

Tea at Two is coming this Tuesday! This month's theme is *Love is in the Air!* Come join us for a time of warm and adoring festive treats and some tender loving care plus a fun game of "Love" Bingo!
Tea begins at 2:00pm and bring someone new!

RPC Hikers/Walkers Group: It's that time of year to get out and enjoy nature's cathedral! Come join us for a mid-week stroll through Stanley Park on Wednesday, March 11th. A great and easy seawall and forest walk. Meet at 9:30am at the first parking lot (bear right when driving in) by the concession and washrooms or carpool from the church parking lot at 8:45am. All are welcome and we encourage you to bring a friend. If you're interested- let Steve know at richpres@telus.net.



If you missed last week's Bible Study – it's not a problem – join us when you can: Tuesdays at 1:00pm or Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Flyers on the study can be found in the rack by the bulletin board.

Looking ahead to summer? Don't forget brochures for Summer Camp at Camp Douglas can be found in the racks by the bulletin boards and be sure to check out the VST Summer School Series for yourself.

*Next Sunday we celebrate the Sacrament of Communion.
Please join us.*

Participants in next week's Service March 1st, 2020:

Greeters: Marie & Annie
Video Tech: TBC
Lay Reader: Mary H
Coffee Hosts: Mary & Harold
Church School: Abby, Tina,
Pearl C, Andrea
Counters: Michelle, Lisa, Roy

*The flowers in the sanctuary are donated by Deborah & Mark.
"Giving thanks to the Lord for this and every new day!"*

RPC Session Notes – February 2020

Session met a week early this month as there was business that we wanted to address prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting this Sunday.



First, Session approved the search committee's unanimous recommendation of a candidate for the position of **Director of Children and Youth Ministries**.

The formal job offer will go out this week to the selected applicant, and we expect that they will be on board soon. We appreciate the excellent work done by the search committee and thank all applicants for their interest.

This was the first opportunity for discussion following the second of our trial **Mid-Week Pit-Stops** last November, and Session is reviewing the concept. One possibility is for it to become a vehicle for other ministries that we have looked at, such as reviving Critical Community Conversations, or perhaps a new ministry. More to come as plans develop.

Session approved the Use of Facilities Policy as passed on from the Board. This governs rentals of our building and how to balance them with our own use, our need for some income, and our desire to be part of the community.

The date for our 2020 Leadership Retreat has been set for Saturday, May 23rd, where Session, Board, and other congregational leaders will meet to consider and refresh our long-range plans and vision. This year's retreat is particularly important because we missed last year (due to Victor's medical leave) and much is happening in our church life around new ministries and staff changes.



Reminder of the ACM this Sunday. To provide more time for discussion, Session had decided last year to split the ACM into 2 parts: one (Feb) to discuss financial issues, such as the budget and the new Undesignated Funds Policy, and another (Jun) following the Leadership Retreat to discuss ministries, programs, and direction. Please prepare for, pray for, and attend these important congregational events.

News & Notes

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Deep with God, Wide with the World

February 23, 2020

*We warmly welcome all this morning to worship.
Be sure to check out our bulletin board outside the sanctuary and our webpage
at www.richpres.com for more information about worship services or programs
and how we can share in your faith journey.*

“Listening to Jesus”

Matthew 17:1-9

Rev. Victor Kim

Today is our Annual Congregational Meeting

Immediately following worship we will gather to review our financial reports for 2019 and to approve our budget for 2020. We encourage all to remain seated and participate in the discussions. Following the meeting the Care & Fellowship Team will provide a simple pasta lunch.

Donations are gladly accepted to cover costs.

Ash Wednesday – The Beginning of Lent

The Lenten journey from the ashes of death to resurrected life begins on the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, which signifies a time to turn around, to change directions, to repent. This first day of Lent reminds us that unless we are willing to die to our old selves, we cannot be raised to new life with Christ. The first step of this journey calls us to acknowledge and confront our mortality, individually and corporately. In many traditions, this is symbolized through the imposition of ashes — placing a cross on one’s forehead. During the imposition of ashes the words: “*You are dust, and to dust you shall return*” (Genesis 3:19) are repeated again and again. We are to remember that we are but temporary creatures, always on the edge of death. On Ash Wednesday, we begin our Lenten trek through the desert toward Easter.

Please join us for a short worship service and the imposition of ashes, on Wednesday, **February 26th** at noon in the sanctuary.

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