

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Angelika Dawson - *Hello Darkness, My Old Friend*

Worship Leader: Henry Neufeld **Music Worship:** Andre Pekovich
Usher: Chris Skinner

Last Sunday Karl Brown delivered J. Evan Kreider's message on the new commandment that Jesus gave his disciples in John 13:34, "that you love one another." In anticipation of his imminent death, Jesus was surprisingly direct with this imperative to his followers. Of all the things that Jesus could have emphasized in his final days, he didn't focus on doctrine, interpretation, or a particular spiritual discipline. The early church grew rapidly in no small part due to their emphasis on living as a visibly caring community. May we too be recognized as disciples of Christ by our love for one another. [KH]

The message can be heard in your favorite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/this-is-my-new-commandment/>

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

*** August 11	Aslam Bulbulia & Shagufta Pasta	Mindfulness in Eating / Eid al-Adha
August 18	Young Tae Choi	Loneliness and the Arts
August 25	Karl Brown	TBA
September 1	Jodi Spargur	People of the covenant

Alumnus concert! Friday, Aug 16, 7:30 pm, Menno Simons Centre chapel: Caspian Ensemble in Concert (Silas Friesen and siblings). Featuring trumpet, piano, strings, and voice from baroque to contemporary. \$20 adults / \$10 students.

Place to stay Chan and Stephanie are looking for someone to host their family friend Evelyn who will visit Vancouver from Manitoba together with her daughter and 3 grand children (aged 9, 6 and 4) to attend the wedding of Chan and Stephanie. Does anyone have space they would be willing to share with them from August 23-28? Expectations are not high - it's said they can sleep on floors in the same room. Evelyn is a close friend of theirs from the Mennonite church in Manitoba. Please contact Chan if you can help.

Coffee update. Thanks to all who have graciously provided coffee throughout the summer season - please continue to sign up on the board at the back of the church for one of the remaining Sundays. ***Please note a special event is being planned for August 11th and the coffee group will be assembled by direct request of the congregation. If you wish to participate in coffee service that Sunday, please contact Michael or Andre.

Wider Church

MCC-BC Festival for World Relief The festival and fundraiser this year include something new - the 1st annual 3-point competition. Show off your skills to sink the greatest number of 3-pointers in 30 seconds, while supporting a great cause. Competition begins at 11:00 am, sign up for \$20 (early-bird rate of \$15 til August 15th) one one of three categories available: teens, (responsible) adults, and 50+. The Festival and Relief sale runs this year Friday and Saturday September 13-14 at the Tradex in Abbotsford.

PGIMFers in Performance! Stephanie will perform with Vancouver Pops on Sunday August 18 from 3 – 5 pm at the Chan Center (*no, the Caleb Chan who donated the money for the Chan Centre is not the dynamic duo of our fellowship – ed.*) Her performance with the choir takes place in Part II and she appreciates seeing people she knows there! Tickets (\$20-40) for the concert **Legends of Heroes - Songs from Superhero Movies** are available now at <http://vancouverpops.com/concerts>.

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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*Our fellowship gives thanks for the gift of meeting on the unceded lands of the
Musqueam, Tsleil-Watuth and Squamish peoples*

Call to Worship

from 1 Corinthians 12

Leader: We are one body made up of many parts—the body of Christ.

All: We were all baptized into one body, whether Jew or Greek, rich or poor, sick or well, young or old, depressed, manic or stable, homeless or comfortable.

Leader: So if any of us says we are not well, we may be tempted to say we don't belong to the body of Christ, or feel like we don't belong.

All: But we want to belong—and feel like we belong! We may be weak or even unpresentable. Please accept us and support us in our struggles.

Leader: Please know that there are no divisions in the body of Christ. If one part suffers, we all suffer; if one part is honoured, we all rejoice!

All: We have come to worship God as the body of Christ.

- John Konrad

Prayer

based on Psalm 139

One: Let us pray

All: O God of all comfort,

One: You have searched me and know me.

You know my thoughts, my coming and going, when I rise and when I rest. You are intimately acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, you know it. You hem me in, behind and before. I am safe and secure in your presence.

All: O God of all comfort,

One: You are always present with me – there is nowhere that I can go where you are not.

Even when it feels that the darkness will overwhelm me, that the light of day will turn to night; I take comfort in knowing that the darkness is not dark to you, the night is like day.

All: O God of all comfort,

One: I find peace in knowing that you have been with me from the very beginning. You knit me together in my mother's womb, you know every hair on my head. You know all about me!

I know that your works are good, so I will give you thanks that I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

All: O God of all comfort,

One: You have searched me and know me, you know my heart. Take away my anxious thoughts. Take away anything within me that is hurtful. Lead me in the way everlasting.

Amen

- Angelika Dawson

Psalm 88

A Litany Prayer for Help in Despondency

One: Let us pray

Where are you, God? Why do You hide Your face from me?

**All: O Lord, God of my salvation,
Let my prayer come before You;
Listen to my cry.**

I am distraught! I feel like I am cut off from you. I feel like I am drowning, engulfed in despair.

One: For my soul is full of troubles,
I feel as though You have forgotten me
Like I am cut off from Your hand

You have removed lover and friend from me.
And my acquaintances are in darkness.

**All: O Lord, God of my salvation,
Let my prayer come before You;
Listen to my cry.**

(time of silence)

One: O Lord, I call upon you today, hear my prayer

One: It feels as though I have been laid in the lowest pit

**All: O Lord, God of my salvation,
Let my prayer come before You;
Listen to my cry. Amen.**

I lie in the darkness, in the depths. I am utterly alone

My friends turn away from me
I am isolated, I feel trapped, I cannot get out

(Words of assurance from Lamentations 3:19-24)

**All: O Lord, God of my salvation,
Let my prayer come before You;
Listen to my cry.**

One: Hear these words of assurance:

One: Lord, I call upon You daily;

I remember my affliction and my wandering,
the wormwood and bitterness.

I have stretched out my hands to You.

Surely my soul remembers and is bowed down within me.

I look for your wonders in the darkness

This I recall to my mind,

I long for your loving kindness

Therefore I have hope:

I seek your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness

The Lord's loving kindnesses never cease,
For His compassions never fail.

**All: O Lord, God of my salvation,
Let my prayer come before You;
Listen to my cry.**

They are new every morning;

One: O Lord, I cry out to You,

Great is God's faithfulness, therefore, I have hope in Him.

In the morning my prayer comes before You.
But it feels like You have cast off my soul