



December 2023 Bulletin



IMPORTANT DATES IN DECEMBER

Sunday 3 December Advent 1/Holy Communion/Dedication of Jo
Victoria

Sunday 10 Advent 2/Carol Service

Sunday 17 Advent 3/Retiral Offering

Sunday 24 Advent4/No Service

Monday 25 Christmas Day Service

Sunday 31 Low Sunday



PASTOR'S CORNER

SEASON OF ANTICIPATION

As December unfolds, the season of Advent invites us to a time of spiritual preparation. This period, leading up to the celebration of Christ's birth, beckons us to reflect on the profound mystery and joy of God's incarnation.

I often find inspiration in the prophet Isaiah's words: "*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light*" (Isaiah 9:2).

These words not only foretold the coming of Christ but also remind us of the light Jesus brings into our world's darkness.

Advent is more than just a countdown to Christmas. It is an opportunity to ponder the depth of God's love for us, a time to cultivate a spirit of expectation, joy, and awe.

In the midst of our daily routines and the holiday rush, I encourage you to find moments for quiet reflection. Embrace the simplicity of prayer, the stillness of a summer night, or the joy of a carol. These moments allow us to feel God's presence and prepare our hearts for the arrival of Jesus.

Let us also remember that Advent extends beyond ourselves. It is a call to action--to bring light into the lives of others through acts of kindness, compassion, and love.

May this Advent be a time of meaningful preparation, as we await the celebration of our Savior's birth. Let us embrace the journey with hearts full of hope and hands ready to serve.

Wishing you a blessed Advent season!

Love Raoul



TPC Storehouse

Matthew 16:26: "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his (spiritual) life? Or what shall a man give in return for his (spiritual) life?"

Galatians 1:11: "For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel."

We regularly monitor and discuss the Church's finances, including income, expenses, cash flows, and surpluses/deficits. These are vital for sustaining our Church. However, a more crucial goal is using our financial resources *to prevent spiritual bankruptcy* in the community we serve.

Consider the consequences of spiritual bankruptcy:

- a) The *loss of eternity* due to worldly choices, prioritizing the visible over the invisible.
- b) The *value of a saved soul*, far surpassing earthly treasures, highlighting God's supremacy over material wealth.
- c) Upon balancing our spiritual accounts of regular worship, tithing, thanksgiving, brotherly love, humility, generosity, honesty, and integrity, *will it reflect a saved or a lost soul?*

The current TPC Financial position at the end of October 2023 shows a surplus of R188,000, comprising:

A generous donation of R95,000 ("Malachi moment"); Building fund interest of R65,000; Raffle income of R27,000; June 2023 income of R9,000 (previous year); A tithing income/expenses deficit of R14,000; November income of R6,000 received in October

TPC Momentum building fund: R2,447,000

TPC FNB investment account: R122,000

TPC FNB cheque account: R36,000

Ernie Wetherall, Acting Treasurer

Prayer ministry is available after the morning service. Please stay seated and someone will come and pray with you.

NOTES

Contact the Pastor

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How you can support this Ministry

1. Seek to use your gifts in service to others
2. Pray for the church and its members
3. Consider faithful giving

Church Banking Details

First National Bank

Tygerberg Presbyterian Church

Account number: 59370029018

Branch code 250655

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Please note: The Pastor's day off is a MONDAY.