

# St. John's Presbyterian Church

1480 George Street  
White Rock



**27 MARCH 2022**  
**LENT IV**

## **WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD**

*Prelude Songs:*

*724 Lead On, O King Eternal  
Jesus, All For Jesus*

Announcements  
Greeting to Call & Worship

Lenten Liturgy

*Hymn: 21 Set Thou Thy Trust Upon The Lord*

Exodus 20

The Lord's Prayer

The Apostles' Creed

*Responsive Song: 199 If I Have Been The Source Of Pain*

## **GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

**Joshua 5:9-12**

**Psalm 32**

**2 Corinthians 5:16-21**

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

**Sermon**

Prayers of the People

*Offertory: Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

*Hymn: 209 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

## **WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME**

Charge & Benediction

*Three-Fold Amen*

## St. John's Proclaims Christ in

### Welcoming Fellowship

#### Uplifting Worship and Compassionate Service

#### Remember in Prayer

Phyllis Barnson	Helen Boulet	Jean Chalcraft
Doug Eyjolfson	Marjorie Henson	Judy Forster
Anne McNaughton	Maxine Watson	Frances W

#### Happy Birthday!

Dr. Sidney Field – 1<sup>st</sup> April

#### Bible Studies with Pastor Willem

Via ZOOM Wednesdays  
10:00 am & 7:00 pm

#### Worship Matters – Session 24

The Organ – Part 3  
How Does The Organ Work?  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
11:00 am  
Live in sanctuary or on Youtube

#### Piano & Organ Recital of Peace

With Christine Oliver & Reynhardt Crause  
Thursday 31 March @ 3:00 pm  
By donation

#### Bible Readings: 28 March – 3 April 2022

Hebrews 10:19-39, Hebrews 11:32-12:2, Psalm 126,  
Isaiah 43:14-28, Mark 14:1-11, Philippians 3:1-16, John 12:1-11

God So Loved The World  
John 3:16-21



## St. John's Presbyterian Church

Worship with us at 10:30 on Sunday Mornings!  
Services live on Internet and broadcast on FM 89.3

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## Creation, Community & Covenant

A Celebration and Learning from Indigenous Wisdom  
Healing of the land as a developed theology  
Raising our emotional intelligence to learn & listen  
Exploring unity that does not end in synchronism

April 9<sup>th</sup> – Richmond Presbyterian Church at 7 pm

### Order of Celebration

7:00 pm – 7:30 pm Arrival & Greetings

7:30 pm – 8:00 pm Guest Speaker

8:00 pm – 8:30 pm Panel discussion

8:30 pm – 9:00 pm Reflections on an Expression of Art

Opening Speaker – Rev. Dr. Ray Aldred

Ray is a husband, father & grandfather. He is status Cree from Swan River Band, Treaty 8 and the director of the Indigenous Studies Program at the Vancouver School of Theology.

### Tickets:

\$20 General admission in person

\$10 Student admission in person

\$5 Admission on ZOOM

50% of the proceeds go to scholarships for the Indigenous Young Adult Leadership Conference  
<https://vst.edu/indigenous-studies-program/>

Register now at Eventbrite

[www.eventbrite.ca/e/creation-community-and-covenant-learning-from-indigenous-wisdom-tickets-272901354297](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/creation-community-and-covenant-learning-from-indigenous-wisdom-tickets-272901354297)

## World Vision Ukrainian Crisis Response

### Situation Update #2 – 16 March 2022

3 million refugees have fled in 20 days, with over 1.7m into Poland, and more than 1m into Hungary, Moldova, Slovakia and Romania.

These numbers are rising daily. There are reports of much larger numbers of internally displaced people inside Ukraine, mostly heading west or south-west and many in/around Lviv and other ‘safer’ cities in

the same area. However, the Western areas of Ukraine are increasingly targeted, too. The UN estimates 6.7m will be displaced. The overwhelming majority of displaced and refugees are women and children. There is serious concern about the humanitarian situation in the east, south-east and Black Sea Coast where conflict is active, areas with no or limited humanitarian access, and the increasing number of encircled cities where food, supplies and services are dwindling.

Humanitarian corridors have struggled to be established. The ongoing conflict in Odesa is expected to lead to significant numbers of refugees fleeing through Moldova and Romania. These refugees are likely to be in greater distress and need of humanitarian assistance.

We are repositioning stock in order to respond to their needs. The FAO estimates international food prices may rise between 8 and 22% as a result of the conflict. Between 20-30% of winter cereal, maize and sunflower seed fields in Ukraine will not be planted or remain unharvested during the 2022/23 season. This is expected to contribute to global supply gaps and heighten economic hardship and needs for the vulnerable elsewhere. Between 35% to 45% of refugees in Moldova and Ukraine are estimated to be children. While no official systematic data are available yet, anecdotal evidence, random registration, and direct observation suggest that a very high percentage

of refugees are children under 14: some separate/unaccompanied, some left at the border by family members who can't leave Ukraine, some arriving with their mothers. Romanian and Moldovan civil society have stepped up, but are reaching their limit. Future waves of refugees are anticipated to be increasingly vulnerable, and the humanitarian community will need to step up efforts to strengthen government and local civil society response. Urban response is required in Romania: refugees are moving through reception areas towards urban centres. World Vision is planning for a concentration of refugees in cities and commercial centres and are working with local authorities to identify overflow shelters and gaps in service provision.

World Vision is responding to the devastating impact of conflict in Romania, Georgia, and Ukraine. UKRAINE CRISIS Response Situation report #2 | 16 March 2022 Situation overview (As of 15 March 2022. Source: UNHCR) Moldova: 337K 12.65 million people affected by conflict 1.85 million people displaced 3 million refugees: Poland: 1.8 million Romania: 459K GEORGIA UKRAINE ROMANIA People reached 11,726 Men 1,287 Women 4,798 Children 5,642 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: World Vision social worker Catalin Romanescu plays with 2-year-old Dima outside a child play area WV has set up in Husi transit camp. The play area gives Dima and other children a safe space to play and stretch their legs while they wait for the next bus to continue their journey. Eleanor Monbiot Middle East and Eastern Europe Regional Lead E: eleanor\_monbiot@wvi.org Isabel Gomes Ukraine Crisis Response Director E: isabel\_gomes@wvi.org Kate Shaw Response Communications Manager Learn more: [www.wvi.org/ukraine-crisis](http://www.wvi.org/ukraine-crisis) E: kate\_shaw@wvi.org Response Highlights ROMANIA WV Romania has been responding to the initial needs of refugees upon their arrival from Ukraine, by providing safe, warm spaces for children to play while their papers are processed, and supporting existing shelters offering somewhere for families to stay. • Supporting transit centres in Sighet, Siret and Isaccea with 173 heaters and 15 TVs • Established two child play areas in Husi and Siret • Supporting 4,800 people over the next 90 days transiting through Iasi with shelter, sanitation, transportation and protection programming, including anti-trafficking and PSEA awareness raising. UKRAINE From Romania, we have sent 3 shipments with more than 3.14MT of food assistance, bedding and hygiene supplies to hospitals in Chernivtsi who are serving displaced families. MOLDOVA Finalising a needs assessment and partnership agreements with 4 NGOs (faith-based, local and international). GEORGIA A small refugee response is supporting 4,000 Ukrainians who were temporarily in the country when the conflict began. WV Georgia have led a needs assessment and music therapy sessions, as well as psychosocial sessions for 25 children. PRE-POSITIONING ACTIVITIES • Imported 15 CFS kits and shipping 68 MT of shelter and WASH NFIs (hygiene kits, blankets, tarps) from Dubai to reach 37,500 people staying in collective centres and hospitals throughout our operational areas • Established two warehousing facilities in Bucharest and Suceava (Romania) and scoping warehousing facilities in Chisinau (Moldova) and Chernivtsi (Ukraine) • 41 humanitarian

staff from across World Vision have been mobilised to support the start and scale up of response operations with a flexible multi-country team including experts in operations, security, safeguarding, protection, cash and food assistance. FUTURE ACTIVITIES • Deliver more than 2,000 hygiene kits in Ukraine, reaching more than 6,000 IDPs • Provide fuel for local NGO minivans transporting NFIs from Isaccea into Ukraine • Scoping needs of 2,000 bed overflow shelter (RomExpo) in Bucharest, including provision of in-kind food and NFI assistance, cleaning service delivery and child protection activities • Deliver 500 hygiene kits and 500 education kits for women and children at shelters in Bucharest • In Georgia, voucher and toys for kids will be distributed

To learn more, please visit:

[www.wvi.org/emergencies/ukraine](http://www.wvi.org/emergencies/ukraine)