

St. John's Presbyterian Church

1480 George Street in White Rock

August 25, 2019



WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Hymn Sing.

"Majesty"

"Tell Me The Old, Old Story"

"Deeper, Deeper"

Hymn 499

Announcements

Greeting & Call to Worship

"A Shelter In The Time of Storm"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture **Ephesians 2:1-22**

Pg. 1818

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation **"We Will Ride"** Lindy Conant and Amy Ward

Sermon **"Who Am I"**

Prayers of the People

"I Have Decided To Follow Jesus"

Hymn 570

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Gathering of the Offering

Doxology

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymn 830

Prayer of Dedication

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

"We Have Heard A Joyful Sound"

Hymn 681

Charge & Benediction

"I Will Arise"

Postlude

St. John's Proclaims Christ in
Welcoming Fellowship
Uplifting Worship and Compassionate Service

Today's Greeter: Sharon Lelonde and Steve Cline

Happy Birthday! Grace Collins Aug 28th.

Remember in Prayer:

Phyllis Barnson	Sandy Erickson	Margaret Neil
George Boulet	Doug Eyjolfson	Jessie Woolley
Helen Boulet	Rod Macleod	Deming Zhang
Gordon Boyle	Anne McNaughton	Judy Forster

It has been arranged with the Rev Dr. Ross Lockhart to **visit St John's on September 8th, 2019**. He will be the guest preacher. Arrangements for lunch need to be made. Lunch will be followed by a teaching about the polity of the church. It will be a Pot Luck Lunch. A sign-up sheet is posted on the Bulletin boards.

St. John's would like to help children going back to school. Lynn Oger has suggested we have a backpack in the office in hopes of filling it with school supplies for local kids in need. A suggested list of some items that are needed is posted on the Bulletins board. The deadline for this will be Sept 1, 2019.

Ladies Friendship meets September 9th, 2019 @ 1:30pm

Canadian Society of Presbyterian History Conference: Sat. Sept 28th, 2019 for those interested. Information posted on Bulletins board.

Bible Readings August 26 to September 1

Luke 1:5-25; Luke 3:1-14; Luke 7:18-35; Luke 9:1-17;

Hebrews 13:1-25; Jeremiah 2:1-19; Luke 14:1-14;

Resurrection of Lazarus in Ancient Perspective By [Dr. Eli Lizorkin-Eyzenberg](#)

John tells the story of the death and subsequent resurrection of Lazarus, whose name means in Hebrew “My God is my help”. **The author warns the reader that what he is about to find out would not make sense, unless the reader would keep in mind that that Jesus loved Martha, Mary and Lazarus (John 11:5).** What was the problem exactly? When all personal and communal means were exhausted and Lazarus’ health still took a sharp turn for the worst, Mary and Martha thought of the obvious – they must let their now famous miracle-working rabbi-friend know, so that he can come as soon as was possible to help Lazarus. This is where the stunning detail I want to bring to your attention occurs:

When Jesus got that message, he decided to stay where he was for two more days (John 11:6). If we are reading this text honestly, we would probably not be moved to open a hymnal and sing the famous hymn: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” at this point in the story just yet. We read in Jerusalem Talmud: *For the first three days after death the soul floats above the body, thinking that it will return to the body. When the soul sees the body, that the appearance of the face has changed, it leaves the body and goes its way.* (Yebamot 16:3) [But was this idea present in Jerusalem Talmud already there at the time of Jesus?](#)

The answer is yes! **In a fairly recent discovery of an ancient stone, found in the same geographic location where some of the Dead Sea Scrolls were also found, there is an intriguing phrase that can be translated as: “In three days, live, I, Gabriel, command you” (Gabriel’s Revelation Stone, Israel Museum).** While the resurrection of Lazarus is surely not the event described here, the discovery shows that [the idea of resurrection within three days was not a foreign concept to the ancient Jews.](#)

Jesus waited for two more days, timing his arrival in such a way that he got to Bethany on the fourth day – when resurrection was no longer possible! [When Lazarus was finally resurrected a very important point emerged – resurrection is not something that Jesus does, resurrection is something that Jesus is \(John 11:17-40\).](#)

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Worship with us at 10:30 on Sunday Mornings!

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