

Welcome to Rosedale

Sunday December 14th 2014

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Musical Praise & Worship

Lighting of Advent Candle..... Denise Gagnon

Family Prayer

Scripture Reading..... Ruth 3:1-18

Message..... Pastor John Bellingham

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Final Song

Benediction

New in the Rosedale Library:



Silent Night – A DVD. The powerful true story behind one of the most popular Christmas Carols of all time

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Reaching in....

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Advent Week 3: Joy

Jesus said, **“I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life.”** We light these candles as a sign of the coming of the light of Christ.

“The Lord says to his servant, ‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’ - Isaiah 49:6

Families of the Week

Please remember to encourage and pray for the following families this week.

<u>Monday</u>	Sarides, Costa & Isabel
<u>Tuesday</u>	Sarides, Nick
<u>Wednesday</u>	Sarides, Daniella
<u>Thursday</u>	Schoenfeldt, Eileen
<u>Friday</u>	Schoenfeldt, Jeffrey
<u>Saturday</u>	Schoenfeldt, Darryl & Diane Nathan, Ryan

This Week at Rosedale

- Tuesday: Men's Bible Study – 9:30 am
Wednesday: Prayer and Praise – 7:00 pm
Friday: Youth Group – 6:30 pm
Saturday: Niagara Prayer Group – 9:30 am
Sunday: Christian Foundations – 9:00 am
Corporate Worship – 10:30 am

Rosedale Christmas Luncheon: Our Christmas luncheon will take place immediately following the morning worship service. If you are visiting with us this morning we welcome you to join us!

Evangelistic Distribution: If you would like to help distribute Christmas tracts and invitations on your street or in the neighbourhood around our church building, please speak with Pastor John.

Christmas Eve Service: Our Christmas Eve carol service will take place at 6:30pm with light refreshments to follow. This is a great opportunity to invite friends, family and neighbours to church.

Open Arms Food Collection: This month we are collecting brown beans and pork and beans for Open Arms Mission

Poinsettia Memorial: If you would like to place a poinsettia in memory of a loved one please bring the flowers for the sanctuary sometime this week.

Joy for the Downcast

Ruth 3:1-18

- In Chapter 1 Ruth showed 'hesed' (loving-kindness) to Naomi. In Chapter 2 Boaz showed 'hesed' to Ruth. Now in Chapter 3 it is Naomi's turn to show 'hesed' to Ruth by proposing a plan that will turn her mourning into joy

I. Naomi's Plan (vv. 1-5)

- 1) A Loving Mother
 - a. Naomi's outlook has changed dramatically
 - i. In chapter 1 she resents God
 - ii. In chapter 2 she thanks God
 - iii. In chapter 3 she blesses others
 - b. Naomi is now concerned for Ruth's future and suggests a very provocative plan!

Application: The best way to fight an ungodly 'victim' mentality in your own heart is to start meeting the needs of other people around you

- 2) A Big Risk!
 - a. For herself – Naomi jeopardizes her own security if anything goes wrong
 - b. For Ruth
 - i. Boaz might assume from her actions that Ruth is an immoral woman (see Hosea 9:1)
 - ii. Boaz might take advantage of Ruth

Application: Naomi's bold plan of action shows that belief in God's sovereignty is fully compatible with human initiative

II. Ruth's Proposal (vv. 6-9)

- 1) Boaz falls asleep
 - a. Harvest was a time of great rejoicing and feasting in Israel
 - b. Men would sleep near the grain piles to protect it from robbers and animals
- 2) Ruth uncovers his feet and lays down
 - a. Intended to wake him up from the cold
 - b. A cultural signal that could have been easily misinterpreted by Boaz!
- 3) Ruth's midnight marriage proposal!
 - a. Request to come under Boaz's protection as symbolized by the 'wing' (corner) of his garment – cf. Ezekiel 16:18
 - b. Ruth is asking Boaz to be her 'redeemer' and to answer to the prayer that he himself prayed back in 2:12

III. Boaz's Patience (vv. 10-18)

- 1) No sex outside of marital commitment
 - a. Boaz is attracted to Ruth but chooses not to act impulsively
 - b. Boaz acts honourably by protecting Ruth's reputation from false accusation
- 2) The other man...
 - a. The only problem with Naomi's plan is that there's a closer relative
 - b. Boaz must patiently deal with his rival before marrying Ruth

Application: Jesus is a Redeemer who is 'risen with healing in his wings'. He will take us under His protective wing and forgive our sin if we will boldly claim Him as our Lord and Saviour