

Youth Director Position

Nelson Ave Community Church (Burnaby, B.C.) is looking for a part-time (14 hours per week) Director Of Youth And Young Adult Ministries. For more information, a job description or to send a resume please contact the church office (nacc@shaw.ca, 604.435.4123).

Application deadline: August 10, 2010.

Please sign up on the worship leaders sign up sheet for August and September posted in the narthex bulletin board.



Please consider signing up to be a **Fellowship Host**. The roster for July 4 - Oct. 31, 2010 is posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Choose the date that would be best for you. If you have questions, please contact a member of the Hospitality Committee (Julie B., Karen K., or Ingrid B.).

On Wednesday August 11th Surrey Urban Mission welcomes Pr. Fran Schmidt to Surrey. Pr. Fran is a missionary in Peru and will be sharing her experiences and stories with us. On Tuesday August 10th, Pr. Fran will come to day camp and teach songs, crafts, stories and make some Peruvian food with the children!

Please join us on Wednesday from 7 pm until 8:30 pm to meet her and to hear about 'faith in action.' Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions please contact the Mission at 604 581-5172.

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"Spoken Service"

Worshippers may wish to light a votive candle in memory of a loved one or for meditation. This may be done at any time before or during the liturgy except during community prayers, readings or homily. Since the number of candles is limited and to avoid mishaps, parents and caregivers are asked to be attentive when allowing children to light one.

INTRODUCTION

Perhaps the church, at its best, is "all ears." Almighty God urges the faithful, again and again, to "listen up!"—to heed the word from above. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, with Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the words of life.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN # 510 "Word of God"

GREETING

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 18:1–10a

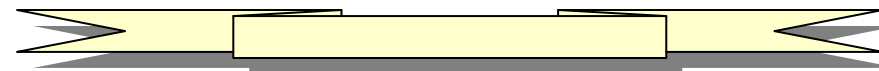
The Lord visits Abraham and Sarah to tell them that the long-awaited promise of the birth of a child will be fulfilled for them in their old age.

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favour with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they

DISMISSAL


Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



Announcements

THE CUP-BOARDS ARE ALMOST BARE



Please help us restock our food pantry with non-perishable food items so that we might continue to help those in need.

FUNDRAISING

The BC Synod in convention has authorized a special fundraising appeal to address the current financial shortcoming of the synod.

Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the Synod's "Season of Pentecost Synod Fund" using the BC Synod envelopes in the narthex.

Babysitting in a Day is an interactive and fun course that teaches youth aged 11 to 15 years the business of babysitting. Learn the responsibilities of a babysitter, how to get along and care for babies, toddlers, preschoolers and school-aged children, and how to handle emergencies and provide first aid. Cost: \$55 (includes the Canadian Red Cross Babysitter's Manual & Babysitter's participation card). Courses: **Wed. July 7; Tues. July 13; Wed. July 21; Thurs. July 29; Thurs. August 5; Tues. August 10; & Wed. August 18, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm @ St. Andrew's United Church, 1044 St. Georges & 11th in North Vancouver.** Info/registration: Please contact Sean Brennan at 604-985-0408 or email office@st-andrews-united.ca

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER (Prayer over the gifts)

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

**Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us;

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

FRACTION (as the bread is broken)

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**



It is Christ himself who invites all the baptized members of God's family — and all our guests — to come to his table where he gives his body and blood, along with the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation under the forms of bread and wine. After receiving the bread into the open, upraised palm, all may drink from the first (common) cup or, if desired, have an individual glass filled from the second (pouring) cup.

HYMN # 790 "Day By Day"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (All rise)

God our creator, at this table you have satisfied us with the good things of your grace.

Fix our hearts on your mercy and truth, that our lives may reflect your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN # 793 "Be Thou My Vision"

said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15–28

Sometimes Paul preaches with great attention to theological concepts. Here, however, Paul offers a mystical teaching, that the great mystery of God is "Christ in you." Because Christ is present in the church, Christians share in his life, suffering, and glory.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

²¹And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him — ²³provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

²⁴I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. ²⁵I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, ²⁶the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. ²⁷To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Response after announcement: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 10:38–42

Jesus uses his visit to two sisters as an occasion to remind disciples that an important aspect of obedience is singleminded devotion to Jesus and his word.

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing.

Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Response to the reading: Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY *(Silence for reflection follows)*

HYMN OF THE DAY #742 "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried,
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Gathered together as God's people in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation. *A brief silence.*

God of all ages, gather your church around the rich mysteries you have set before your people. Grant us understanding of your Word, and be revealed to us in the celebration of your sacraments. Send us forth as witnesses of your great mysteries. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Encourage conservation efforts around the world in order that air, soil, and water might be made clean for the sake of future generations. Bring renewal to all creation and to your people as we use the earth's resources. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Give humility and strength to those who approach governments on behalf of those in need, *especially...* .Raise up advocates to speak out for justice in this world, and bless those who strive for peace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Be present as a merciful and gracious host to all who are in places away from their homes: those in prisons, hospitals, extended-care facilities, or in hospice care. Give them comfort in unfamiliar surroundings. Be present with all who are in need of healing in any way, *especially...* . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Go with all those who travel in this vacation season. Lead them to share their gifts of faith and love wherever they go as they receive these gifts from you in the other places and faith communities they visit. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

As we remember the witness of all the saints, *especially...*, keep us steadfast in faith, so that the reconciliation you have offered through the cross of Christ might fully come to all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(All Rise)*

God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. **Amen.**