



# OAKRIDGE

## CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

*\*\*\* Living in His Grace \*\*\**

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT

#100 – 6137 Cambie Street

Vancouver, BC

Tel: 604.324.4921

March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

9:30 a.m.

*Oakridge Christian Ministry, a part of the Vancouver Chinese Presbyterian Church, is located on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Musqueam people. They helped feed the Chinese community in BC during a time of historical oppression. We celebrate that “The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it” (Psalm 24:1) and pray for a day when all of God’s people are reconciled and live in right relationship with each other and creation.*

*Welcome to Worship, we are glad to have you worshipping with us!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leo Wong

One: In Lent, we hear Jesus' call to mend our ways:

**All: repentance is necessary no matter who we are.**

One: So we come to listen and respond to Jesus' word of life,

**All: for the Holy One will abundantly pardon.**

One: In returning to the Lord, we trust that mercy will be ours

**All: and our lips will again praise the God of life.**

SONG OF PRAISE

#114 "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leo Wong

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leo Wong

SONG

"The Power of Your Love"

O.T. READING

"Psalm 63:1-8"

Peggy Chow

<sup>1</sup> O God, you are my God; I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. <sup>2</sup> So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. <sup>3</sup> Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. <sup>4</sup> So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name. <sup>5</sup> My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips <sup>6</sup> when I think of you on my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night, <sup>7</sup> for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. <sup>8</sup> My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

"Isaiah 55:1-9"

<sup>1</sup> Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader

and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**These are the WORDS of the Lord.**

*Thanks be to God!*

SERMON	“Two Kinds of Hunger”	Chaplain Sumarme Goble
SONG OF RESPONSE	#495 “It Is Well with My Soul”	
OFFERING		
SONG	#473 “Make Me a Blessing”	
BENEDICTION		Chaplain Sumarme Goble
HALLELUJAH MOMENTS		Leo Wong
ANNOUNCEMENTS		

1. Please join our post sermon discussion at the Fireside room.
2. We have an invitation in the form of a Lent and Easter Pamphlet highlighting the upcoming OCM events is available at the foyer. Please feel free to take one and share it with those interested!
3. We have two devotionals available! UGM Devotional booklets are available at the table in the foyer. The SAH devotional is available on this link [https://www.standrews.edu/wp\[1\]content/uploads/2025/02/SAH-LentenG-colour\[1\]250224.pdf](https://www.standrews.edu/wp[1]content/uploads/2025/02/SAH-LentenG-colour[1]250224.pdf)
4. Wednesdays 7:30-8:30pm on Zoom you are invited for a reflection on the “Practicing Jesus’ Seven Last Words” Lenten Devotional by the Presbyterian Church in Canada. **Mar 26<sup>th</sup>** theme is Need. Meeting ID: 820 8058 7908 Passcode: 504847
5. The Chinese Choir would like to extend a warm invitation to brothers and

sisters to sing "Jesus in the Garden" by Joseph Martin together at Good Friday Joint Service (Apr 18<sup>th</sup>). Practices will be held on Mar 29, Apr 5, and 12 (Saturdays) from 1–3pm. If interested, please email Cecilia **TODAY** at [cecichan849@gmail.com](mailto:cecichan849@gmail.com).

6. Next Sunday **Mar 30<sup>th</sup>** we are honoured to welcome the Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls to come preach for us. She is the moderator of the 2024 General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC). She is an active session member at Trinity Church in New Westminster and Burnaby. Dr. Dutcher-Walls is known to be an incredible professor of Hebrew Bible and was the Dean of the Faculty at Vancouver School of Theology. She published five books on the Old Testament, presented a number of papers at academic conferences, and continues to do adult education for local churches. Please join us to learn from her wisdom!
7. Due to March break, Sunday School will resume next week **Mar 30<sup>th</sup>**. We pray all students have a great break and look forward to seeing you after!
8. There will be a summer conference at our church this year from **July 11 to 13**. More information to come. Please reserve the dates.
  - The next Summer Conference Committee meeting will be held on **Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 8:30 pm.
9. Saturday **Apr 5<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm we are pleased to announce we will be hosting the musical missionary, Julie Lowe. She will be playing a classical musical recital interspersed with her journey in faith. Join us for her “Testimony of Hope” concert. The concert is free, but donations are accepted at Hope2Offer Ministries (<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/id/92081>)
10. Would you like to “Share Life” with your friends and family through Alpha? Please invite them to join our 2025 Spring Alpha series from **Apr 19<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup>** on Saturdays at 6-8:30pm. Pamphlets and invitation cards are available at the foyer. Please join our volunteers training session on Saturday, **Apr 5<sup>th</sup>** at 5-7pm as well.
11. We have Canaan Fellowship on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 12:45pm after the Chinese service. All English and Chinese congregation members are welcome to join. Please register through Eliza Lo, Sandy Phu, Ivy Cai, May Lam, Frances Ng, Derrick Huang or office. Next gathering will be held on **Apr 13<sup>th</sup>**. Come join us!

12. What is your cross? As a symbolic act of faith and community as have set up crosses that we can write on and place on the tree in the foyer. We invite you to write down the cross you are carrying and help us carry those crosses together as we walk with Jesus. This activity will end on **Apr 20<sup>th</sup>**.
13. The Lenten Challenge is up and running. Participate in our "40 Acts of Outreach," for the 40 days of Lent! Participate in 40 engaging activities that will connect us physically, spiritually, and mentally to our community in bingo game style activity. Let's celebrate our community spirit by picking one activity a day to foster connections! The document is available as a printout at the front entryway of the church. Outreach impact discussion on **Apr 27<sup>th</sup>** at 12:30pm in the Lounge for 30 minutes.
14. To donate flowers for Sunday Services in 2025, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Elder Nelson Chan at [ve7cok@hotmail.com](mailto:ve7cok@hotmail.com).

## FELLOWSHIP & REFRESHMENT

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### LAST SUNDAY RECORD:

ENGLISH ATTENDANCE	CHINESE ATTENDANCE	TOTAL OFFERING
37	60	\$2,382

This Sunday Flower is donated by Nelson & Mandy Chan.

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS:

PARTICIPANTS	TODAY (3/23)	NEXT SUNDAY (3/30)
Worship Leader	Leo Wong	Victor Ling
Speaker	Chaplain Sumarme Goble	Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls
Reader	Peggy Chow	TBC
Music	Leo Wong & Arlene Wong	John & Linda Con, Victor Ling, Doris Young
Ushers	Jimmy Yee* & Mary Yee	Jimmy Yee & Mary Yee*
Offering Counters	Holly Siu & Sue Yuen	Holly Siu & Sue Yuen
Data Entry	Marleen Wong & Garland Chow	Francine Shuen & Alice Wong
A/V	Karina Shuen	Karina Shuen

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Sunday	9:30-11:00am	Sunday Worship	In-person
	11:15am-12:15pm	Sunday School (K-Gr.12)	In-person
	1:00-2:30pm	Canaan Fellowship <i>(2<sup>nd</sup> week of the month)</i>	In-person
	7:30pm	Bible Study <i>(Gospel of John)</i>	Online <i>(ID: 8605664666)</i>
Monday	5:00-5:30pm	Prayer and Share	Online <i>(ID: 82371382133)</i>
Thursday	9:30-10:30am	LTK exercise	In-person at foyer
	7:30pm	Alpha Ministry Prayer Meeting	Online <i>(ID: 88592347307)</i>
	8:00-9:00pm	Bible Study <i>(2 Tim)</i>	Online <i>(ID: 85052991954)</i>
Friday	9:30-10:30am	Ladies' Bible Study <i>(Book of Peter)</i>	Online <i>(ID: 83912173328)</i>
<b>** Please continue to pray for our leadership in Session and the Presbytery meetings which meets once every month.</b>			

## **SERMON NOTES**

Title – Two Kinds of Hunger

Scripture Readings – Psalm 63:1-8 & Isaiah 55:1-9

Notes/Questions:-

### **Temporary Contact Information:**

Interim Moderator, Rev. Curtis Bablitz: contact your District Elder for general inquiries.

*(For emergency, he can be reached at [cgbablitz@gmail.com](mailto:cgbablitz@gmail.com) or 604-290-8855)*

PCOC, Jacqueline Cleland at: [jacqueline.cleland@vancpc.com](mailto:jacqueline.cleland@vancpc.com)

Church Secretary, Priscilla Ho at: [priscilla.ho@vancpc.com](mailto:priscilla.ho@vancpc.com)

Tel: 604.324.4921

### **Other Contact:**

Mission Committee, Elder Tim Tam at: [timtamdmd@gmail.com](mailto:timtamdmd@gmail.com)



## *Lenten prayer*

LORD JESUS,  
GUIDE ME AS I HUMBLY SEEK  
TO REPENT AND RETURN TO  
YOUR LOVE THIS LENT  
SEASON. MAY HUMILITY  
GUIDE MY EFFORTS TO BE  
RECONCILED WITH YOU AND  
LIVE FOREVER IN YOUR  
ABUNDANT GRACE.  
TRANSFORM ME THIS LENT,  
HEAVENLY FATHER. GIVE ME  
THE STRENGTH TO COMMIT  
MYSELF TO GROW CLOSER  
TO YOU EACH DAY.  
AMEN.