

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

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ADVENT 1

CONFIRMATION



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

The Right Reverend Dr. Logan McMenamie preaches and presides today.

<p>8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer, p. 67</p>
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Isaiah 64:1-9

Lenn Enns

Psalms 80: 1-7, 17-19

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1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Suzanne Bullen

Mark 13:24-37

Paul Schumacher

Administrator

Eric Spurling

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

Bishops Chaplain is Paul Schumacher

Liturgical Assistant is Mike Armstrong

Crucifers are – Maggie, Sera, Peter & William.

*Sidespeople are Maggie Weatherell, Peter Hounsell-Drover
& Joan Hoffman*

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the people of the Coast 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.

The Sentence of the Day: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Mark 11: 9,

Opening Hymn: CP 89 O Come, O Come Emmanuel Verses 1, 2, 3, 5, & 7

*omit verses 4 & 6

Welcome:

Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Greeting:

Bishop: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Bishop: There is one body and one Spirit,

All: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All: One God and Father of all.

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

First Sunday of Advent - The Promise of Hope – Reader – Bev Somers

Responsive Litany *congregation reads the bold text

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

We wait in hope for the Lord.

We long for every hurt to be healed.

We wait in hope for the Lord.

We long for every tear to be dried.

We wait in hope for the Lord.

We long for every injustice to be made right.

We wait in hope for the Lord.

We celebrate God's promises and long for those yet to unfold.

We wait in hope for the Lord.

Candle Lighting *Peggy Thomas & Ellie-May Murphy*

This morning we light the **first candle** which reminds us that even in the midst of darkness, the light of hope shines. Jesus Christ is the promised One of God, the light of the world. May this light of hope illuminate our hearts throughout this Advent season.

Congregation response song:

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

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

To a morning where the promise shines.

Closing Prayer:

Gracious God, fill our hearts this day with the thrill of hope that is found in each of your promises. Like the people of old, we who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. Ignite our faith and light our path. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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

Collect:

Bishop: God of unveiled truth, in times of darkened sun and waning moon, lift up our hearts and waken our love to announce the coming dawn of unexpected peace; through Jesus Christ, the one who is to come.
Amen.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Children's Ministry Time:

Childrens Hymn: CP 107 Prepare the Way (2x) led by Rev'd John
Prepare the way of the Lord, prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God (Repeat)

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

William Hounsell-Drover

Psalm: 80:1-7, 17-19

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Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gemma Hamblin

Gospel Hymn: My Lord, What a Morning

(African-American Spiritual)

Verses 1 & 2 before the Gospel – Verse 3 following the Gospel

Refrain

My Lord, what a morning! My Lord, what a morning!

O my Lord, what a morning! When the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,
looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. **Refrain**

You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, When the stars begin to fall. **Refrain**

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Grant Crosswell

**Refrain: My Lord, what a morning! My Lord, what a morning!
O my Lord, what a morning! When the stars begin to fall.**

You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,
Looking to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall. **Refrain**

The Sermon:

Bishop Logan McMenemy

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION

Bishop: The candidates for Confirmation and Reception will now be presented.

Mentors: I present these persons for Confirmation: Maggie Weatherell, Sera Lowry, Peter Hounsell-Drover, William Hounsell-Drover, and Gemma Hamblin.

John H-D: I present Grant Crowell and Colleen Lissamer to be received into this Communion.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Response: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Response: I do.

Bishop: Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

Response: I do, and with God's grace, I will follow him as my Saviour and Lord.

After all have been presented, the bishop addresses the congregation, saying,

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: We will.

Bishop: Let us join with those who commit themselves again to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

Bishop: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

All: I will, with God's help.

Prayers of the People: continued...

Colleen Lissamer

Bishop: Let us pray for those who are affirming their baptism, and for all the baptized everywhere, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Leader: That they may be redeemed from all evil and rescued from the way of sin and death; in your mercy,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church; in your mercy,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That they may be sent into the world in witness to your love; in your mercy,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; in your mercy,

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Bishop: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Bishop lays his hand upon each for Confirmation and says,

Bishop: Strengthen, O Lord, your servant (N) with your Holy Spirit; empower him/her for your service; and sustain him/her all the days of his/her life. Amen.

The Bishop lays his hand upon Colleen and Grant for reception into the Anglican Communion:

Bishop: (N), we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

Bishop: Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Peace:

Bishop: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: CP 91 People, Look East! The Time Is Near!

Procession of the gifts: Lorne Dearsley & Sera Lowry

Prayer over the gifts: God of love and power,
your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of
eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

May God be with you.

God's 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.

It is right indeed that we should praise you, God of love, our source and
our fulfillment, for you create all things and in you we live and move and
have our being. Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky.

When the times at last grown full and the earth had ripened in
abundance, you made us in your image for yourself. And even though we
turn from you, again and again you call us to yourself, and in every age,
promise liberation.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as
your own to rear them in your way of compassionate love. From your
own being you sent Jesus among us, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born
of Mary our sister. Jesus revealed your care for all you have made, and
showed us your way of reconciliation.

Looking forward to the joy of new life Jesus suffered the pangs of the
cross and in rising again became the first-born of the renewed family.
You sent your Holy Spirit and gave birth to us your church. Your Spirit
says to nurture and to guide us. Now we join around your table, and with
all creation we sing praise for your unending love,

Sanctus CP 722 (Picardy)

To you indeed be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he
died, your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread, when he had given you thanks,

he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you: do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: This cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you; do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

And so in this great sacrament we celebrate and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, loving God, recalling now Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and be filled with your life and goodness. Strengthen us to do your work, and to be your body in the world. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace. Through your Holy Spirit, burning as a flame, gentle as a dove, may we who receive these gifts live lives of justice, love and prayer, and be a voice for those who are not heard. In union with your whole creation, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

Blessing, honour and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and forever. Amen

Lord's Prayer:

Gordon Light

Breaking of the Bread:

The hunger of the world is satisfied in this bread.

May we feed this bread to all who hunger.

The thirst of all humanity is quenched in this wine.

May we satisfy this yearning in us and others.

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.*

Communion Distributors: Linda and Bill Van Sickle

During Communion The Parish Choir sings: Lord of the Stars

by Ruth Schram

Prayer after Communion:

God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Doxology:

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Blessing:

Shared Ministry:

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Commissioning Hymn: Hope Is A Candle

by Linnea Good (Borealis Music)

Hope is a candle on our journey. Hope is the travel and the end.
All thro' the frosty fields of winter, this dancing flame of Hope we'll tend.

Peace is a candle on our journey. Peace is the giving and the gift.
Over the frozen lakes of winter, this whisp'ring flame of Peace we'll lift.

Joy is a candle on our journey. Joy is the swinging and the leap!
Under the clouded skies of winter, this laughing flame of Joy we'll keep.

Love is a candle on our journey. Love is the holding and the flight.
All round this aching earth of winter, this tender flame of Love we'll light.

Refrain:

**For we are a people of a Story. Of stars that sing and Love that cries.
And tho' these nights are getting longer, the path is lit before our eyes.**

Hope is a candle on our journey. Hope is the travel and the end.
All thro' the frosty fields of winter, this dancing flame of Hope we'll tend.

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Commissioning: (Congregation, please turn toward the LA at the Narthex doors)

One: Be alert! God is all around us! Be ready to joyfully serve God in ministries of peace and justice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Go in peace and may the peace of God always go with you.

We go forth in peace in the name of Christ. Amen.

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

TODAY WE PRAY

*West Buganda - (Uganda) The Revd Henry Katumba-Tamale.
For Fred our Primate, John our Metropolitan, Logan our Bishop,
Sandra our Rector.*

*For the Diocese of New Westminster - Bishop Melissa Skelton.
S. John the Divine, Victoria - Alastair McCollum, Kevin Arndt,
Gillian Hoyer & Patrick Sibley.*

In the Selkirk region for St. Peter & St. Paul Esquimalt.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*Val, Maureen, Brad and Tytti, Brenda, Elmer, Alan, Dave, Jack, Jane,
Peter & Beverly, Allen & Loraine, Marie, Steven, Lily and Carrie.*

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*We pray for the Mason family, the Medcalf family, the Middleton family,
the Mikkonen family, the Mitchell family, the Morneau family, and the
Nixon family. May God bring peace and joy to them and their extended
families.*

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED & RECEIVED

*William Hounsell-Drover, Peter Hounsell-Drover, Sera Lowry, Maggie
Weatherell, Gemma Hamblin, Colleen Lissamer and Grant Croswell*

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Is 40:1-11; Ps 85: 1-2, 8-13; 2 Pet 3:8-15a; Mk 1:1-8;

SHARED MINISTRY

THIS WEEK

Tues. Dec. 4, What-sew-ever 10:00, Priory 10:30

Wed. Dec. 5, Eucharist 10:00, Choir 7:30;

Sat. Dec. 9, Parish Breakfast – coffee 8:30

Sun. Dec. 10, Hanging of the Greens

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 12, ordination of Paul Schumacher to the Diaconate. 4:00 p.m. at St. Peter & St. Paul Esquimalt.

Sunday, Dec. 17, Sunday School Pageant.

Tuesday, Dec. 19, Parish Council Meeting.

Thursday, Dec. 21 Caroling to our home bound parishioners. 6:00 p.m.

ALREADY? Yes, it's that time of year!

As you have noticed, our little envelopes for flowers are here again. As you may or may not be aware, your Altar Guild receives no money for flowers except from YOU. So, twice a year, Christmas and Easter, we ask for your support in purchasing flowers for these two very special events. We also know at this time of year, most of us are short on cash. We are asking only for a small contribution of whatever you have in your pockets! Please help us with this special ministry.

Thank you so much. Your Altar Guild

THANK YOU:

Please pass along Compassionate Resource Warehouses' gratefulness for all the lovely handmade and purchased gifts that have come in.

We are using the washcloths, receiving blankets, baby tops, blankets as fast as you are sending them in. We have a request for 500 babe packs for Lebanon refugee camp load. Plus 150 babe packs for Malawi.....plus our usual maternity packs. Sweaters, dresses, shorts and bears are sent according to need, request and supply. Toques scarves socks and gloves will soon be on their way to Lebanon. Your fingers (and backs) must be sore from the constant work. The need is great, and we are so thankful for each one of you. Together we are making a difference. What wonderful Christmas gifts will soon arrive for those who otherwise would not have these treasures. Soon bright and beautiful colours will be seen in tents, mud houses and bamboo homes. Thank you for the love, joy and hope you are sending others during this Christmas season.

We so appreciate you and wish each one of you MERRY CHRISTMAS.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Dec. 17th at our 10:00 Worship Service

We need adults to participate!!!! Rehearsal on Saturday Dec. 16th at 10:00 a.m.