

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

July 28, 2019

Pentecost 7



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

10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

Office Hours are Mon to Thurs, 9:00-Noon; **Closed Friday.**

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. Dr. Paul Schumacher preaches and presides today.

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer, p. 67
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Colossians 2:6-15

TBD

Psalms 85 Pg. 438

TBD

Luke 11:1-13

Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher

Administrator

TBD

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

Liturgical Assistant is Donna Brandle
Sidesperson is Joan Hoffman & Lydia French
Director of Music is Nell Howard

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the Lekwungen people, 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: When we cry, “Abba, Father!” it is the Spirit of God bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Opening Hymn: CP 532 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Gathering:

In this time and place we are not alone for we meet in the presence of the living God.

For we meet in the presence of the living God.

In this time and place We are not alone for the Risen Jesus stands in our midst.

The Risen Jesus stands in our midst.

In this time and space, we are not alone for the wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

The wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.

In this time and in this space, we are not alone for we gather with the whole company of heaven. In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one.

In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one.

In this time and place together, one people in Jesus Christ.

In the name of God, Creator, Saviour and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: G 653 There is a Longing

Refrain:

*There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord
for you to reveal yourself to us.*

*There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.*

For justice, for freedom, for mercy, hear our prayer.

In sorrow, in grief, be near, hear our prayer, O God. **(Refrain)**

For wisdom, for courage, for comfort, hear our prayer.

In weakness, in fear, be near, hear our prayer, O God. **(Refrain)**

For healing, for wholeness, for new life, hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death, be near, hear our prayer, O God. **(Refrain)**

Centering Stillness: Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God.

Collect of the Day: Living God, **you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own: give us wisdom, so that our possessions may not be a curse, but a means of blessing in our lives and the lives of others. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat @ the Chancel:



Reading: *Colossians 2:6-15*

Bill Van Sickle

Psalm: 85

Pg. 438

Gospel Hymn: CP 486 Love Divine
(Verses 1 & 2 prior to the Gospel; verse 3 following.)

Gospel: *Luke 11:1-13*

Cat Mason

Gospel Hymn Cont'd:

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Homily:

Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher

Affirming the Christian Narrative: We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son. We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit. We believe and trust in the Three in One.

Prayers of the People:

Neil Mikonnen

Confession & Absolution: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Please join me as we pray together, saying,

God of wisdom, **we confess the foolishness of our ways, and our failure to follow you in your paths of right relationships – with you and with others. We have gone astray; we feel lost. We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others. We have failed to be generous with the poor and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice. We feel the stains of our sins, God; have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. Wash the sinfulness out of us and help us to live more faithfully as your servants. We seek your unfailing Lordship and ask for your guiding hand on our lives. You are the immortal, invisible One; to you be honour and glory forever; amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost. God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around, gathering us in to the people of God. Let us rejoice in God's mercy and be pardoned of our waywardness. **Amen.**

Peace: God makes peace within us. Let us claim it. God makes peace between us. Let us share it. The peace of God is here... to stay.
Thanks be to God.

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: CP 61 As We Gather at Your Table

Prayer Over the Gifts: God of grace, **accept all we offer you this day, as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer:

God is here.

The Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts and minds.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Creator, with wit and wisdom you formed the universe. In expectation, your Spirit brooded over all: the midwife of transformation. At your Word, the skies, the seas, the lands and all life came to be. In you, all created things shared life with one another. In ceremony and song, dance and art, these relationships were portrayed and honoured by the first peoples of these Islands and Inlets. The plants, the cedars, the creatures of forest, sea and air revealed your wonder and majesty. When we turned from you, connections were broken and creation suffered. Still, you continued to bring light from night, freedom from slavery, and life from death. Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith and with your beloved creation we say:

Sanctus: CP 719 Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

We praise you, Source of all, for the living Word: Jesus.

Born in poverty; a child refugee, a worker with his hands. He gathered disciples and taught and healed the people. He freely shared our sorrow, joy, and pain. In vulnerability, he showed power over sin and triumphed over death.

On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his companions. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this to remember me."

After supper he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to his companions saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and the world for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me."

Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

Come Source of life. Come, transforming Word. Come, Creator Spirit.

With his sacred presence unbounded by space and time, we offer to you this bread and cup. Send your Breath of Life, like wind, blowing where it will, north, east, south and west. May your Spirit brood over these gifts and all who feast at this table offering a foretaste of the eternal feast to come. May all who share your abundant gifts be incorporated as one body and one holy people, joined in the offering of Jesus' birth, life, death

and resurrection for the reconciliation of all things. Reveal the unity of your Church and the mystery of our communion with our holy forebears and those yet to be born, that we may be guided in faith and walk gently on the earth. Glory and honour to you Triune God, dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity, now, and in all ages. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer: *(spoken)*

Breaking of the Bread: The One who defeated death and injustice is now present in this bread. The One who offers our life promise and hope is now present in this wine.

Breaking into our lives and community, we ask God for new life in Christ.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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.*

Music During Communion: **Love Grows Here**

By Nancy Price & Don Besig
Sung by Mary Wills

Communion Distributors: **Lydia French & Linda Cue**

Prayer after Communion: God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Doxology: Glory to God, Whose power working in us, Can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God, From generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, For ever and ever. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH

Blessing:

Shared Ministry:

Commissioning Hymn: VU 684 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring Your love;
Where there is injury, Your healing power;
And where there's doubt true faith in You.

Refrain:

*Oh Spirit, grant that I may never seek,
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness ever joy. ***(Refrain)***

Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
In giving to all that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life. ***(Refrain)***

Commissioning: Beloved of God, go to be a blessing. Bring the good news of forgiveness and healing to this hurting, lonely world. Bring hope to all, for God's love is poured out for all God's people.

We go in peace to love and serve all of God's creation. Alleluia!

Coffee, tea, and juice are served in the Main Hall after the service.



TODAY WE PRAY

*Pray for the Scottish Episcopal Church & The Most Revd Mark Strange
(Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church & Bishop of Moray,
Ross & Caithness).*

*For Linda Nicholls our Primate, Melissa our Metropolitan,
Logan our Bishop,*

Sandra our Rector, & Paul our Associate Priest.

*For Church of the Advent, Colwood (Rectors Sandra Hounsell-Drover & Paul
Schumacher). For the Territory of the People Anglican Church (Bishop
Barbara Andrews).*

In the Selkirk Region for Corrections (Kevin Arndt & Ed Chell).

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*Joan, Maureen, Brad & Aila, Elmer & Alice,
Ben & Sarah, Bill, Patricia, Spencer, Barney, Joe, & Dode.*

SHARED MINISTRY

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, July 30 – Whatsewewe, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, July 31 – Midweek Eucharist, 10 a.m.

Friday, August 2 – Office is closed.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Colossians 3:1-11; Ps 107; Luke 12:13-21

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Aug. 25: Hymn Sing & Corn Roast, 5 pm

Sept. 11: Ladies Guild Meeting, 1:30 pm

Sept. 17: Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm

Sept. 25: Ladies Guild Luncheon, noon – 1 pm

Sept. 27-28: “We Together” Conference in Nanaimo

Oct. 5: Book Sale

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOOK SALE – We need your help! In previous years, we relied on Discover Books to pick up the surplus of books left over from our Annual Book Sale. However, this organization is no longer operating in Canada (only the U.S.) and can do a pickup on the condition that we have a semi-trailer full.

As an alternate plan, we will arrange for other organizations to arrive after the sale at 3 p.m. to pick up the books they can use, but we will also need volunteers to pick up however many boxes they can and deliver them to charities and thrift stores.

As well, we are considering transporting a load or more up to Nanaimo for their books sale which follows shortly after ours and would need volunteer help for this process too.

Finally, if you have any contacts at the Rotary that we could reach out to, kindly please let Jose or the office know.

Your assistance is much appreciated. Thank you!

INTER-FAITH GATHERING - You are invited to participate in an Inter-Faith initiative started between Gordon United Church and the Baha'i community of Langford. This will be a first step in exploring how we can build bonds of understanding, compassion, and friendship together. We decided to start this initiative by sharing a time of devotion, prayer and discussion on the topic of *UNITY* on **Monday, July 29, 2019 at 7pm at Gordon United Church.**

The evening will include a welcome, prayers, readings and music, a discussion and a social time with light snacks and beverages.

This event is open to people of all faith communities (and non-faith) who want to broaden their understanding and create bonds of friendships with people from different faith communities.

Please join us for this first step! RSVP RevHeidi@gordonunitedchurch.ca

SCRAPBOOKING SCRAPPERS – The scrapbooking group will NOT meet on August 2nd in consideration of the long weekend.

DIOCESAN CONFERENCE (SEPT 27-28, 2019) – “We Together” is our diocese’s biennial conference that gathers together everyone from our islands and inlets who wish to unite, pray, learn and share “what God is up to in our lives.” This year’s conference is at St. Paul in Nanaimo and will focus on “our role in building the peaceable kingdom imagined and longed for in scripture.” The event kicks off on Friday evening with a keynote address by Pádraig Ó Tuama who is a poet, theologian and conflict mediator from Ireland. Saturday offers a full day’s program of workshops following morning coffee/registration and the Bishop’s greeting. For more information about the conference and to register, please visit <https://bc.anglican.ca/events/we-together-conference/2019-09-27>.

SHARED MINISTRY – It is with great pleasure that we share with you our fellow parishioner, Grant Croswell’s reception date.

The Reception of the Rev. Grant Croswell to the Anglican Communion to Exercise his Vocation as Priest:

Sunday, August 18th, 2019 @ 4:00pm

St. John the Divine, Victoria

Reception to follow.

Liturgical colour: GREEN

CORN ROAST – Join us on August 25th at 5 pm for our Annual Potluck & Corn Roast. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. Following the meal and fellowship we will congregate in the Sanctuary for a Hymn Sing.

REV. SANDRA’S HOLIDAYS – Rev. Sandra is currently on holidays. For pastoral concerns, please contact Rev. Dr. Paul at 778-350-5721 or the parish office.

SIGN UP, SIGN UP, EVERYBODY SIGN-UP – Yes, it’s that time of year again! Get out your calendars because the sign-up board for readings, prayers, and administering (distributing) the chalice are in the Narthex ready for you to volunteer this summer. Please remember that if you don’t usually take part during the rest of the year, this a great time for you to try your voice. Not too sure what you want to try? Talk to Rev. Sandra or Kathy.

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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

HELP

SETUP CONTRIBUTIONS

YOUTH CONNECTION

Name	
Address	Postal Code
Email	Phone

We ask congregants to limit the use of fragrances.

THANK YOU!