

Church of the Advent

Anglican Christian Witness on Victoria's Westshore

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***Together in Christ we seek to love God
and to love and serve all others***

The Right Rev Dr. Logan McMenamie, Bishop

The Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover, Rector

The Rev Dr. Paul Schumacher, Associate Priest

December 9, 2018

Advent II



Sunday Services are at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Rite)
10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

Office Hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00-Noon
Celtic Eucharist and Gospel Discussion Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

If you are a newcomer, please identify yourself to the Sidespersons or priest so we can welcome you and tell you about our church.

We recognize that we worship on the traditional lands of Coast Salish peoples. We commit ourselves to continue with our First Nations neighbours on the journey of healing, truth and reconciliation.

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover preaches & presides today.

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer, p. 67
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Baruch 5:1-9

Luke 1:68-79 (Canticle 19)

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

Administrator

Elizabeth Bennett

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Sheila Bull

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Bill Bull

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Book of Alternative Services, p. 185

Liturgical Assistant is Mike Armstrong

Sidesperson is Liz Garland

Director of Music is Nell Howard

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the people of the Songhees Nation, on whose traditional land we now gather in gratitude. We acknowledge their story and their stewardship of the land and water, the plants and animals, through the many generations. As we meet together, we remember those who have called this place their home in recent years—the community of faith known as Church of the Advent, whose joyful spirit embraces us. Now let us greet one another with words and signs of welcome.

Sentence of the day: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Opening Hymn: CP 100 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Welcome:

Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Lighting of the Advent Wreath: Where the Promise Shines

A Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent Words by Sylvia G. Dunstan

Music by Bob Moore, Setting by Joel Raney

Second Sunday of Advent: The Promise of Peace

Dayle Robertson

Responsive Litany (congregation reads the bold text)

Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Where there is division, we long for unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Where there is hostility, we long for resolution.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Where there is separation, we long for reunion.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Candle Lighting: Today we light two candles. The **first candle** represents the everlasting hope that has touched our lives in the person of Jesus Christ. In a world of division, brokenness and uncertainty, the **second candle** summons our hearts to the One called Prince of Peace. As the light shines, may we embrace and extend the peace of Christ in all that we do and say.

Congregation Response Song:

Lead us on, lead us on – to a morning where the promise shines.

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Closing Prayer: Gracious God, you are the Prince of Peace who lives and reigns forever. As we journey together, we pray you would still our fears, heal our wounds and fill our spirits. Shine forth your perfect peace in our unsettled world throughout this Advent season. Amen.

Collect: God of timeless grace, **you** fill us with joyful expectation. Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, so that with uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the coming of Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

The Paraments and Advent Colours:

Hymn: CP 97 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring (Vs 1)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED



Chat @ the Chancel:

Hymn: Hope is a Star

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.

Refrain:

**When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.**

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
Giving a promise of safety and worth.

(Refrain)

Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

Lydia French

The Poinsettia - A Symbol of the Unexpected

Hymn: CP 117 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Place the poinsettias during our singing.

Reading: Canticle "The Song of Zechariah", Luke 1:68-79 **Mike Armstrong**

Let us praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
for he has come and redeemed his people.
He has raised up a mighty Saviour for us
from the house of his servant David,
as he promised long ago
through his holy prophets,
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the power of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant,
the oath which he swore
to our father Abraham,
to rescue us from the power of our enemies,
so that we might worship the Lord without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight,
all the days of our life.
And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give the knowledge of salvation to his people
by the forgiveness of their sins.
Through the tender mercy of our God,
the day of salvation will dawn on us from heaven,
to shine on those who live in darkness and the shadow of death,
to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Wreath - A Symbol of Never-Ending Love

Hymn: CP 107 Prepare the Way of the Lord. (Sung 2 x)

Hang the wreaths during the singing.

Reading: *Philippians 1:3-11*

Carolyn Hamar

The Christmas Tree - A Symbol of Celebration & Rebirth

Hymn: CP 154 Joy to the World

During singing, decorate the tree.

The Nativity

Hymn: CP 123 Once in Royal David's City (Vs 1 & 3)

Place the Stable.

Mistletoe - The Promise of Peace

Confession:

One: God of infinite love, we confess that we are quick to give up on ourselves and on others. We fail to trust that you are with us when our lives become filled up with busyness or darkness, sadness or conflict.

All: forgive us when we fail to see your face in the people around us. Fill us with your graciousness that as we are forgiven, so we may become a forgiving, reconciling people. Amen.

One: In ancient times, mistletoe was considered the “meeting place” for warring parties. Under the mistletoe, enemies could exchange the “kiss of peace” and work to let go of anger and past hurts enough to really listen to each other and understand one another’s points of view. In the presence of God’s love we gather, continually grateful for God’s forgiveness and grace. We are a forgiven people. We are freed by God’s grace to reach out to a broken world with compassion and love.

Hang Mistletoe.

Hymn: The Holly and the Ivy

The holly and the ivy,
When they are both full grown
Of all the trees that are in the wood
The holly bears the crown
O the rising of the sun

And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ
Sweet singing of the choir

The holly bears a blossom
As white as lily flower
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ
To be our sweet Saviour
O the rising of the sun
And the running of the deer
The playing of the merry organ
Sweet singing of the choir

Passing of the Peace:

One: Peace be with you

All: and also with you....

The Candles and Lights: God Promises to Give Light

EUCCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: CP 103 On Jordan's Bank

During singing, turn on lights.

Prayer over the Gifts: God our strength, **we are nothing without you.**
Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in
the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #1:

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Sung

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Now let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

How good it is to give thanks and praise.

Eucharistic prayer continues

Sanctus

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might adored
heaven and earth are shining bright with the glory of your light!
Loud hosannas now we sing! In the highest may they ring!
Blessed is the Coming One, Christ, Emmanuel, your Son.
Glory in the highest! Holy God, your name be blessed.**

Eucharistic prayer continues

Acclamation

**Dying Christ destroyed our death. Rising Christ restores our life.
Christ will come again in glory, raising us all to life.
Oh, God of power, God of might, God of love, our hearts delight:
Feed us, guide us, walk beside us, bless us with our gentle light.**

Eucharistic prayer continues

Great Amen

**God our Mother, Christ our Brother, Spirit in these gifts you vow: by
your giving, in our living, we become your body now. Bread is broken,
light revealing; word is spoken for our healing. Make us all your body
now. Amen. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer: David Haas

Breaking of the Bread #5:

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Invitation to Communion: *Friends, this is the joyful feast of unity. Christ has gathered his people around the earth to commune at this table. And so, come: you from the East and you from the West, from the North and from the South. Come. Come with your doubts, come with your hopes, come with your inadequacies and with your strengths. Come, for this is a table where all are invited, and all are welcome.*

Communion Distributors: **Joan Hoffman, Ann Andrews & Kerry Blain**

Parish Choir sings at Communion: **Magnificat** by Ruth Elaine Schram

Prayer after Communion: Faithful God, **we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Doxology:

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SENDING FORTH

Blessing:

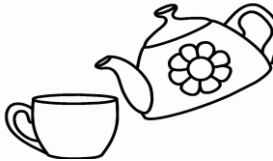
Shared Ministry:

Commissioning Hymn: CP 109 When the King Shall Come Again

Commissioning: Go from this place as those who have seen the Christ light and who long to share it with others. Go with a heart and mind of faith that you may live with high expectation and with great compassion into this season of hope and peace.

May the hope, peace, joy and love of God encompass us and light our path now and always. Alleluia!

Please join us for coffee, tea, or juice after the service.



TODAY WE PRAY

*For Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury) & The Rt Revd
Timothy Thornton.*

*For Fred our Primate, Melissa our Metropolitan, Logan our Bishop,
Sandra our Rector, & Paul our Associate Priest.*

For the Congregation of St. John Gualbert, Pt. McNeill.

For the Diocese of Kootenay.

In the Selkirk Region for Holy Trinity, Sooke.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

Joan, Maureen, Brad & Tytti, Elmer & Alice, Allen, Sharron & Derek, Jayne, Scarlett, Pat, Sharon, Christina, Brian, Mark, Tyler, Joan & Don, Rose & Bernie.



SHARED MINISTRY

THIS WEEK:

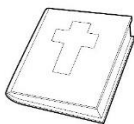
Tuesday, Dec. 11 – Whatsewever, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 12 - Mid-week Eucharist, 10 a.m.; Ladies Guild, Noon Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 13 - Office is closed; Rev. Sandra's day off.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Zeph 3:14-20; (*Canticle 3*) Isaiah 12:2-6; Phillipians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Dec. 12: Ladies Guild, Noon

Dec. 16: Pageant Sunday

Dec. 18: Parish Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

Dec. 19: Yes We Can! at 1 p.m.

Dec. 20: Christmas Caroling (details TBA)

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Services at 6 & 10 p.m.

Jan. 6: Epiphany; pot-luck "Fit for a King" following 10 am service

Jan 15: Parish Council Meeting at 7 p.m.

Jan. 16: Yes We Can! at 1 p.m.

Jan. 20: Jazz Vespers at 7 p.m.

Jan 23: Ladies Guild Luncheon, Noon to 1 p.m.

Jan. 28: Blood Services Clinic, Noon – 6:45 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - This Christmas season, as part of our Outreach mission, we have an opportunity to serve the Corrections Institutions. We will be collecting backpacks (new or gently used), new socks & underwear, subway gift cards, and new or gently used sweaters and coats. If you prefer you can make a monetary donation that the Chaplains will use to buy these items. There is also a need for cards that are blank inside. Everything will be picked up by the Wilkinson Road Chaplain, Rev. Canon Kevin Arndt. When individuals leave a corrections institute, they carry their belongings in a plastic bag. Backpacks allow them to keep their belongings safe and dry. You are invited to bring your offerings to Church of the Advent by Dec 23rd. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

DONATIONS TO A NEW SPONSORSHIP GROUP - Thanks to the generosity of many of you in recent years, the Westshore Refugee Sponsorship Group is in the midst of supporting the Barhoum family during their first year in Canada. While the family is settling in well and is enjoying living near some extended family in Victoria (the husband's parents and a brother, Waseem), there is still another brother and his family struggling in Lebanon after fleeing Syria several years ago. Waseem and several friends have formed a new sponsorship group, **the Starfish Project**, to raise funds to bring this brother and his family to Victoria. Are you interested in helping to make this happen? Here's how you can help: you can make a donation online in your own name or, as a Christmas gift idea, in someone else's name. If you make a gift in someone else's name, you can print a certificate through the group's website to give to this person. Here is the link to the Starfish Project website: www.thestarfishproject.ca.

PLEASE NOTE: The Starfish Project is not linked to the Church of the Advent, so the church isn't able to accept donations and issue receipts for this sponsorship group. If you make a donation online through the Starfish Project website, your gift will be accepted, and a charitable receipt given by CHIMP.

POLICE CHORUS – Remember to pick up your tickets for the Police Chorus concert on March 10th, 2019. They are available for purchase in the office from Monday to Thursday, 9 am until noon; or you may contact Jose Perena Pratt at 250-744-3025 or 250-857-3025. They are \$15 if purchased in advance (\$20 at the door).

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT– Our annual Christmas Pageant is on December 16th. If you would like to participate, please speak with Barb Gossman.

2018 PASTORAL CHRISTMAS LETTER – Be sure to pick up in the Narthex on Sunday your annual Christmas letter from Rev Sandra.

CHRISTMAS DAY – Please note that there is no service on the 25th.

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We ask congregants to limit the use of fragrances.
THANK YOU!