

News & Notes

Richmond Presbyterian Church
Deep with God, Wide with the World

December 4, 2022

Be sure to check out our webpage at www.richpres.com for more information about worship services or online programs and how we can share in your faith journey.

We're very glad to have among us today, **Rev. Dr. Victor Gavino**, as our guest preacher for the Second Advent Sunday worship service.

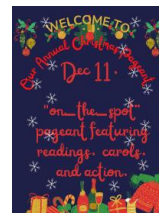
The Rev. Dr. Victor C. Gavino is a Minister of Word and Sacraments, PCC (retired) and is also a Professor of nutrition (retired), Faculty of Medicine at the Université de Montréal. He and his wife Grace, both originally from the Philippines, have three daughters and seven grandchildren. Victor is finishing a second PhD (Biblical Studies and Leadership) at McGill University.



Dec 4th is Communion Sunday

This morning we invite you all who profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour to participate in the Sacrament of Communion. To assist those with allergies all the bread provided is gluten free.

Benevolent Fund: On Communion Sundays we encourage donations to the Benevolent Fund. This fund is used for special needs within the congregation and our community. Donations can be made through one of the offering envelopes found in the pew. Please tick the box *Benevolent Fund* and include your envelope or PAR number. Thank you.



Christmas is a magical season that brings joy, love, and togetherness. Our **Annual Christmas Pageant** is back! It's happening on Dec 11, as an "on-the-spot" pageant featuring readings, carols, and action. As always, it is one of the most exciting and enriching church events of the year, when everyone gets involved, and we have so much fun.



Christmas Cantata: On **Sunday, December 18th**, the RPC Choir will be presenting at the morning worship service a luscious and beautiful cantata titled "A Winter Rose" by Joseph Martin.

Looking forward to sharing it with all of you



From December 4th, there is an empty '**Manger**' at the chancel, for donations of winter toques, gloves, scarfs (for any ages), new underwear (for adults), and gifts (for children).

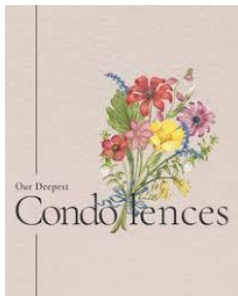
If you bring a wrapped gift, please label it with anticipated age and gender of the recipient. If you have any questions, please contact Vic or Isabel. Thank you!

Faith formation for children takes place today after the Scripture reading and anthem and includes pageant preparation.

Teen time online takes place this evening, 7.00-7.45 pm.

Join us for an Advent Series Wednesdays 7.30-8.30 pm, Dec 7, 14 and 21 in the Fireside Room at RPC (online if weather is snowy), based around Dr Kate Bowler's Advent Reader "The Season of Waiting" (<https://katebowler.com/advent-2022/>).

Come prepared for an interactive **Christmas Pageant** on December 11.



The family of **Audrey Polderman** is heartbroken to announce her passing on the morning of Tuesday November 29, 2022. At the age of 93, she was vibrant and lived a full life until the end. We feel blessed to have had her as our mother and Oma, and we will miss her wit and joy for life in the coming months and years.



On Dec 11 during Munch and Mingle, **John Beatty** will have a few of his paintings on display in the Church hall and anyone is welcome to take one. All he is asking is that if possible a donation may be made to our community meal program

Facilitating in today's service

Duty Elder: Mike Zaine

Greeters: Vic & Dorcas Beltran

Advent Liturgy: Ellithorpe Family

Lay Reader: Ronda Manuel

Children & Worship: Ronda, Anne-Marie, Jacqueline

Flower Donation: Harold & Mary Zwick

Tech Support: Warren, Janice

Coffee Hosts: Sharon McKenzie, Marie Bateman, Margaret Smithson

Counters: Mark Yang, Yumin Yang, Ronda Manuel



For weeks we have been fortunate to have our **Care & Fellowship team** host our weekly **Munch & Mingle** after Sunday service. We dearly appreciate our coffee hosts for their collaboration and team work. Helping with setup and

staying behind to clean up too, and see us through week after week. We recognize the need for more volunteers to engage and commit to serve. Please step forward and pick a week to share the responsibility.



Greeters, Lay Readers, Munch & Mingle helpers

Share your gifts and talents to serve each other. There's a sign-up sheet on the bulletin

board or you can email/call the church office to let us know. Your participation is very much appreciated by the leadership of RPC and the congregation.

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