



Helping people take the next step toward Jesus

Welcome

Pilgrimage



Reading : Psalm 84

GATHERED WORSHIP BOOKLET

SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2022

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We're so glad you are with us today!

Wonga Park CRC is a church that is committed to helping people grow in their faith, one step at a time. We believe people do this by encountering God in His living word, through prayer, and in community with other believers.

New here?

We would love to meet and connect with you, so please fill in your details on the back of this booklet , place it in the offering bag and one of our team will contact you.

God's Word

We encourage you to take notes in the place provided, to reflect on what God has been saying to you, and to discuss it with your family, friends and children.

Prayer

We have several places in our worship service where we pray. We would love to pray with you after the service . If you would like someone to pray with you, please remain in the main auditorium and a member of our prayer team will come and pray with you.

Community

We encourage you to stay after the service for coffee and fellowship. We would love to meet you and get to know you more. We have a cry room off to the side of the church for parents with infants. During School term we also run a Sunday School for primary school aged children.

Order of service

Call to Worship - Welcome

Song - In the Heavens is the Lord

Song - There is a higher throne

Children's Talk - Nicky Bester

Children's Song

Offerings - Neil Bester

Reflection song during Offering– Psalm 84

Prayer over Offerings - Neil Bester

Announcements - Neil Bester

Congregational Prayer - Neil Bester

Song - Thy Word

Song–How lovely is Your house o Lord

Scripture reading - Stephen Saul

Scripture - Psalm 84(CSB)

Sermon - Pilgrimage

Sermon Discussion

Song - Boldly I approach your throne

Close of service – Invitation

Benediction

Song - Grace

Today Peter Williams will be preaching.

Duty Elder : Neil Bester

Sermon Title : Pilgrimage

Reading : Psalm 84

Longing for God's House

¹ How lovely is your dwelling place,
LORD of Armies.

² I long and yearn
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh cry out for the living God.

³ Even a sparrow finds a home,
and a swallow, a nest for herself
where she places her young -
near your altars, LORD of Armies,
my King and my God.

⁴ How happy are those who reside in your house,
who praise you continually. *Selah*

⁵ Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

⁶ As they pass through the Valley of Baca,
they make it a source of spring water;
even the autumn rain will cover it with blessings.

⁷ They go from strength to strength;
each appears before God in Zion.

⁸ LORD God of Armies, hear my prayer;
listen, God of Jacob. *Selah*

⁹ Consider our shield, God;
look on the face of your anointed one.

¹⁰ Better a day in your courts
than a thousand anywhere else.

I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than live in the tents of wicked people.

¹¹ For the LORD God is a sun and shield.
The LORD grants favour and honour;
He does not withhold the good
from those who live with integrity.

¹² Happy is the person who trusts in you,
LORD of Armies

Sermon Notes

Discussion Questions

1. Which milestone best describes how you view your Christian walk?
2. How would pilgrimage towards a final destination change your perspective of things you're doing nowadays?
3. We view discipleship as moving one step at a time "to the right" i.e. towards God's kingdom. How does moving step by step fit in with keeping the goal of our pilgrimage in sight?
4. Why do you think finding strength in the Lord goes together with pilgrimage? (see verse 5)
5. When you go through difficult times, does your trust in God transform the experience into blessing for people around you? (see verse 6)
6. Day by day, how much do you yearn to be in God's presence? (see verse 2) And does it matter?

Question 2 was in general terms. Now, practically, think of three specific ways in which viewing life as a pilgrimage to our final destination could transform things you're doing or involved in now. How might you change what you're doing or how you're doing them?

Sermon Notes Continued

Please Pray

The great people of the earth today are the people who pray. I do not mean those who talk about prayer, nor those who say they believe in prayer, nor yet those who can explain about prayer; but I mean these people who take time and pray. They have not time. It must be taken from something else. This something else is important, very important, and pressing, but still less important and less pressing than prayer. There are people that put prayer first and group the other items in life's schedule around and after prayer. S. D Gordon

As we go into the coming week let us daily pray;
Giving honour to our God for his enduring love which does not depend on our goodness but on his grace and mercy.

Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His faithful love endures forever. (Psalm 107:1 HCSB)

Give praise and thanks to God for being our loving heavenly Father and for our adoption as his dear children.

Please pray for Grietjie and Danie Uys as Grietjie's older brother was murdered in South Africa. Pray that they and the rest of their family may find comfort in our Lord Jesus at this traumatic time.

Please pray for Peter Faber who has been placed in an induced coma because of severe pneumonia, pray for healing and for comfort and peace for Pauline and the rest of his family.

Give thanks for the life of Andrew van de Bijl, better known as Brother Andrew, who established Open Doors, the ministry to the persecuted church. Brother Andrew was taken to be with his Lord at the age of 94.

Please pray for our children and young people as they prepare to start school again, especially for those who are in year 12 as they prepare for their final exams.

Please pray for the churches in our area, that the Lord will use us mightily to bring many into his kingdom.

Please pray for our nation that the Lord will awaken our leaders to his truth and seek to honour him as they govern our nation.

Please pray for our brothers and sisters in Burkina Faso. Burkina Faso (63 percent Muslim; 31.5 percent Christian) has long been known for its harmony and religious openness. Today, however, authorities in the capital Ouagadougou admit that 40 percent of the country is now outside government control. Across the north and the east, Islamic jihadists aligned with al-Qaeda and Islamic State, kill, abduct, loot, torch and enforce their writ with impunity. Terrorists control the roads and have destroyed telecommunication networks. Outside the main cities, Christian schools, clinics and churches have been forced to close. There are reports of jihadists invading Christian worship and forcing Christians to conform to Islamic norms and listen to Islamic sermons. Pastors cannot access most villages, meaning most villagers across the north and east are living amidst terror without pastoral care or services. **Source:** *Religious Liberty Prayer Bulletin*

Next Prayer Meeting
Thursday 13th October
7.30 pm at Church



Giving– Our giving is an act of Worship

In our church we have two offerings every Sunday. The first goes toward the ministry of this congregation.

The second offering goes toward various Christian causes. This week our second offering will go towards the work of the Solomon Islands Workgroup.

If you would like to support this work you can do so by In Church giving–Simply add your offering to the bag or bank transfer BSB 063 167 ACC 1015 8356

If using bank transfer please indicate whether it is for the first offering “Sun 1” or second offering “Sun 2” in the reference line. Or you can give online via our Church app:

<https://wpcrc.org.au/give>

Second Offering

Solomon Islands Workgroup:

The Solomon Islands Workgroup oversees the running of the SWIM Base in the Solomon Islands. The SWIM Base is spiritual leadership training and equipping facility that reaches out to people right across the Solomon Islands. SWIM develops and delivers training courses focussed on ministry development, church leadership training, youth development, and many other courses. SWIM is also a conduit to connect the people of the CRCA to mission opportunities in the Solomon Islands. The Base also caters for local groups such as local churches for pastor training, youth groups, World Vision, WHO, Oxfam, SSEC Education Department, Ministry of Health to name just a few.

The CRCA Prescribed Offering supports the work of SWIM by providing 50% of the budget to run the SWIM Base. The balance of funds comes from the people who use the facilities. SWIM Base is a well situated to facilitate local and international mission works within the Solomon Islands.



Our Church currently has members who are part of the Kids Hope Ministry . A few members, however, are unable to continue to help out so the Ministry leader , Dale Reed is looking for more volunteers. If you feel called to become a much valued mentor please see Dale or call him on 0412 216 300

Kids Hope is Australia's largest early intervention, school-based mentoring program for children experiencing vulnerability. Since 2004, Kids Hope has impacted thousands of children who, through care and support, have seen their lives transformed and now experience increased confidence, resilience, and joy.

The powerful one-to-one model positively impacts children as emotional and social development needs are met and learning capacity enhanced. High-quality training, structures and child-safe processes have flow-on benefits to mentors, classrooms, schools, families, and communities.

The model is simple... One Child, One Mentor, One Hour a week. The impact... Immeasurable!



Congratulations Riaan and Lariza

Our Lord has truly blessed you with the
safe arrival of your beautiful boy

Joshua





2nd October–William Lichtendonk
2nd October–Tobias Lichtendonk
4th October–Kasha Schubert
6th October–Jeanette Kotze
8th October–Michael van der Merwe

What's happening this week at WPCRC

School Holidays End

Sunday 2nd October -

Worship Service 10 am (in person and online)

Thursday 6th October -

Wonderful Women of Wonga Bible Study–10 am

Music Rehearsal at Church "Jam Session" - 7pm

Saturday 8th October -

Spiritual Retreat Day, Kallista - 9am–5 pm

Sunday 9th October -

Worship Service 10 am (in person and online)

Selah–Prayer and Worship evening–7 pm at Church



Coffee Roster

Today : Du Toit family

Sunday 9th October : Dale & Jo Reed

CHILD SAFE MATTER

As most members probably already know, Wonga Park Christian Reformed Church is committed to complying with the Victorian Governments Child Safe Standards laws.

If you are involved in any Ministry, whether a member, or a leader, you are required to complete the relevant training for your position. Our Denominational Child Safe Co-ordinator sends updates every month to keep us in the loop . The Safety Management online system also automatically sends out email reminders each month to those members who need to complete their training , or, whose training needs to be renewed within the next few months.

Box Hill Christian Reformed Church will be holding Child Safe training sessions in person and are inviting other CRCA Church members who are unable to, or who are have difficulty completing the training on line, to attend

The following training sessions have been scheduled:

Box Hill - Team Member training - 22 October 2022 - starting 9:30 am

Box Hill - Team Leader training - 22 October 2022 - starting about 1:30 pm

If anyone is interested in joining these sessions, please let me know within the next 2 weeks by emailing me at admin@wpcrc.org or phone me on 0488 777 517.

Thanks

Michelle Organtzoglou

Child Safe Co-ordinator

Wonga Park Christian Reformed Church

CHILDREN'S

LETTERS TO GOD

Dear God,

My brother
is a rat. You
should give him a
tail. Ha. ha.

Danny

Dear God,

If you watch in
Church on Sunday
I will show you
my new shoes

Mickey D.

Dear God,

I went to this wedding
and they kissed right in church
Is that ok?

Neil

Dear God,

Thank you for
the baby brother
but what I prayed
for was a puppy

Joyce

Dear God,

Is reverend Coe
a friend of yours,
or do you just
know him through
business?

Donny



Join us for our last Selah Prayer and Praise night for the year on October 9th at 7pm.

In this prayer experience we will be focusing on the Kingdom Purpose God has in mind for each of us. If you have been to one of our previous Selah Prayer experiences you will know how powerful these nights can be to encourage your spiritual life.

This time we will start with a bracket of songs focusing on praise . Then we will head into a three fold prayer and reflection space. First we will pray through the gifts and skills the Lord has given us to start to reflect on what God has purposed us for. Then we will think and pray through all the places God has put us in (our work, school, family, church, sporting clubs etc.) The idea is to prayerfully ask God to show us why he has placed us in these places and how we can bring Christ's Lordship to bear on these places.

Finally we will reflect on our own local church in light of what we already prayed about. The idea is that we will pray through God's purpose for us in our own local church given how he has gifted us and placed us.

In response to this prayer time, we will sing about God's kingdom and commit ourselves in song to surrendering to his will for our lives.

Toward the end we will be invited to linger for as long as is necessary .

All are welcome to join us in this experience, and we encourage people to invite as many people as want to come.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Blessings

Pastor Chris



Growth Groups

We believe that Growth Groups are the lifeblood of a disciple growing church community. We have several growth groups that meet during various times throughout the week. Each Growth Group is similar in that we meet together to pray for non believers and for each other, we study scripture and we support one another. We would love each of our members to be a part of a growth group. If you would like to join please contact our administrator by emailing admin@wpcrc.org.au

Monday night (online)

Contact :Herman Linde
0411 069 808

Monday night (online)

Contact :Leon & Anjali de Beer
0474 335 446
0460 671 271

Wednesday night

Young Adults
Contact: Kasha Schubert
0450 012 177

Wednesday night (online)

Contact: Chris Pretorius
0423 889 913

Wednesday night

Contact: Adri Bennie
0425 727 949

Thursday mornings

Contact: Wendy Harrison
0407 801 630

Friday night Parent Group

Contact : Neil Bester
0425 569 149

Contact: Martin van der Merwe
0458 908 148

Contact

If you would like further information about anything you have heard today please contact

Pastor Chris Pretorius 0423 889 913

or our

Church Administrator–Michelle 0488 777 517

Or we have a full list of Contacts on the Bulletin Board in our Church Foyer.

Deacons

Our Deacons help to serve our church and the wider community both practically and financially. Financial gifts for the Deacons are always appreciated and will go towards supporting people in and outside of our congregation.

To make an offering to the Deacons account details are as follows

BSB: 063-167 Acc. 1015 8372

Joy van Veen

Dale Reed

0409 199 840

0412 216 300

Sandra Stork

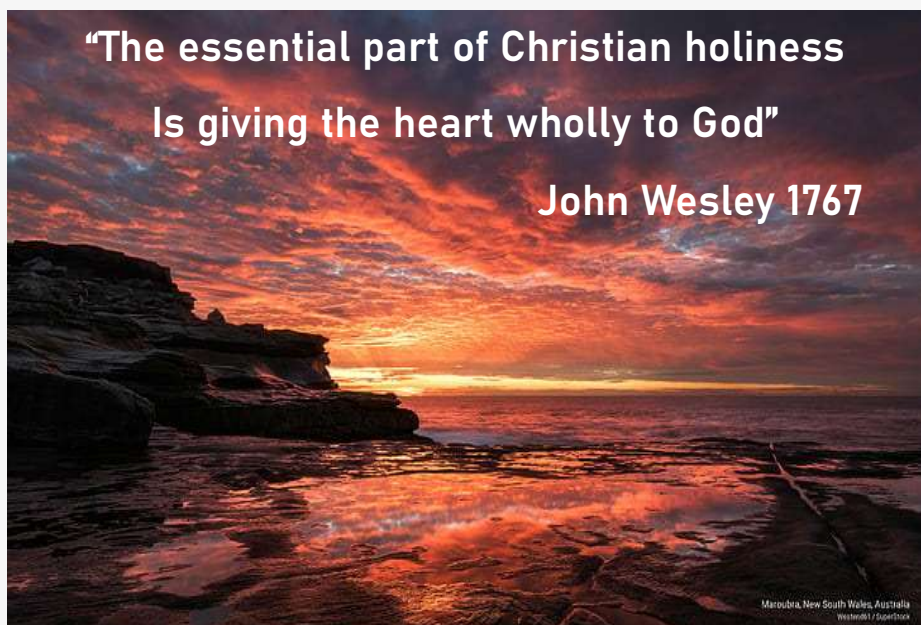
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Thank you for joining us today

**“The essential part of Christian holiness
Is giving the heart wholly to God”**

John Wesley 1767



Maroubra, New South Wales, Australia
Westerdijk / SuperDunk

Connect with us

Your name :

Contact number :

Contact email :