

# 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***

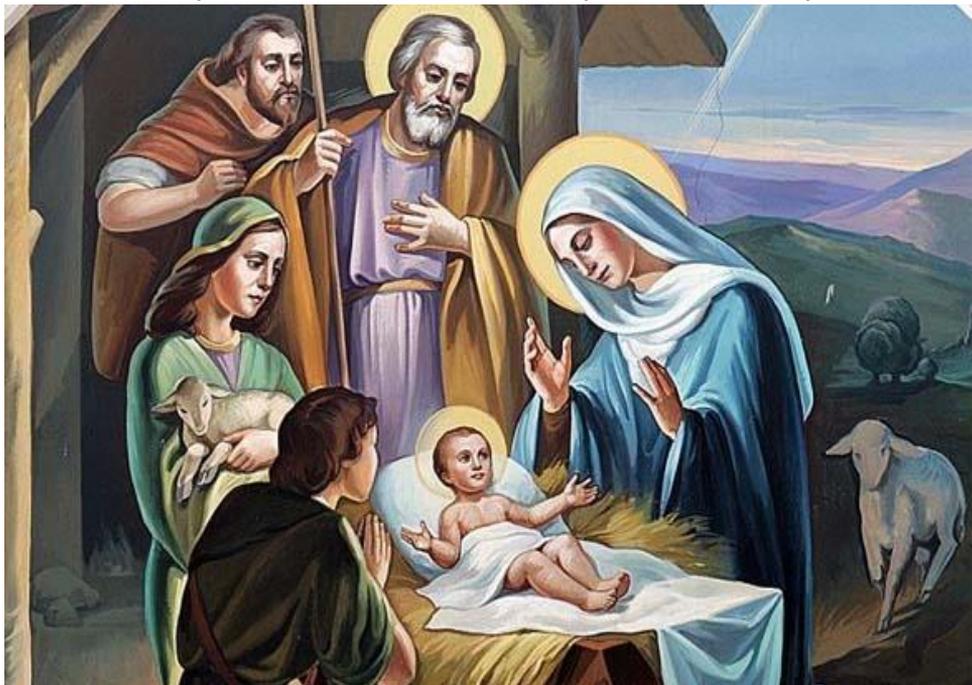
*The Right Rev Dr. Logan McMenamie, Bishop*

*The Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover*

*Rev Paul Schumacher, Deacon*

**December 24, 2017**

**CRECHE, COMMUNION, & CAROLS**



Christmas Day Service 10:30

**Sunday Services** are at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Rite)

10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

**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 tonight.*

### **6:00 p.m. Childrens Christmas Eve**

*Liturgical Assistant - **Mike Armstrong***

*Crucifer - **Maggie Wetherell***

*Sides People - **Tina & Scott Wetherell & Kathy Middleton***

### **THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

Opening Sentence: I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Opening Hymn: **Oh Come, All Ye Faithful**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.

Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

**Refrain:**

**O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.**

God of God, Light of Light,

Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb;

Very God, begotten, not created; **Refrain**

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation;

Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest; **Refrain**

See how the shepherds, summoned to His cradle,

Leaving their flocks, draw nigh to gaze;

We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps; **Refrain**

## **WELCOME**

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love Have Arrived - Lighting the Christ Candle

*Light All 4 Advent Candles – Scott Wetherell*

One: With this lighting of the Christ Candle we rejoice with prophets, angels, and Mary and Joseph in welcoming Christ! Our hope has arrived! Thank you God, for sending us your Son.

*Light the Christ Candle*

One: May this light remind us of the hope we all carry because you love the whole world!

**All: Hope is here. Love is here. Family, is here.**

**For the Lord our God is with us both now and forevermore.**

All Sing: *{Melody: Cradle Song – Away in a Manger}*

**We honor Messiah with Christ's candle flame  
Our Christmas Eve candles glad tidings proclaim  
O Come, all you faithful, rejoice in this night.  
As God comes among us, the Christian's true light.**

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Through the birth of Christ ...

**All: ... God stands with us.**

One: Through the raising of Christ by Mary and Joseph ...

**All: ... God shows faith in us.**

One: We are all family in Christ, and with Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God, for this amazing news!**

**Collect of the Day:** Eternal God, **this holy night is radiant with the brilliance of your one true light. As we have known the revelation of that light on earth, bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**

First Reading Isaiah (9:2-7)

**William Hounsell-Drover**

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.      The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 96      Congregation to say the bolded text.      Mike Armstrong**

O sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples.

**For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**

For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

**Honour and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

Worship the LORD in holy splendour; tremble before him, all the earth.

**Say among the nations, "The LORD is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity."**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

**let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD**

For he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.**

Second Reading Titus (2:11-14)

**Peter Hounsell-Drover**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn “What Child is This”**

What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap lay sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

**Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the son of Mary.**

Why lies he in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear: for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.

**Refrain**

Gospel: Luke 2: 1-20

**Rev Paul Schumacher**

The Lord be with You,

**And Also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke 2:1-14

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be

registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn. In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see--I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!" When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Vs. 3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, come, peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone him. **Refrain**

**Sermon:** Children's Ministry: Dressing of the Crèche

**Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover**

**Response: Once in Royal David's city**

Once in royal David's city  
stood a lowly cattle shed,  
where a mother laid her baby  
in a manger for his bed.  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
who is God and Lord of all,  
and his shelter was a stable,  
and his cradle was a stall.  
With the poor and mean and lowly  
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

Not in that poor lowly stable,  
with the oxen standing by,  
we shall see him, but in heaven,  
set at God's right hand on high,  
when, like stars, his children crowned  
all in white shall gather round.

**Prayers of the People:**

**Kathy Middleton**

Jesus Christ, born in a stable, Be with the poor and homeless this  
Christmas time.

**As we pray, live and give; shine your everlasting light.**

Jesus Christ, born of Mary, be with young mothers across the world this  
Christmas time.

**As we pray, live and give; shine your everlasting light.**

Jesus Christ, visited by Shepherds, be with all who have to work this  
Christmas, and those who long to work.

**As we pray, live and give; shine your everlasting light.**

Jesus Christ, who became a refugee, be with those who fear for their lives, and those who have left homes and families this Christmas.

**As we pray, live and give; shine your everlasting light. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## **CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST**

### **Offertory Hymn "Hark the Herald"**

Hark the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled"  
Joyful, all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With the angelic host proclaim:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem"  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ by highest heav'n adored  
Christ the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold Him come  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see  
Hail the incarnate Deity  
Pleased as one of us to dwell  
Jesus, our Emmanuel  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings  
Ris'n with healing in His wings  
Mild He lays His glory by

Born that we no more may die  
Born to raise each child of earth  
Born to give us second birth  
Hark! The herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"

**Prayer over the Gifts:** Source of light and gladness, **accept all we offer on this joyful feast. May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours; for he is Lord now and forever. Amen.**

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you and praise you, God, for the gift of a world full of wonder and for our lives and friends and families. We raise our voices and sing,

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth receive the King!**

We thank you God, for your gift of love. Sometimes we don't love each other and we fight and argue, and our light grows dim. To help us be loving people, you gave us your Son, Jesus, so that all who follow him might find love again. So we raise our voices and sing,

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come, let earth receive the King!**

We love you so much, Lord, that we sing a special song,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night that Jesus gave up his life for us,  
he sat at supper with his friends.

He took the bread, gave you thanks,  
broke it, and gave it to them.

He said, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:  
this is my body which I give to you."

After supper, he took the cup of wine,  
said the blessing, and gave it to his friends.

He said, "Drink this, all of you:  
this is my blood which I give to you.

This bread and wine, my body and blood,  
are signs that I will live in you and you in me.

Do this in memory of me."

So, we raise our voices and sing,

**Joy to the World, the Lord is come, let earth receive the King!**

We ask that God's Spirit would make these gifts holy.

We ask that God's Spirit would make us holy.

We pray that all who eat at this table may be made stronger and better  
able to follow Jesus. So, we raise our voices and sing,

**Joy to the World, the Lord is come, let earth receive the King!**

We pray all this in the name of our God, God the creator, God, our friend  
Jesus, and God, who lives in us.

*All: Amen.*

### **Lord's Prayer**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen**

### ***BREAKING OF THE BREAD***

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

*Communion Distributors: Graham Terlson & John Hounsell-Drover*

## ***THE COMMUNION***

**Communion Hymns: The First Noel – CP 139**

**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly – CP 125**

**Go tell it on the Mountain**

**Refrain: Go tell it on the Mountain, over the hills and everywhere;  
Go tell it on the Mountain, that Jesus Christ is born.**

While shepherds kept their watching  
Over silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens,  
There shone a holy light: **Refrain**

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo! above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed our Saviour's birth: **Refrain**

Down in a lowly manger  
Our humble Christ was born  
And God send us salvation,  
That blessed Christmas morn: **Refrain**

When I am a seeker,  
I seek both night and day;  
I seek the Lord to help me,  
And He shows me the way: **Refrain**

Prayer after Communion: Radiant God, **with our eyes we have seen your salvation, and in this meal, we have feasted on your grace. May your Word take flesh in us, so that we may be your holy people, revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

## ***SENDING FORTH***

Doxology: **Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

### **Mission Hymn CP 119 "Silent Night"**

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child  
Holy Infant so tender and mild  
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!  
Christ, the Saviour is born, Christ, the Saviour is born.

Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth "

## **COMMISSIONING**

**One:** Go now with joy in your hearts and peace in your mind.  
Go now, looking into each other's eyes as you would the eyes of  
the baby Jesus. Go now with gifts received from God, and gifts of  
love for one another.

**All:** **We Go in Peace. Thanks be to God.**

