

# 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***

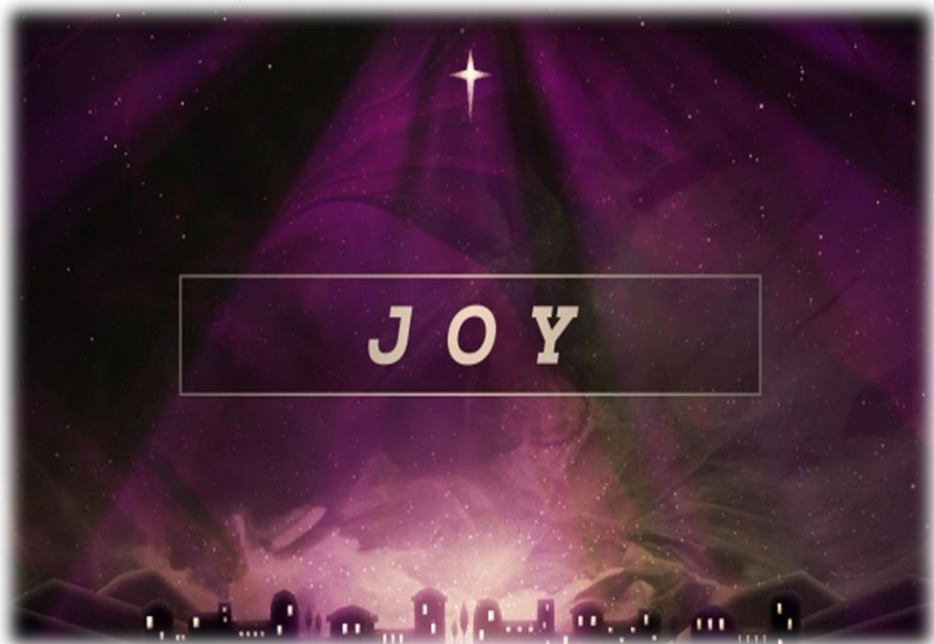
*The Right Rev Dr. Logan McMenamie, Bishop*

*The Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover*

**December 17, 2017**

**ADVENT 3**

**PAGEANT SUNDAY**



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

*The Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover preaches and presides today*

<p><b>8:30 a.m. Holy Communion</b> <b>Book of Common Prayer, p. 67</b></p>
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<i>Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11</i>	<b>Sheila Bull</b>
<i>Psalms 126 pg 500</i>	<b>Sheila Bull</b>
<i>1 Thessalonians 5:16-24</i>	<b>Lenn Enns</b>
<i>John 1:6-8,19-28</i>	<b>Paul Schumacher</b>
<i>Administrator</i>	<b>Rod Mitchell</b>

<p><b>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b> <b>Book of Alternative Services, p. 185</b></p>
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*Liturgical Assistant is Sheila Dearsley*  
*Crucifer is Taylor Gossman*  
*Sides people are Evelyn & Ed Robinson*

### **THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

**Sentence of the Day:** I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word.

Gathering Hymn: **CP 127 O Come Little Children**

Welcome

### **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

### **Third Sunday of Advent - The Promise of Joy – Gemma Hamblin**

Responsive Litany

\*congregation reads the bold text

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

**Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

In the darkness, we long to see the light.

**Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

In the silence, we long for a comforting word.

**Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

In hardship, we long for an act of love.

**Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

In Christ, we celebrate and rejoice in the promise of joy.

**Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

### **Candle Lighting**

Today we light three candles. The **first candle** radiates the hope given through Jesus Christ. The **second candle** calls us to embrace and extend Christ's peace to an unsettled world. The **third candle** extends the promise of joy to restless souls. Though darkness is present and earthly trials weigh heavy, the promise of Advent offers true joy that sustains a weary people.

**Congregation response song:**

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

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### **Closing Prayer...**

Gracious Lord, **our joy is found in you, for not only did you enter into this world, but you became the hope of the world. From the cradle to the cross, you invite us to share in your victory. This is the fountain from which our joy flows. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

O God of Isaiah and John the Baptist, **through all such faithful ones you proclaim the unfolding of future joy and renewed life.**

**Strengthen our hearts to believe your advent promise that we will walk in the way of Christ,**

**whose coming is certain and whose day draws near. Amen.**

### **PROCLAMATION**

Childrens' Ministry time **The Pageant**

One verse of each hymn.

**CP 118** O Come All Ye Faithful



**CP 89** O Come, O come, Emmanuel

**CP 120** O Little Town of Bethlehem

**CP 126** Away in a Manger

**Hymn:** Jesus our brother, strong and good, was humbly born in a stable rude, and the friendly beasts around him stood, Jesus our brother, strong and good.

**Hymn:** Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains, and the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.

Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

**CP 139** The First Noel

**Hymn:** We three kings of Orient are; bearing gifts we traverse afar, field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star. O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright, westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light.

**CP 137** What Child is This?

The Peace

**Congregation**

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Hymn: **CP 130** Born in the Night

**Prayer over the Gifts:**

God of hope, **renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer 3

p. 198

Sanctus **CP 722** (Picardy)

The Lord's Prayer –

by Gordon Light

Communion sentence 5

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*Communion Distributors: Lorne Dearsley, Grant Croswell & Colleen Lissamer*

*During communion the Parish Choir sings; Magnificat* by R.E. Schram

**Prayer after Communion:**

Merciful God, **may this eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen**

Doxology

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## SENDING FORTH

Blessing

Announcements

The Wardens

Commissioning Hymn: **CP 154 Joy to the World**

### COMMISSIONING

May starlight guide your steps towards this place of wonder

May angels sing their news as you travel to the manger

May promise fill these days as we watch at the edge of birth and may  
faith tell you, Emmanuel will be with us soon.

**We go from here in the light and love of God. Amen.**

### TODAY WE PRAY

*Wyoming - (VI, The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Smylie.*

*For Fred our Primate, Logan our Bishop, John our Metropolitan, Revd.*

*Sandra Hounsell-Drover and Deacon Paul Schumacher.*

*For S. Peter, Campbell River & S. Saviour-by-the-Sea, Cortes Island - Philip  
Zimmerman.*

*For the Territory of the People Anglican Church - Bishop Barbara  
Andrews.*

*In the Selkirk region, we pray for St. Peter (Lakehill).*

### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

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

### PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY

*We pray for the Reckie family, the Reitlo family, the Richardson family,  
the Roberts family, the Robertson family, the Robertson family, and the  
Robinson family. May God bring peace and joy to them and their  
extended families.*

### READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

*Advent 4: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16; Ps 89:1-4,19-26; Romans 16: 25-27; Luke  
1:26-38*

*Christmas: Isaiah 9:2-2-7: Ps 96; Titus 2:11-14; Like 2:1-14 (15-20)*

## **SHARED MINISTRY**

### **THIS WEEK**

Tues. Dec. 19, What-sew-ever 10:00, Parish Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Dec. 20, Eucharist 10:00, Yes we Can meeting 1:00 Choir 7:30;  
Thurs. Dec 21, Caroling to our home bound parishioners. Meet at 6:00 pm at the church.  
Sun. Dec. 24, Service Times 9:30 a.m. 6:00 pm 10:00 pm Please note – no 8:30 am service.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**The office will be closed starting Dec. 22 reopening January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018!**

**Last Chance - 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.

### **Christmas Craft Fair update**

Profit from our Craft Fair now stands at \$4028.166. 218 people were served in our lunch room!

### **Caroling**

Our annual Christmas caroling is Thurs. Dec. 21st. Meet at the church. We leave at 6:30 p.m. sharp! We will carpool around the community to sing for and visit with parishioners who are home bound. You don't want to miss this wonderful time to sing all the well-known favourites and bring special cheer to someone's door. No singing experience is necessary! Just a warm heart to share with others. Please sign up in Narthex. Words are provided. Dress warmly and finally, in case of poor weather, CALL THE CHURCH to confirm this event is still proceeding!

# DIRECTORY

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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.**

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| HELP     | SETUP CONTRIBUTIONS | YOUTH CONNECTION   |

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