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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*

July 30th 2017

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME TO THE 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 and Straits Salish peoples. We commit ourselves to continue with our First Nations neighbours on the journey of healing, truth and reconciliation.

Reverend Sandra Hounsell-Drover preaches and presides today.

**8:30 a.m. Holy Communion
Book of Common Prayer, p. 67**

*Genesis 29:15-28
Psalm 105:1-11 p. 464
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Administrator*

***Suzanne Bullen
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Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover
Rod Mitchell***

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

*Liturgical Assistant Jim Hamar
Sidesperson is Jose Perena Pratt*

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the people of the Coast and Straits Salish 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: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. *John 6.68*

Opening Hymn: CP 393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

The Greeting:

Give thanks to God and call on God's name.

Sing to God; sing praises to God!

Make known God's deeds among the people.

Sing to God; sing praises to God!

Seek God's presence and God's strength.

Sing to God; sing praises to God!

Let us worship our God, for God is faithful.

Come, Let us worship God.

Hymn of Praise: Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil (2x)

Goodness is stronger than evil; love is stronger than hate;

light is stronger than darkness; life is stronger than death.

Victory is ours, victory is ours through him who loved us.

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Collect of the Day:

God of eternal wisdom,

you alone impart the gift of discernment: grant us understanding hearts, so that we may choose wisely between the treasures of your promised reign and this world's counterfeits; through Jesus Christ, the pearl of true value. Amen

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Childrens Ministry Time:

Reading: Genesis 29:15-28

Neil Mikkonen

Psalm: 105:1-11

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Gospel Hymn: CP 458 Seek Ye First Verse 1 before the Gospel Verse 2 following

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Sue Hamblin

The Sermon

Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Apostles Creed

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Prayers of the People

John Hounsell-Drover

Confession & Absolution

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The Peace

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: CP 435 Take My Life, and Let It Be

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 #2

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord CP 719

Land of Rest

Lord's Prayer

Gordon Light

Fraction #1

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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: Linda Cue & tba

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:

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Blessing:

Announcements:

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Commissioning Hymn: CP 388 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Commissioning:

Go forth with joy, celebrating all the many ways for us to serve our Lord.
Give us courage, hope, peace and love that we might bear these gifts to others. We go in peace. AMEN. Alleluia.

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

TODAY WE PRAY

Pennsylvania - (III, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Clifton Daniel.

*Pittsburgh - (III, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Dorsey W M
McConnell.*

*For Fred our Primate, John our Metropolitan, Logan our Bishop, and
Sandra our Rector.*

Territory of the People - Bishop Barbara Andrews.

Ss. Anne & Edmund, Parksville - Andrew Twiddy.

Corrections (Kevin Arndt & Ed Chell).

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*Barb & Doug, Val, Maureen, Brad and Tytti, Brenda, Elmer, Peter, Dave,
Jack, David & Christy.*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Genesis 32:22-31; Ps 17:1-7, 15; Matthew 14:13-21.