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

January 5, 2020

Epiphany Sunday



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.

Canon Kevin Arndt preaches and presides today.

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer, p. 67
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Isaiah 60:1-6

TBD

Psalms 72:1-7, 10-14 Pg. 418

TBD

Ephesians 3:1-12

Elizabeth Bennett

Matthew 2:1-12

Canon Kevin Arndt

Administrator

TBD

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

Liturgical Assistant is Donna Brandle
Sidespeople are Liz Garland & Linda Cue
Director of Music is Nell Howard

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the Lekwungen speaking 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: We have seen his star in the East and have come to worship him.

Opening Hymn: VU 96 Will You Come and See the Light

Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star, it will show you who you are.
Will you hide or decide to meet the light?

Will you step into the light that can free the slave?
It will stand for what is right, it will heal and save.
By the pyramids of greed there's a longing to be freed;
Will you hide or decide to meet the light?

Will you tell about the light in the prison cell?
Though it's shackled out of sight, it is shining well.
When the truth is cut and bruised, and the innocent abused,
will you hide or decide to meet the light?

Will you join the hope alight in a young girl's eyes
of the mighty put to flight by a baby's cries?
When the lowest and the least are the foremost at the feast,
Will you hide or decide to meet the light?

Will you travel by the light of the babe newborn?
In the candle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn,
and the darkness all about is too dim to put it out:
Will you hide or decide to meet the light?

Gathering:

Arise, shine; for your light has come, the glory of God is shining on you.
Shadows shall cover the earth, but the brightness of God's presence is upon us.

Nations will be drawn to your light, and rulers to the dawning of your new day.

Look around and see what is happening: people are gathering to come home!

You will see this and be filled with joy; you will tremble with excitement.

Great caravans of camels will come, bringing gold and incense.

Everyone will tell the good news of what God has done!

Hymn of Praise: VU 82 A Light is Gleaming

Refrain:

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms throughout the night, living in the light.

Come share its gladness, God's radiant love is burning bright, living in the light.

When light comes pouring into the darkest place,
It hurts our eyes to see the glow.
Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears,
Our memories and tears. ***(Refrain)***

When night is round us and every shadow grows,
A star is there to light our way.
It tells a story of Jesus who came near to say:
"God's light will ever stay." ***(Refrain)***

And Jesus showed us a brighter path to walk.
He showed us things we hadn't seen.
Now we, like Jesus, can help creation shine,
And this will be a sign: ***(Refrain)***

So let us live in the brightness God has giv'n,
And let us rise to see the dawn.
We trust that God is here a sparkle and ablaze,
Warming all our days." ***(Refrain)***

Collect of the day: Almighty and everliving God, **you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat @ the Chancel:



Hymn: This Li'l Light of Mine

This li'l light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This li'l light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This li'l light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shine all over where we live, I'm gonna let it shine, Shine all over where we live, I'm gonna let it shine

Shine all over where we live, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This li'l light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This li'l light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This li'l light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

First Reading: *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Jose Perena Pratt

Psalm: *72:1-7, 10-14*

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Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12

Dayle Robertson

Gospel Hymn: CP 160 As with Gladness Men of Old

(Verses 1 & 2 before the gospel; verses 3 & 4 following.)

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 2:1-12*

Helen Thomas

Gospel Hymn Cont'd:

Sermon:

Canon Kevin Arndt

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Statement of Faith: "Apostles Creed"

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Prayers of the People:

Joan Hoffman

The Peace: We call out to God and God answers us. Invited into the shelter of the Most High, we rejoice and greet one another with the peace of Jesus Christ. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. And also with you.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: CP 162 Sing of God Made Manifest

Prayer over the Gifts: Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #3:

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Sanctus: MV 206

Lord's Prayer: (David Haas)

Breaking of the Bread #6:

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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: **Rose Chandler, Ann Andrews,
& Kerry Blain**

Prayer after Communion: God of all the nations of the earth, **guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in this eucharist and in our neighbours. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and forever. Amen.**

Doxology:

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SENDING FORTH

Blessing:

Shared Ministry:

Commissioning Hymn: **CP 502 You Are Salt for the Earth**
(Choir Cantoring)

Commissioning: Arise, and go forth to shine for all the world to see.
We go to spread the good news of light and love, righteousness and justice.

Go now and follow the star that will guide you on your journey this week, this year, and forever.

As the Magi of old, we go forth in trust and excitement, transformed in the presence of the child of light. Amen. Alleluia.

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



TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia.

Logan our Bishop, Sandra our Rector, & Paul our Associate Priest.

For S. John the Divine, Courtenay & S Andrew, Sandwick.

In the Selkirk Region for Regional Chaplaincies in Hospital.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

Joan, Maureen, Elmer & Alice, Joan & Don, Anthony, Lucy, Dode, Barb,

Bonnie, Scott, Sarah, Kim, Helen, Mae, Gay, & Peter.

SHARED MINISTRY

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Jan. 7 – What-Sew-Ever, 10 am

Wednesday, Jan. 8 – Ladies Guild Meeting, 1:30 pm

Friday, Jan. 10 – Parish office is closed; Rev. Sandra's day off

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Is 42:1-9; Ps 29; Acts 10:34-43; Mt 3:13-17



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Jan. 7: What-Sew-Ever, 10 am

Jan. 8: Ladies Guild Meeting, 1:30 pm

Jan. 14: Scrap & Chat, 9:30 am; What-Sew-Ever, 10 am

Jan. 19: Jazz Vespers with the Kim Greenwood Trio, 7 pm

Jan. 21: Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm

Jan. 22: Ladies Guild Luncheon, 12 pm

Jan. 28: Scrap & Chat, 9:30 am; What-Sew-Ever, 10 am

Feb. 4: What-Sew-Ever, 10 am

Feb. 11: What-Sew-Ever, 10 am; Scrap & Chat, 9:30 am

Feb. 12: Ladies Guild Meeting, 1:30 pm

Feb. 16: Jazz Vespers, 7 pm

Feb. 18: What-Sew-Ever 10 am; Parish Council, 7 pm

Feb. 23: Church of the Advent AGM after 10 am Service

Feb. 24: What-Sew-Ever, 10 am; Scrap & Chat, 9:30 am

Feb. 26: Ladies Guild Luncheon, noon – 1 pm



ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

What part, if any, does the Bible play in your spiritual life? Are you getting something of value from it? Do you think you could get more? Is any of it confusing or troubling?

You are invited to a **5-week interactive workshop**, led by new member Bill Geimer and based on Martin Borg's *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* and Karen Armstrong's *The Bible: A Biography*. A purpose of the workshop is to explore a bit of how the bible came to be, and the spiritual paths that may be opened to us by looking at it differently.

How this will work:

The workshop will be conducted during the 5-week period beginning **March 3rd, 2020**.

1. **Sign up by February 16th**, indicating your preference for daytime or evening sessions. An attempt will be made to accommodate the greatest number of those interested. For those who cannot attend, the workshop may be offered again.
2. Provide your email address and phone number. This will constitute permission to share it with others in the workshop. You will be notified of the date and time of the first session.
3. Before the first session, read the book of Jonah. As this is a participant-led curriculum, future sessions will be based on passages that participants submit and share one week ahead of time.
4. Bring a bible to the sessions, any translation is OK.
5. Direct any questions to Bill at tarheel@shaw.ca or 250-642-0185.

Join us as we learn together about a spiritual resource we may not fully appreciate.

Announcements Continued....

SOUTH ISLAND CURSILLO ULTREYA

Come and join us for our first South Island Ultreya of 2020 here at Church of the Advent. A pot-luck supper will precede the Ultreya. All are welcome.

Date: January 10, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m.

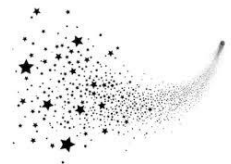
What is an Ultreya?

"Ultreya" is a Spanish word, derived from the original Latin, meaning Onward! It was in common use by pilgrims to greet and to encourage one another along the way.

In a climate of friendship, members share their life experiences based on the three tenets of Cursillo life: i.e.: Prayer, Study and Action, or based on a passage from Scripture. This sharing can be contemplative in nature or may deal with an evangelizing experience. These sharing's from real-life experiences, serve as examples to all of us of the challenge which Jesus lays before His followers: "Go and do likewise."

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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!