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

December 8, 2019

Advent 2



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

10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

Office Hours are Mon to Thurs, 9:00-Noon; **Closed Friday.**

Celtic Eucharist and Gospel Discussion Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO 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.

Canon Trevor Wright preaches and presides at 8:30.

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover preaches and presides at 10:30.

<p>8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer, p. 67</p>
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Isaiah 11:1-10

TBD

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Pg. 418

TBD

Romans 15:4-13

TBD

Matthew 3:1-12

Canon Trevor Wright

Administrator

TBD

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

Liturgical Assistant is Helen Thomas

Sidesperson is Jose Perena Pratt

Director of Music is Nell Howard

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the Lekwungen 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.

Introit: “Emmanuel, God with Us”

Words & Music by Nathan & Christy Nockles. Arranged by Lloyd Larson.

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

Opening Hymn: CP 103 On Jordan’s Bank

Welcome:

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

Azeita Harding

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.

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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 of the day: God of justice, clear our lives of hatred and despair and sow in us seeds of joy and peace; so that shoots of hope may spring forth in us as we await the coming of the Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat @ the Chancel:



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***)

First Reading: *Isaiah 11:1-10*

Donna Brandle

Psalm: *72:1-7, 18-19*

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Second Reading: *Romans 15:4-13*

Carolyn Hamar

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

(Verses 1-2 before the gospel; verses 3-4 following.)

Gospel Hymn Cont'd:

Sermon:

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Apostles Creed:

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People:

Sheila Dearsley

Confession & Absolution:

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The Peace:

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: G 812 A Place at the Table

For ev'ryone born, a place at the table,
for ev'ryone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for ev'ryone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:

***and God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy:***

***yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!***

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
for woman and man, a system that's fair, ***(Refrain)***

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong, **(Refrain)**

For just and unjust, a place at the table,
abuser, abused, with need to forgive,
in anger, in hurt, a mindset of mercy,
for just and unjust, a new way to live, **(Refrain)**

For ev'ryone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
for ev'ryone born, the right to be free, **(Refrain)**

Prayer over the Gifts: *(Sung)*

**What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;
yet what I can, I give him - give my heart.**

Eucharistic Prayer #1:

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Sanctus: *('Hark the Herald Angels Sing' Melody)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might adored
heaven and earth are shining bright with the glory of your light!
Loud hosannas now we sing! In the highest may they ring!
Blessed is the Coming One, Christ, Emmanuel, your Son.
Glory in the highest! Holy God, your name be blessed.**

Eucharistic prayer continues...

Acclamation: *('We Three Kings' Melody)*

**Dying Christ destroyed our death. Rising Christ restores our life.
Christ will come again in glory, raising us all to life.
Oh, God of power, God of might, God of love, our hearts delight:
Feed us, guide us, walk beside us, bless us with our gentle light.**

Eucharistic prayer continues...

Great Amen: (*‘Infant Holy Infant Lowly’ Melody*)

God our Mother, Christ our Brother, Spirit in these gifts you vow: by your giving, in our living, we become your body now. Bread is broken, light revealing; word is spoken for our healing. Make us all your body now. Amen. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer: (David Haas)

Breaking of the Bread #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: **Sheila & Lorne Dearsley, & Rose Chandler**

Choir Anthem: Light Dawns on a Weary World

Words by Mary Louise Bringle. Music by William Rowan. Arranged by Bradley Ellingboe.

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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SENDING FORTH

Blessing:

Shared Ministry:

Commissioning Hymn: CP 91 People Look East

Commissioning: May God, who gives us patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus. And may God fill you completely with joy and peace as you trust in God, so that your lives overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We go in hope and peace with a God who goes with us.

~Coffee, tea, and juice are served in the Main Hall after the service~



TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for the work of the Mothers' Union around the world.

For Linda our Primate, Melissa our Metropolitan,

Logan our Bishop, Sandra our Rector, & Paul our Associate Priest.

For S. Mary, Nanoose Bay & the Diocese of Yukon.

In the Selkirk Region for S. Michael & All Angels, Royal Oak.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

Joan, Maureen, Elmer & Alice, Barney, Joan & Don, Anthony, Lucy, Dode, Barb, Bonnie, Scott, Sarah, Kim, Helen, & Mae.

SHARED MINISTRY

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, Dec. 10 – What-Sew-Ever, 10 am;

Wednesday, Dec. 11 –Midweek Eucharist, 10 am; Choir, 7:30 pm;
Ladies Guild, 1:30 pm

Friday, Dec. 13– Office is closed; Rev. Sandra's day off;

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Is 35:1-10; Magnificat (Lk 1:47-55); Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11



MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Dec. 10: What-Sew-Ever, 10 am

Dec. 11: Ladies Guild Christmas, 1:30 pm

Dec. 13: Scrap & Chat, 9:30 am

Dec. 15: Hanging of the Greens Service, 10 am

Dec. 17: What-Sew-Ever, 10 am; Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm

Dec. 19: Christmas Caroling, 6 pm

Dec. 20: Scrap & Chat, 9:30 **TBD**

Dec. 22: Baptism Sunday; Pageant Sunday; Bishop Logan visits

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Services at 6 & 10 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU! - Thank you to all those who helped make our “Afternoon of Story and Song” on December 1 a success. A total of \$505.20 was received with \$350.10 for the Goldstream food bank and \$155.10 for the VIRCC.

MEN’S FELLOWSHIP – We want to hear from the men in our parish. Are you interested in any type of men’s gathering and fellowship? Please consider filling out our survey so we can better meet the needs of those who wish to participate in more fellowship time. If you haven’t yet received the survey, you can grab one from Rev. Dr. Paul’s mailbox and return it there once it is filled in. *There is no need to sign your name to the survey.*

NEW EMAIL – The church office has a new email address. Emails sent to adventoffice@shaw.ca are now being automatically forwarded to our new address, which is admin@colwoodanglican.ca. We kindly ask that you please update your address books.

SCRAP & CHAT – The group will meet this Friday in the Main Hall at 9:30 am. There will be a discussion about further meeting times this December and into the New Year.

CAKES FOR CARING – Beginning in January, Church of the Advent will begin a brand-new outreach program. Once a month, we will bake and deliver a cake to various First Responders and volunteers serving our community. This is a gesture of thanks and acknowledgement for their time and service. If you are interested in participating in either the delivering, baking, or both, please indicate so on the sign-up sheet which will be out in the Narthex.

PASTORAL LETTERS – Please pick up your Christmas pastoral letter which is now available in the Narthex. Included with your letter is a special at home leaflet that takes you on a journey through the season of Advent.

CAROLING – Our annual Christmas caroling is **Thurs., Dec. 19th**. Meet at the church at **6 p.m.** 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 the Narthex. Words are provided. Dress warmly (according to the weather). In case of poor weather, CALL THE CHURCH to confirm this event is still proceeding! Join us afterwards at Larry & Joan's for some fellowship time and treats!

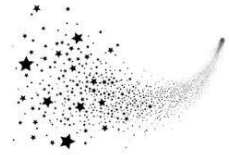
HANUKKAH INVITE - You are invited to join Congregation Emanu-El Synagogue for a joyous Hanukkah Lighting on Sunday, December 22 from 5:00 pm at Centennial Square, Victoria. We are pleased to announce that once again our musical headliner will be the ever-popular **Victoria High Rhythm and Blues Band**. And, of course, *sufganiyot* (traditional doughnuts) will be served up to enhance the holiday spirit! For more information please contact Congregation Emanu-El via email info@congregationemanuel.ca or by telephone at 250-382-0615.

CHURCH CALENDARS - Looking for some stocking stuffer and gift ideas for your friends, colleagues and neighbours? Why not a 2020 Anglican Church calendar? They're only \$6 each. You can pick one up at the office anytime through the week, or call and have Caroline set one aside for you.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Award-winning Tenore, Daniel Lapp's Joy of Life choir and gospel singer, Charlotte Martin will be bringing it on with their festive Community Christmas concert at **First Metropolitan United Church** on **Dec. 10th @7:00 pm**. Doors open at 6:15 pm. Always a heart-warming addition for concert goers at Christmas time, Tenore's powerhouse vocals are now sought after across North America and around the world. Add to that the amazing sounds of Daniel Lapp's Joy of Life Choir and the sizzling red-hot gospel vocals of Charlotte Martin, and you will not want to miss this concert. Admission is by free voucher only, available at Ivy's Books, Christian Book and Music, St Philips and St. Johns Anglican churches, First Met, Cordova Bay, Centennial and Oak Bay United churches. **Church of the Advent also has some free vouchers hanging on the bulletin board in the Narthex.** Get your vouchers now as they will go fast!

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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.***

NEWCOMER

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

COURSE INFORMATION

HELP

SETUP CONTRIBUTIONS

YOUTH CONNECTION

Name	
Address	Postal Code
Email	Phone

We ask congregants to limit the use of fragrances.

THANK YOU!