

# 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 16, 2018**

**Advent III**



**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.*

**10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
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*Liturgical Assistant is Mike Armstrong  
Sidesperson is Jose Perena Pratt  
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.

**Introit:** “Freedom/Jesus is Coming”

**Sentence of the day:** The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

**Opening Hymn:** CP 127 O Come Little Children

**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

### **Third Sunday of Advent: The Promise of Joy**

**Jim Hamar**

Responsive Litany (congregation reads the bold text)

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

**Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

In the darkness, we long to see the light.

**Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

In the silence, we long for a comforting word.

**Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

In hardship, we long for an act of love.

**Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

In Christ, we celebrate and rejoice in the promise of joy.

**Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

**Candle Lighting** Today we light three candles. The **first candle** radiates the hope given through Jesus Christ. The **second candle** calls us to embrace and extend Christ's peace to an unsettled world. The **third candle** extends the promise of joy to restless souls. Though darkness is present and earthly trials weigh heavy, the promise of Advent offers true joy that sustains a weary people.

### **Congregation Response Song:**

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

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**Closing Prayer:** Gracious Lord, **our joy is found in you, for not only did you enter into this world, but you became the hope of the world. From the cradle to the cross, you invite us to share in your victory. This is the fountain from which our joy flows. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Collect:** God of power and mercy, **you call us once again to celebrate the coming of your Son. Remove those things which hinder love of you, that when he comes, he may find us waiting in awe and wonder for him**

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Pageant Preparation: 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)***

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn, telling the world that the Saviour is born.

***(Refrain)***

**THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

**The Pageant**

**Part 1: Mary & Joseph**

**Carol: CP 120 O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**Part 2: The Animals**

**Carol: Jesus our Brother**

Jesus our brother, kind and good, was humbly born in a stable rude,  
And the friendly beasts around him stood, Jesus our brother, kind and good.

"I, " said the donkey, shaggy and brown, "I carried his mother up hill and down;  
I carried his mother to Bethlehem town." "I, " said the donkey, shaggy and brown.

"I, " said the cow, all white and red, "I gave him my manger for his bed;  
I gave him my hay to pillow his head." "I, " said the cow, all white and red.

"I, " said the sheep with curly horn, "I gave him my wool for his blanket warm;  
He wore my coat on Christmas morn." "I, " said the sheep with curly horn.

"I, " said the dove from the rafters high, "I cooed him to sleep so that he should not cry;

We cooed him to sleep, my mate and I." "I, " said the dove from the rafters high.

Thus all the beasts, by some good spell, in the stable dark was glad to tell  
Of the gift they gave Emmanuel, the gift they gave Emmanuel.

### **Part 3: The Angels**

**Carol: CP 138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

### **Part 4: The Shepherds**

**Carol: CP 135 Shepherds in the Field Abiding**

### **Part 5: Wise Persons and The Star**

**Carol: We Three Kings**

We three kings of orient are; Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
field and fountain, Moor and mountain, Following yonder star.

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain, Gold I bring to crown Him again;  
king for ever, ceasing never, Over us all to reign.

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

Glorious now behold Him arise, King and God and Sacrifice;  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Sounds through the earth and skies.

O star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.

## **Part 6: Conclusion**

### **Carol: Go Tell it on the Mountain**

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!  
While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!  
The shepherds feared and trembled when lo above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!  
Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born!

### **The Peace:**

## THE CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: CP 130 Born in the Night

Prayer over the Gifts: God of hope, renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake 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

**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:* **Donna & Bob Brandle**

**Prayer after Communion:** Merciful God, **may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

**Doxology:**

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**SENDING FORTH**

**Blessing:**

**Shared Ministry:**

**Commissioning Hymn:** CP 154 Joy to the World

**Commissioning:**

May starlight guide your steps towards this place of wonder.

May angels sing their news as you travel to the manger.

May promise fill these days as we watch at the edge of birth and may faith tell you, Emmanuel will be with us soon.

**We go from here in the light and love of God. Amen.**

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



## **TODAY WE PRAY**

*For The Rt Revd Augustin Ahimana, Kivu (Rwanda).*

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

*For S. Dunstan, Gordon Head (Rector Jeremy Carr). For the Diocese of New  
Westminster (Archbishop Melissa Skelton).  
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. 18** – Whatsewaver, 10 a.m.;

Parish Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Dec. 19** - Mid-week Eucharist, 10 a.m.;

Yes We Can!, 1 p.m.; Choir, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 20** – Caroling, 6:30 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 21** - Office is closed (reopens Jan. 2); Rev. Sandra's day off;  
Staff Christmas Party

### **READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Mic 5:2-5a; Canticle 18; Heb 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

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

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

**Dec. 20:** Christmas Caroling (meet at the church at 6:30 p.m.)

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

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

**CAROLING** - Our annual Christmas caroling is Thurs. Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Meet at the church at 6:30 p.m. We will carpool around the community to sing for and visit with parishioners who are home bound. You don't want to miss this wonderful time to sing all the well-known favourites and bring special cheer to someone's door. No singing experience is necessary! Just a warm heart to share with others. Please sign up in Narthex. Words are provided. Dress warmly and finally, **in case of poor weather, CALL THE CHURCH to confirm this event is still proceeding!**

**CHRISTMAS DAY** – Please note that there is no service on the 25<sup>th</sup>.

**HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURE** – The church office will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> to January 1<sup>st</sup> inclusive. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev Sandra at 506-461-4825 or 250-391-8846.

**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 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you would prefer to make a cash donation, that would be wonderful too! Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

**POLICE CHORUS** – Remember to pick up your tickets for the Police Chorus concert on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 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).

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

**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](http://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.



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**WE WANT TO KNOW YOU ...** but we need to be able to contact you, so ...

If you are a newcomer, or if we can help in any way, please let us know. Please fill in the relevant information and give it to a Sidesperson or place it on the collection plate. **Completion of the following information indicates your consent for this parish to gather this information and to use it for reasonable purposes of the church under The Privacy of Information Act.**

NEWCOMER

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COURSE INFORMATION

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YOUTH CONNECTION

Name	
Address	Postal Code
Email	Phone

*We ask congregants to limit the use of fragrances.*

**THANK YOU!**