

Serving Today

Nursery:

Kim B

Raegyn S

Feb 28:

Annette Z

Verity J

Coffee Cleanup:

Kolkman Family

Feb 28:

Pallot Family

March 6:

Giesbrecht Family

Potluck - Men's Bfast

Today's Offering is for: Wolf Creek Ministries

Feb 28 - YWAM & Youth Unlimited
(Caitlin D. Jenna U. Mark D.)

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Worshipping the Triune God - The Prelude

Last month I began a blog post series on worship called "Worshipping the Triune God." This series comes out of my own interest in Christian worship, but also out of our Worship Team's desire to teach about worship. So, I offered to write a monthly post on the topic, which will mostly involve exploring the various elements of our worship service. Having said that, the element of worship I want to address today is not common in our worship services. It is called the *prelude*. According to Dictionary.com, a prelude is: "a preliminary to an action, event, condition, or work of broader scope and higher importance." Applied to a worship service, a prelude is the bit of music played before the official worship service begins. So, why do I bother addressing this element of worship if we don't do it? Because of what it represents. As I understand it, a prelude is *preparation for worship*—a chance for the worshiper to quiet her heart and prepare to worship the Triune God. Actually, my interest in the prelude is more symbolic than not. As much as I enjoy a few quiet moments before the worship service to prepare my heart for what is coming, I'm actually more concerned about the preparation that occurs *through the week*. It's one thing to prepare for the worship service on Sunday morning, but it's another to prepare for the worship service through the week. Do you prepare your heart for Sunday morning? I hope so, because I believe this sort of intentionality will help you more fully enter into the worship service. So, what kind of preparation do I refer to? For starters, are you getting enough sleep? Every Sunday morning I see exhausted people sitting in the sanctuary. I know that some of this exhaustion is natural, as there are busy seasons of life and work. (Just ask the parents of a newborn about exhaustion!) But I'm also pretty sure most of us could be getting more sleep if we made it a priority, which would help us be more alert and alive in the sanctuary. Another form of preparation is daily Bible reading. When we read Scripture on a regular basis, we come to the worship service having tasted and seen that the Lord is good, and we're hungry for more of him. My point is that in order to worship the Lord well on Sunday morning in the sanctuary, we must prepare ourselves through the week. We must make the prelude a priority. I wonder what our weekly worship experience would be like if we spent a bit of time in preparation?

~Pastor Leon H. Johnston



"...exists to reach out & enfold people for Jesus, together becoming devoted disciples of Him."

February 21, 2016

Second Sunday of Lent

Daniel 3 & Revelations 7:9-17 NLT

"Stand up in Faith"

Sermon written by Rev. Trevor Vanderveen and read by Mark DeSchiffart.

Welcome Guests! We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Join us for refreshments and fellowship after the worship service.

We offer a supervised Nursery located off the side of the main entrance for babies and toddlers. As well as a Cry Room for parents with babies located behind the sanctuary.

Sunday School - Preschool (ages 3-5) will meet down the hall in classroom C3. Children & Worship (Gr. 1-3) will gather in the upstairs classroom. The Gr. 4-6 class will meet down the hallway in classroom C1.

Small Group Community:

In-Betweeners - If you feel "too old" for youth and "too unmarried" for young adults; maybe the In-Betweeners small group is for you! The next gathering will be **Feb. 21 (TODAY)** 5pm @ Alex's house. Questions, please talk to Charissa (403.505.9796) or Brent (587.877.3949)

BOB (Band of Brothers) - Men's ministry that meets Monday evenings here at WCCC. The next meeting will be **Monday Feb. 22** at 7:30pm. This year we will continue going through "The Battle Plan For Prayer". Put out by the Kendrick brothers based on their newest movie, War Room. If you would like to join us in becoming prayer warriors, please contact Gord Littel : 403.302.9169.

SURGE.....(Serve Unite Reach Grow Expand) - Wednesday evenings, 7-9pm here at WCCC. If you are aged 12-18, in grades 7-12, SURGE is the place for you! The next youth night will be on **February 24**. Your youth leaders are: Charissa, Brent & Alex.

MomTime - The next MomTime will **Thursday Feb. 25** at 9:15am. Join us for "Crash the Chatter-box" study. MomTime is growing and is open to any momma, no matter what age, all are welcome. We are always looking for helping hearts for this ever growing ministry. For inquiries about MomTime and or volunteering for this program, contact Donna Abma: 403-307-0889.

Men's Breakfast - Do you like breakfast? Saturday mornings at 7am we will be meeting in the church for food, fellowship & conversations about manly life, come join us. If you have any questions, get in touch with Jay 403 373-0765 or Jake 403 597-2057. Next Men's Breakfast will be **March 5**.

If you have a Pastoral need please contact:

Albert 403 505-3555

Pastor Leon 403 596-5806

Taby 403 352-2488

WCCC Announcements:

Please note that Pastor Leon is not in the sanctuary today as he was invited by the Mission Team of WCCC to attend the Neighborhood Life Retreat that is occurring this weekend.

Volunteers needed! Our church is hosting the Day of Prayer on **March 13**. For this event, we are looking for child care volunteers to help from 1:30-3:00 PM. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Jenn Hamborg: 403-597-6509 or jenn_hamborg@live.ca Thank you!

Meals on Wheels is serving so many seniors that some days we need to send out two drivers to get the meals out on time. We have agreed to deliver meals for the month of March. If you could spare an hour of your day over the noon hour, for one day a week for each week in March, please let Margaret know (403 782-2538).

Woody Nook CRC invites you to attend a FREE Will Clinic **Wednesday, Feb. 24** at 7:30pm. Learn why you need a Will and Estate Plan to; protect your family, avoid common mistakes and ensure proper Power of Attorney documents. Plus tax-smart options to support your favourite charity both current and future! RSVP to Deb/Karissa at Woody Nook at 403-885-4427 woodynookcrc@gmail.com or Shirley at info@csservices.ca.

Dog Owners! Do you have a friendly pooch who could use some exercise and new friends? If you do, please join us on **Sunday, Feb 28** from 3-4pm at Lacombe's new dog park at the South end of Len Thompson drive (across the tracks behind WCCC). All friends and neighbours are welcome to join with their canines. Also, please be aware of dog park guidelines to ensure everyone enjoys the park together. It's time to let the dogs out! Contact Anthony or Susan Eisses if you have questions.

Woody Nook Youth Event: Woody Nook invites all those in Grade 10 – Young Adults to join them in a *competitive hayride **Sunday, February 28**. Be at Woody Nook at 5pm dressed in your snow gear. Following will be a supper at 6:30 and a youth service at 7:00. *Because of the nature of this event all participants who are under the age of 18 must come with a parent signed waiver form. This form can be found on our website at www.wncrc.ca or we will have copies at the church as well.

Hello from China! Spring Festival holiday is winding down and we're getting geared up for another semester. The whole team is excited to see our students return to campus. We're eager to see what the Father has in store for us this semester: New relationships. Deeper relationships. New challenges. New opportunities to grow. A joy and praise is that all three of our new teammates have decided to continue serving in China! It's been fun to help these three grow to love this life and work. None of this would be possible without your support, so keep up the good work! Blessings: Kevin, Liz, Samantha and Johanna Schouten.