

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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December 2, 2018

Rosie Perera - Watching and Waiting Advent I

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Accompanist: Rosemary Bell

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Last Sunday In an era when we blindly navigate using the Global Positioning System (GPS), Janet Boldt gave us the analogy of how paper maps and a navigator can enrich a journey, as the Bible and companions in faith can help us through life. While technology can fail, God can provide our internal compass. The "little old lady from Pasadena" was a weekly pen pal who helped Janet in her path from inner-city ministry in Fresno to teaching at Columbia Bible College in Abbotsford. Janet's grandmother Emma left a diary of her time as a Deaconess in Ukraine, which she is now compiling into a book. If we get lost trying to understand theology, we can be held by God and a community of fellow travelers. May we learn to walk in the company of those who know The Way. [KH]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/pilgrimage-in-a-gps-era/>

Today's Scriptures

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:1-10

Luke 21:25-36

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

December 9	Sing-along Messiah	Advent II
December 16	Laura Eriksson	Holy, Humble Radiance
December 23	Songs, prayers and scriptures for Advent	Advent IV
December 30	No service	—

Friday Group The Friday Group will hold its next meeting this Friday December 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the Education Building behind Peace Church on 52 Ave (FUMC). We'll be discussing chapter 4 "Wisdom Stories" p.81 - 111, the story of Job. All are welcome.

Membership Sunday Those of you who have attended for some time and demonstrate your commitment to the fellowship in a variety of ways each Sunday but are not yet members, are encouraged to seriously consider membership with any member of the PGIMF church board. January 6th will be an opportunity to welcome those desiring membership into the fellowship.

Sing-along Messiah

Don't forget to bring your scores to next Sunday's Sing-along Messiah at PGIMF. Friends and voices welcome!

Donations Since there will be no worship service on December 30th, there are only four Sundays left to donate to PGIMF. You may donate on-line at www.pgimf.org as well right until December 31st. You may also wish to consider giving to the Refugee Food Bank at Sherbrooke Church through PGIMF - mark your cheque to PGIMF with the direction "Refugee Food Bank" at the bottom of your cheque.

Advent Vespers You are all invited to partake of an hour of choral music for the advent season in the atmosphere of reflection and light tonight at 7:30 pm at St. Philip's Anglican Church (3737 West 27th Ave. Vancouver). Offerings go to support the work of the Menno Simons Centre.

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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Wider Church

Vancouver Cantata Singers Join the Singers for two concerts of the Christmas Reprise, an hour of traditional carols and modern compositions in beautiful sacred spaces. One performance takes place December 22nd at 2:00 pm at Holy Rosary Cathedral (646 Richards St. Vancouver), and the second at 7:30 pm at Queens Ave, United Church (529 Queens Ave., New West). Tickets (\$10-35) at <http://vancouvercantatasingers.com/concerts/>

The North Shore Chorus Diane and Jonathan Ehling invite you to take in "Carols from Around the World", the North Shore Chorus's annual Christmas concert celebrating the birth of Jesus in music. Tickets \$15-20 (children \$5). Concert takes place on December 8th at 7:30pm at Mt. Seymour United Church (1200 Parkgate Ave., North Vancouver). See www.nschorus.com or the Ehlings for more info or tickets.

Sing-Along Messiah - tuneup! Those who wish to tune up their singing voices for next Sunday's Sing-along Messiah are welcome to join the 50-voice Voices United choir at Pacific Spirit United Church (Ryerson - 2195 W. 45th, Vancouver) this afternoon at 2:00 pm for a two-hour sing-along with one intermission. Scores provided or bring your own.

Reading for Lighting the First Advent Candle of Hope

Leader: In a world of where so many despair, God lights a candle of hope in our hearts. We wait together for a Saviour, who will be Immanuel, Christ the Lord.

Hear the word of the Lord:

Congregation: By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

- Carol Penner: *Leading in Joy* (November 24, 2015)

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵ In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness

in the land. ¹⁶ In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'
[NRSV]

Psalms 25:1-10

¹ To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

² O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

³ Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly
treacherous.

⁴ Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

⁵ Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.

⁶ Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your
steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

⁷ Do not remember the sins of my youth or my
transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

⁸ Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹ He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰ All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and
faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his
decrees.
[NRSV]

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

²⁶ 'People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things

taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

[NRSV]

ADVENT

Psalm 40

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Refrain

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord; be strong, take heart!

My Soul in Stillness Waits

Refrain Dm/A Dm9 F G A B^b C Am7 Dm9 *Fine*

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits; trul-y my hope is in you.

Am Dm9 Am Dm9

1 O Lord of Light, our on - ly hope of glo - ry,
 2 O Spring of Joy, rain down up - on our spir - its;
 3 O Root of Life, im - plant your seed with - in us,
 4 O Key of Knowl - edge, guide us in our pil - grim - age;

Am Dm9 Am Dm9

your ra - diance shines in all who look to you.
 our thirst - y hearts are yearn - ing for your Word.
 and in your ad - vent draw us all to you,
 we ev - er seek, yet un - ful - filled re - main.

Am Dm9 Am G C Am7 Dm9 *To Refrain*

Come, light the hearts of all in dark and shad - ow.
 Come, make us whole; be com - fort to our hearts. —
 our hope re - born in dy - ing and in ris - ing.
 O - pen to us the path - way of your peace. —

