

TODAY'S SERVICE

Series: Advent

Reading: Isaiah 11: 1-11

Topic: A green shoot sprouts from a dead stump and the wolf will live with the lamb.

Preacher

09h00 Rev Sean McGuigan

18h30 Rev Sean McGuigan

Society Stewards

09h00 Isaac Adom-Aboagye

18h30 Paige Tremlett

Organist

Thelda Ekron

A Retiring Offering will be taken after both services.

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DMC YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9H30-10H30)

We are desperately in need of teachers and helpers for the pre-school class for 2019. Please pray about this and consider whether you might be part of the answer to our prayers.

*Despite previous announcements, **there will be Sunday School on 9 December at 9h30!** The teachers have decided that each group will meet to celebrate the end of the school year.*

We wish all our children, teachers & parents a blessed & peaceful Christmas & pray God's continued blessings on all as they enjoy their holidays & on those who will be travelling.

Sunday School reopens **on 13 January 2019.**

SERVICE AND GENEROSITY

SOCIAL CONCERNS

STATIONERY - We identified schools in Namaqualand requiring stationery for 2019. The needs are: HB pencils, blue pens, erasers, pritt, sharpeners, small books with no lines, hard cover books with lines, small & big. Please leave at the help desk or office.

PANTRY CUPBOARD - our pantry cupboard is running low. We are making an appeal for non-perishable food items. Please deliver to the church office or leave at the help desk.

CHURCH FLOWER ROSTER 2019 - will all those who have volunteered to assist with the above, please collect their new roster for **2019** from the mail boxes.

CAR GUARD - We would like to give Patrick a small bonus at the end of the year. If you would like to donate something please speak to Yvonne.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS CAROLS - Let's Celebrate His Birth - Saturday 8 December 17h30 for 18h00 at DMC. Bring your own picnic, blanket, candle & candle holder. Coffee & tea will be provided. Carols by Candlelight from 19h30 & movie from 21h30. Bring an item of non-perishable food for donations to those in need. All welcome.

CHURCH EXECUTIVE MEETING - Tuesday 11 December at the church at 19h00.

COMBINED MORNING SERVICES - will be held on **23 & 30 December at 09h00.**

NO EVENING SERVICES - on **16, 23, 25, 30 December & 6 January.**

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE - will be at 23h00. More details to follow.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES - will be at **07h30 & 09h00.**

THE CHURCH OFFICE - will be closed from 27 December 2018 - 2 January 2019.

OTHER NOTICES

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - Last service will be **12 December and will re-commence 16 January.**

CHRISTMAS EVE and CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERTORY - the entire offertory goes to Methodist Children's work, supporting our Children's Homes, Creche's and Edu-care Centres.



DMC FAMILY NEWS

Prayers

Please pray for the following people in their time of need:

Rev Vuyelwa Ntshinga-Yawa
Pat Chipps
Irene Absalom
Margarete Van Der Merwe

Flowers

The flowers in the church today are donated by Andries & Helga Kruger in celebration of the life of their daughter Nicole Kruger.

Birthdays

We wish you God's Richest blessings as you celebrate your special day

Bronwyn Botha	4 December
Brenda Dicks	4 December
Robyn Kotzé	4 December
Barry Masters	5 December
Daphne Wordon	5 December
Liezl Botha	5 December
Themba Mthombeni	6 December
Harvey Dixon	6 December
Gregory Le Roux	6 December
Chanel Hendrickse	7 December
Catherine Botha	7 December
Carroll Maree	7 December
Pieter Brundyn	7 December
Shaun De Jongh	8 December
Laura Mitchell	8 December
Caitlyn McCartney	8 December

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him (Is 11:1-2a).

NEXT SUNDAY: 9 December 2018

Preacher

08h00 Rev Sean McGuigan
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18h30 Rev Sean McGuigan

Society Stewards

08h00 Bradley Timm
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18h30 Andrew Boake

Welcome and Offertory Stewards

08h00 David Van Der Merwe & Terry Miller
09h30 Mike & Ingrid Oates
18h30 Lyn Boake

Help Desk Stewards

08h00 Thelda Ekron
09h30 Carol Hay

Sound Desk Operators

08h00 ...
09h30 Arnold Weppenaar
18h30 Ethan Visser

Data Projector Operators

08h00 Tippie Wyrley-Birch
09h30 Val Kemp
18h30 Andrew Boake

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Sharing God's Love with All



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Minister's Note

2 December 2018

You can tell that a nation "cannot see the forest for the trees" when *"the rulers are rebels, companions of thieves; they all love bribes and chase after gifts. They do not defend the cause of the fatherless; the widow's case does not come before them"* (Is. 1:23). When that's the case God has no choice but to fell the trees. *"The lofty trees will be felled, the tall ones will be brought low"* (Is 10:33).

When God so humbles a nation, when God humbles us, the purpose is not to destroy but to offer new life! We might not be able to see the sprouting branch for the stumps, but God promises *"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The Spirit of the Lord will rest upon him"* (Is. 11:1).

Jesus is that new branch! Born into poverty, betrayed, crucified and resurrected. He reigns as King over all nations! His Kingdom works in the same way still. If we look to the tall, proud trees we miss the great forest of His kingdom because He works like a mustard seed, easily overlooked, yet sprouting into everlasting life in the unlikely places.

God Bless,
Sean