small village in the Congo in a region under a brutal civil war. From the media release: "Mama Nadi's bar both protects and profits off the bodies of the women who have become casualties of a long and brutal civil war in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. She ensures survival by catering to both sides of the conflict, but how long can she keep the war outside her walls? What is justified when survival is on the line?" Runs January 26<sup>th</sup> - February 17<sup>th</sup> and features ex-PGIMFer Mark N\*\*\*'s wife Shayna Jones in a starring role. Tickets \$10-30 from the box office at [www.pacifictheatre.org](http://www.pacifictheatre.org) or 604-731-5518.

**MCBC LEAD Conference and Annual Meeting** This year's LEAD conference concentrates on the concept of being "In the Image of God: Transforming Pride, Prejudice, Privilege, and Power". It takes place Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>, and will be followed on Saturday February 24<sup>th</sup> by the MCBC Annual Meeting. Both meetings will be hosted by Eden Mennonite Church (46551 Chilliwack Central Rd, Chilliwack)

## Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Of Solomon.

<sup>1</sup> Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to a king's son.

<sup>2</sup> May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.

<sup>3</sup> May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup> May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy,  
and crush the oppressor.

<sup>5</sup> May he live while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all  
generations.

<sup>6</sup> May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth.

<sup>7</sup> In his days may righteousness flourish  
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

<sup>10</sup> May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles  
render him tribute,  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba  
bring gifts.

<sup>11</sup> May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations give him service.

<sup>12</sup> For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.

<sup>13</sup> He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.

<sup>14</sup> From oppression and violence he redeems their life;  
and precious is their blood in his sight. [NRSV]

## Isaiah 60:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

<sup>2</sup>For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.

<sup>3</sup>Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

<sup>4</sup>Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,

and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses'  
arms.

<sup>5</sup>Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to  
you,

the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

<sup>6</sup>A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. [NRSV]

## Matthew 2:1-12

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in  
Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to  
Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>asking, 'Where is the child who has been  
born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its  
rising, and have come to pay him homage.' <sup>3</sup>When  
King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all  
Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief  
priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them  
where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, 'In  
Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the  
prophet:

<sup>6</sup>"And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

<sup>7</sup>Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and

learned from them the exact time when the star had  
appeared. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying,  
'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you  
have found him, bring me word so that I may also go  
and pay him homage.' <sup>9</sup>When they had heard the  
king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the  
star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped  
over the place where the child was. <sup>10</sup>When they saw  
that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed  
with joy. <sup>11</sup>On entering the house, they saw the child  
with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid  
him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests,  
they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and  
myrrh. <sup>12</sup>And having been warned in a dream not to  
return to Herod, they left for their own country by  
another road. [NSRV]

