



“... in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.” (2 Cor 5:19-20)  
Canadian Presbyterians see these words from Paul’s correspondence with the early church in Corinth as the central affirmation of the great truth of the gospel. What follows are opportunities to live into that truth more fully.

## **Participating in Jesus’ Mission at Brentwood**

### **Worship, where the Holy Trinity embraces us with their love**

- **Sun, Jan 5, 7pm – Sanctuary Jazz** – the **Dan Reynolds Trio** plays/prays us more deeply into the meaning of our psalm for the week
- **Wed, Jan 8, 8pm – Jazz Evensong** – with **Dan Reynolds & Friends**
- **Sun, Jan 12, 9:50am** – our preparation for worship begins at 9:50am with **Reg Molnar** leading a *lectio divina* on the psalm for the week – we will be exploring how we encourage each other in our trust in God’s future

### **Learning, where the Holy Trinity transforms us to be blessings**

- **Friday, Jan 10, 2020 - 5:30pm - Bible Study & Light Supper** – study guides for this winter/spring season will be available next week
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays, 2:30 – 4:00pm – SFU Philosophers’ Café** – on **Jan 16, 2020** we will be exploring whether Artificial Intelligence is really intelligent

### **Fellowship, where the Holy Trinity connects and nourishes us**

- We gather for lunch after the service every Sunday – please join us today for nourishment and conversation

### **Service, where we reach out into our communities to inspire them**

- **Fri, Jan 17, 7pm – Songs from Poems – An Evening with Vocalist Barbara McAfee** – Barbara has worked with the likes of Margaret Wheatley and Peter Block to develop voices that revitalize human culture – tickets online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/songs-from-poems-an-evening-with-vocalist-barbara-mcafee-tickets-80178150005> or at the door
- **Sat, Jan 18, 2pm – Patricia Duval in Concert** – tickets \$15 online at [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4452378](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4452378) or \$20 at the door

## **A Provocative Reading on Faith**

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