

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Steve Klassen - Seen by a Loving God

Worship Leader:
Accompanist:

Cara Bergen
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Music Worship:
Usher:

Michael Despotovic
Edward Epp

Last Sunday Dr. J. Evan Kreider (Professor Emeritus of Music, UBC) invited us to rely on the Psalms (starting with 1, 12 and 15) for ideas on how to pray when we have no words to express our plea for help in these evil times. Countless generations have asked, "how long will the wicked continue to prosper?" Those who will dwell with the Lord resist following in the path of the scornful, the oppressor, and the liar. May we each be like a tree planted by the river, that brings forth the fruit of the Spirit in season. [KH]

Hear the message in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/psalms-for-these-sad-distracted-times/>

**Scriptures for
Today**
Mark 1:35-39
Colossians 1:15-20

Two Sundays ago Michael Despotovic offered a testimony of his walk with God and the Church in an engaging message entitled The Mirror Reflects, Everything Grows.

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PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

September 16	Thomas Bergen	Mark
September 23	Joy Rudder	Stories to Share
September 30	Henry Krause	Reconciliation and Orange Shirt day
October 7	Service of Readings and Prayers	Thanksgiving

Church Directory Please take a moment to look at the church directory on the wall in the hall and make any corrections to your own or anyone else's entry you are sure of. Newcomers and those who have attended for a while, please take this opportunity to add your name to the list and become eligible for your own church mailbox full of "junque mail" as well as signing on for a multitude of opportunities to participate in congregational life and in our services. Please note: we protect your personal information in accord with our privacy policy available on-line at www.pgimf.org.

Book Study You are invited to a weekly book study Wednesdays at 7:00 pm beginning September 12 on Palmer Becker's book Anabaptist Essentials, and takes place at Peace Mennonite Church (11571 Daniels Rd., Richmond) in the Fireside Room. The book is available on Amazon or at the Regent College bookstore. For more information contact John Sawatzky at (contact info available from webmaster)

PGIMFer update Those of you who remember Catherine Cooper will be pleased to learn that, following a summer teaching in Tucson AZ and completion of a repatriation contract, she landed a permanent technical position with the National Centre for Preservation Technology and Training in Natchitoches LA. Her work will involve operating their instrumentation for preserving historical artifacts and she will have a chance to engage her interest in Native American history and archaeology. Her work begins in October.

Wider Church

Regent College Regent kicks off the fall season with Interface: A Lecture Series in Theology and Science featuring free lectures by Jens Zimmerman, Alistair McGrath, Sarah Coakley, Bruce Hindmarsh and more. Supported by a grant from the Templeton Foundation, this series takes place weeknights beginning at 7:30 at Regent College. Admission is free, and you can see more information at <https://www.regentinterface.com/>

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)

MCC-BC 49th Annual Festival for World Relief On Friday September 14th and Saturday September 15th, MCC BC will be hosting its 49th annual Festival for World Relief - a weekend of food, fun and fundraising for MCC's work of responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice in the name of Christ. You and your congregation are invited to join together to raise funds for uprooted and vulnerable people locally and globally. In recent years, festivals have raised over \$1 million for refugee support here in BC and around the world, so thank you! More information at <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events>

The Lookout Gallery The gallery at Regent College features artist and friend of PGIMF Edith Krause in an exhibit entitled Adam/Adamah which juxtaposes images of human tissue sections with landscapes of the lands from which we originated. Exhibit opens Wednesday, Sep 12 at 4:30PM and runs until Friday, Oct 5, 2018 at 7:30PM. This artwork complements the Interface Faith and Science Lecture Series Regent is hosting this Fall. Follow the links at <https://www.regent-college.edu> for more information and gallery hours.

Mennonite Historical Society of BC The MHSBC hold its annual fall fundraiser Sunday September 23rd at King Road MB Church (32068 King Rd, Abbotsford) featuring Royden Loewen (U.Winnipeg) speaking on The Mennonite Farmer and the State: Friend or Foe in the Global Context. Tickets \$15 at the society's office at 604-853-6177 or online at www.mhsbc.com

MCC AGM The MCC-BC Annual General Meeting takes place September 29th at South Langley Mennonite Church (20098-22nd Ave, Langley). This important meeting requires church representation every year to ensure our voice is heard. Registration (\$10) online at <https://mcccanada.ca/get-involved/events>. Ed Epp is one of the delegates for PGIMF and offers rides to anyone attending who can make it out to White Rock.



Tour Reformation Germany with Iain Provan in a learning/teaching holiday April 29 - May8 2019 as Provan, Regent College and Christian Journeys visit significant and interesting Reformation sites from Wittenberg in the east to Worms in the west. Walking Where Luther Walked will feature a group of limited size, lots of personal interaction, and even for-credit lectures to forward your Regent degree path! Book your spot now at https://www.regent-college.edu/about-us/events/event-details?event_id=824

Mark 1:35-39

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. ³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons. [NIV]

Colossians 1:15-20

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the

body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. [NIV]

Call to Worship

This is the day that you have made, Lord.

Help us to rejoice in it and be glad!

Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people:

to come to you in these moments,

to confess our sins,

to receive forgiveness and give it,

to pray and sing and listen,

to renew our fainting spirits,

to rest in all your promises.

Open our eyes to see you, Lord.

Open our ears to hear your Word.

Visit us through your Holy Spirit,

and speak your Word of love over us. Amen.

