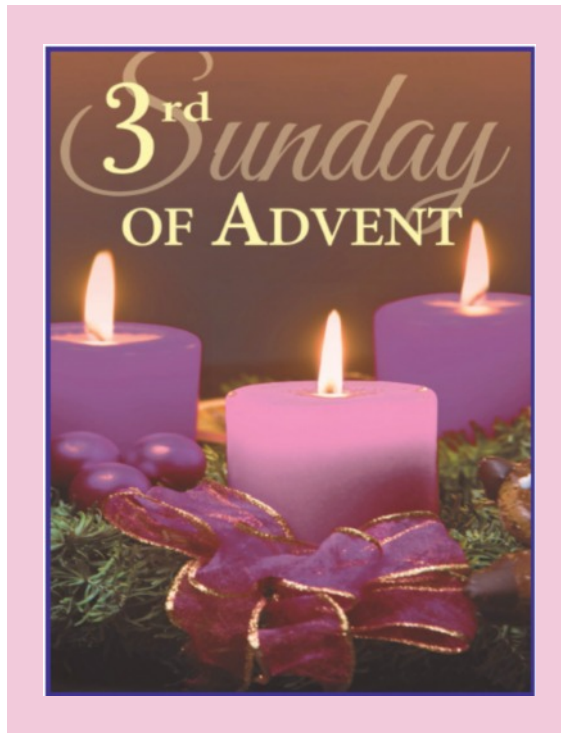




# Duncan Christian Reformed Church

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The Christian Reformed Church in North  
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## **Worship Service Sunday, December 17**

Pastor Kevin will bring the Message, "A Beautiful Tapestry, The New Covenant", from Jeremiah 31:31-34.

The Offering is for Church Ministries and (World Renew).

World Renew works in more than 30 developing countries to change global hunger, poverty, and illness. World Renew also works in responding to natural disasters too. [Worldrenew.net](http://Worldrenew.net)



## **Next Sunday, December 24**

Next Sunday morning, the Offering is for Church Ministries and (Cascade Christian Counselling).

Cascade Christian Counselling offers a caring, faith-based approach to healing help. Offices are in Surrey, Abbotsford and Smithers, BC. [Cascadechristiancounselling.com](http://Cascadechristiancounselling.com)

## **Church Family**

Our prayers and thoughts are with Christine S and family with the passing of Christine's dad, Gus this past Monday, December 11.

## **Announcements**

### **Scent free environment**

Our church is designated as a scent free zone. We have a few individuals in our church family that are very sensitive to a variety of scents. We would ask everyone to refrain from using fragrances such as colognes, after shave, perfume and soaps at our Christmas services, and at future church events, in order that everyone may enjoy celebrating the birth of Christ comfortably. Please share this message with your family members and guests. Thank you.

### **Christmas Eve Service Volunteers**

There will be a shepherds, angels, wise men, etc. practice run through after the service this Sunday, December 17. Please talk to Michelle N [nederlofmb@gmail.com](mailto:nederlofmb@gmail.com)

### **Christmas Eve**

Our Christmas Eve service on Sunday December 24, is set for 4 pm. We encourage everyone to invite a friend, neighbor, co-worker or family member. We have more invites available at the Welcome Desk.

### **Christmas Eve Refreshments**

After the service we will be serving refreshments, baking and treats as we socialize and mingle with new and old friends. If you are interested in contributing some baking or a treat please bring it to the church kitchen when you arrive to attend the service. If you have any questions please talk to Margie.

### **Christmas Day Service 10 am**

Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus with traditional Christmas songs, led by the organ, and a message of hope and love for others. We hope to see you there.

## Announcements

### New Year's Day Get Together

Monday January 1st everyone is invited to come to church for an informal New Year's morning get together. Bring some ollie bollen or some left over Christmas treats and we can have coffee and visiting beforehand at 10:30 am. At 11 am there will be a litany with singing, readings and candle lighting to remember 2023 and look forward to the year ahead. Stories will be shared and activities for the kids will be provided. Join us for a soup and bun lunch with ice cream sundaes for dessert! Hope to see lots of you there to start 2024 together!.

### Coffee Break Update

This past Thursday 30 Coffee Break ladies had a wonderful morning together celebrating the coming of our Saviour - preparing our hearts for Christmas day with a litany, readings and lighting our candle from the Christ candle. A great morning with other fun activities as well - and of course good food! We will be taking a break over the Christmas and New year's season so next get together will be Thursday, January 11, 2024. New ladies are always welcome! We will be studying 1 and 2 Thes. - 6 lessons.

### Bowling

Our 2nd annual DCRC Bowling Challenge is happening Friday December 29th, at 1 pm. Whatever your age we encourage you to come out and enjoy the event. Please sign up at the welcome desk or e-mail [pastordan@duncancrc.org](mailto:pastordan@duncancrc.org)

### Gifts & Tithes for 2023

The collections received up to November 30, 2023 total \$246,399.82.

The budget to December 31, 2023 is \$324,870.00

Our goal this month is to receive \$78,470.18.

Also, to get a donation receipt for 2023, donations of cash or cheques are to be made before Friday, December 29.

E-transfer must be completed before 9 pm on December 31st.

### Tithing Options



### COUNCIL REPORT – Monday, December 11, 2023

- The church's FULL Council met in the church Council meeting room on Monday evening. For opening, Pastor Kevin reflected with us on being thankful for the Lord's gift of faith to all Christians. Together we gave thanks that the Lord continues to give that gift of faith through the work of the Spirit.

- Council was privileged to hear personal testimonies of five persons who made requests to become church members. In coming weeks various arrangements will be made for adult baptism, profession of faith and affirmation of faith. Those persons being welcomed into church membership include:

Brenda B Belle D

Andreas S Hendrik and Joyce vdG

We thank the Lord with them for the work that the Spirit is doing in them at this point in their journey.

- Matters that were mentioned at the Fall membership meeting were discussed and various responses will be arranged.

- Council and Pastor Dan drafted and completed an agreement for his employment as a Commissioned Pastor for Duncan CRC.

- Work continues for compiling/printing a new picture directory of persons at our church – only a few photos are yet to come.

Next meeting of council is scheduled for January 8. John D, Clerk

## Calendar

### This Week:

Sun, Dec 17: Christmas Eve practice after the morning service (shepherds, angels, wise men, etc)  
Wed, Dec 20: Adult Bible Study 7 - 9 pm  
Thurs, Dec 21: DCS Christmas Concert at the Elementary Gym - 1 pm & 6:30 pm  
Fri, Dec 22: B3 Youth Christmas Party 7 - 10 pm

### Future Dates:

Sun, Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service 4 pm (no morning service)  
Mon, Dec 25: Christmas Day Service 10 am  
Fri, Dec 29: Bowling at 1 pm - sign up at the welcome desk or e-mail Pastor Dan  
Sun, Dec 31: New Year's Eve Service 10 am  
Mon, Jan 1: New Year's Day Service 11 am  
Sat, Jan 6: Men's Breakfast 8 am at the Doghouse  
Mon, Jan 8: Full Council Mtg 7 pm  
Jan 9 - 20, 2024: Dominican Vision Mission Trip - talk to Deen K or Pastor Dan  
Fri, Jan 12: Date Night 6:30 - 8:30 pm. \$20 - Register online or at the welcome desk  
Mon, Jan 15: Pastoral Care Mtg 7 pm  
Mon, Jan 22: Elders' Mtg 7 pm  
August 9 - 13, 2024: Rath Trevor Camping. Talk to Joel or Pastor Dan

### Little Lambs (Nursery/Preschool)

December 17: Lindsay D, Katie V, Addie N  
Dec. 24 at 4 pm: Open to use on your own  
Dec. 25 at 10 am: Open to use on your own

Child care for infants to pre-school is located in the wing to the right of the sanctuary

### Sunday School

December 17 Teachers: Danielle D, Katrina B  
Dec. 24 & 25: No Sunday School

Sunday school children are dismissed part way through the service and return during the service.

### Greeters

December 17: Laura S, Shawn & Cathy D, Renee dB

Hearing assistance is available upon request from the greeters.

### Birthdays this Week

Sunday, December 17: Lainey V  
Wednesday, December 20: Aliya N  
Thursday, December 21: Madison W  
Saturday, December 23: Andrew N

### Coffee Servers

December 17: Andrew & Josie N  
Dec. 24 Christmas Eve at 4 pm: Margie & Ben V

### Hall Monitors

December 17: Will B  
Dec 24 at 4 pm: Tom V

### Prayer Chain

If you would like prayer, please call the PRAYER CHAIN Thanks, Anneke W