

Church of the Advent

Anglican Christian Witness on Victoria's Westshore

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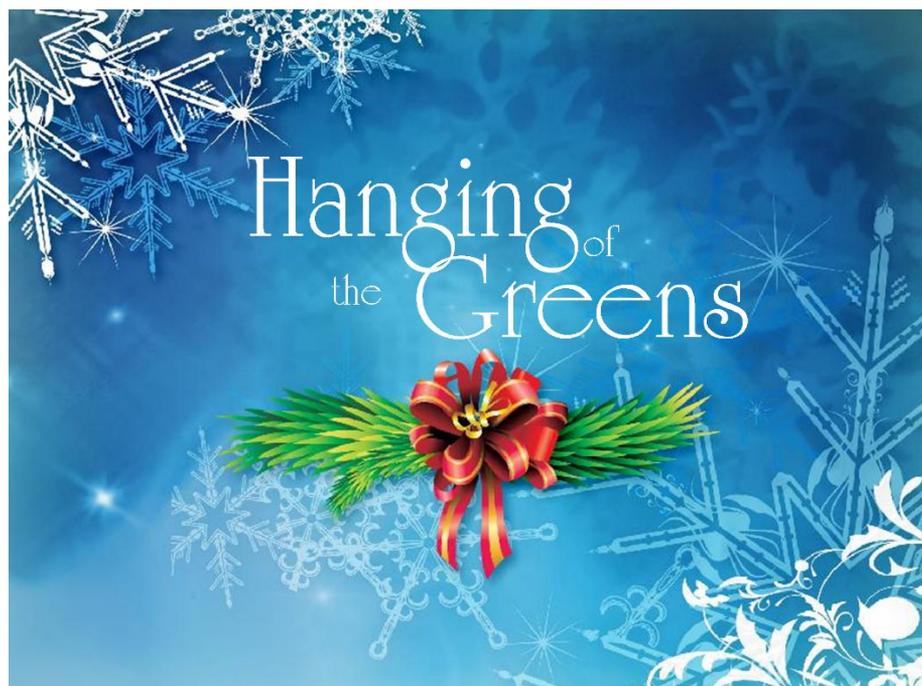
***Together in Christ we seek to love God
and to love and serve all others***

The Right Rev Dr. Logan McMenamie, Bishop

The Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover, Rector

DECEMBER 10, 2017

ADVENT 2



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.

Reverend Sandra Hounsell-Drover preaches and presides today.

<p>8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer, p. 67</p>
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Isaiah 40:1-11

Psalms 85:1-2, 8-13 p. 438

2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8

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Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover

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

*Liturgical Assistant is **Mike Armstrong***

*Crucifer is **William Hounsell-Drover***

*Sidespeople are **Joan Hoffman & Lydia French***

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 Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Opening Hymn: “Adorning Your House”

Adorning your house, God, with branches of green, we pray that your glory may clearly be seen. Now fill us with love that your promise imparts, with hope and with joy in the rooms of our hearts.

These beautiful branches, O Jesus so dear, remind us your humble, sweet advent is near. So bless us each day as your coming draws near, to live so that others can tell you are here.

We ask for your Spirit to pour from above, that we may be gentle, with patience and love. Like green living branches, may all that we do be signs that your promise is now coming true.

Welcome:

Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover

The Advent Wreath

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

Second Sunday of Advent - The Promise of Peace – Dayle Robertson

Responsive Litany *congregation reads the bold text

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

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Where there is division, we long for unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Where there is hostility, we long for resolution.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Where there is separation, we long for reunion.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Candle Lighting

Today we light two candles. The **first candle** represents the everlasting hope that has touched our lives in the person of Jesus Christ. In a world of division, brokenness and uncertainty, the **second candle** summons our hearts to the One called Prince of Peace. As the light shines, may we embrace and extend the peace of Christ in all that we do and say.

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, you are the Prince of Peace who lives and reigns forever.
As we journey together, we pray you would still our fears, heal our
wounds and fill our spirits. Shine forth your perfect peace in our
unsettled world throughout this Advent season. Amen.**

Collect:

**God of timeless grace, you fill us with joyful expectation.
Make us ready for the message that prepares the way, so that with
uprightness of heart and holy joy we may eagerly await the coming of
Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen**

The Paraments and Advent Colours:

Hymn CP 89 O Come, O Come Emmanuel! vs. 1

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 40:1-11

Carolyn Hamar

The Poinsettia: A Symbol of the Unexpected

Hymn CP 89 O Come, O Come Emmanuel! V. 2 & 3

Place the poinsettia’s during our singing

Psalm: 85:1-2, 8-13

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The Wreath’s: A symbol of Never-Ending Love:

Hymn CP 89 O Come, O Come Emmanuel!

Vs. 4 & 5

Hang the wreaths during the singing

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Helen Thompson

The Christmas Tree: A Symbol of Celebration and Rebirth:

Hymn: CP 139 “The First Nowell”

During singing, decorate the tree

Gospel Hymn: CP 103 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry Tune: PUER NOBIS

NASCITUR Vss 1, 2, & 3 before the Gospel – Vss 4 & 5 following the Gospel

Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Mollie Medcalf

During Vs. 4 & 5

Place the Stable

Mistletoe: The Promise of Peace

Confession

One: God of infinite love, we confess that we are quick to give up on ourselves and on others. We fail to trust that you are with us when our lives become filled up with busyness or darkness, sadness or conflict.

All: forgive us when we fail to see your face in the people around us. Fill us with your graciousness that as we are forgiven, so we may become a forgiving, reconciling people. Amen.

One: In ancient times, mistletoe was considered the “meeting place” for warring parties. Under the mistletoe, enemies could exchange the “kiss of peace” and work to let go of anger and past hurts enough to really listen to each other and understand one another’s points of view. In the presence of God’s love we gather, continually grateful for God’s forgiveness and grace. We are a forgiven people. We are freed by God’s grace to reach out to a broken world with compassion and love.

Hang Mistletoe

Hymn: CP 89 “O Come, O Come Emmanuel!”

vss 6 & 7.

The Peace:

The Candles and Lights: God Promises to Give Light

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: 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: 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.

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that the Savior is born. **Refrain:**

Love is a flame that burns in our heart.
Jesus has come and will never depart. **Refrain:**

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The Christ of Christmas

Prayer over the gifts: God our strength, **we are nothing without you.**
Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in
the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer #2

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Sanctus CP 722

(Picardy)

Lord's Prayer:

Gordon Light

Breaking of the Bread: Sentence #5

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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: Ann Andrews, Rose Chandler & Linda Cue

During Communion The Parish Choir sings: **Waiting, Wandering,**
Wondering

by Ruth Elaine Schram

Prayer after Communion:

Faithful God, **we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet.**
Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in
the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Doxology:

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Blessing:

Shared Ministry:

WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

Commissioning Hymn: CP 106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness

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

One: Go from this place as those who have seen the Christ light and who long to share it with others. Go with a heart and mind of faith that you may live with high expectation and with great compassion into this season of hope and peace.

May the hope, peace, joy and love of God encompass us and light our path now and always. Alleluia!

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

TODAY WE PRAY

Western North Carolina - (IV, The Episcopal Church)

The Rt Revd Porter Taylor.

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

For the Diocese of Diocese of Yukon - Bishop Larry Robertson.

S. Philip-by-the-Sea, Lantzville - David Chillman.

In the Selkirk region for St. David-by-the Sea (Cordova Bay).

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 Norman family, the Norman family, the Olivio family, the Olmstead family, the Pearce family, the Pendleton family, and the Perena Pratt family. May God bring peace and joy to them and their extended families.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Is 61:1-4,8-11; Ps 126; 1Thess 5: 16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28;

SHARED MINISTRY

THIS WEEK

Tues. Dec. 12, What-sew-ever 10:00, Ordination of Paul Schumacher to the Diaconate. 4:00 p.m. at St. Peter & St. Paul Esquimalt.

Wed. Dec. 13, Eucharist 10:00, Choir 7:30;

Sat. Dec. 16, Rehearsal for Christmas Pageant

Sun. Dec. 17, Christmas Pageant 10:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 19, Parish Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 20, Yes, We Can – meeting 1:00

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

Sunday, Dec. 24 Service Times, 9:30 am, 6:00 & 10:00 pm

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, our wonderful parishioners. 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

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.

Threshold Housing: Christmas giving. If you are interested in supporting these young people this year, please talk to Joan Hoffman. Donations of \$25.00 may be made through the collection plate with Threshold Housing on the envelope. There are 30 residents aged 16-21.

Tickets for the 2018 **Police Chorus** Concert are available in the office or see Jose Perena Pratt.