

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

The Rev Dr. Paul Schumacher, Associate Priest

December 2, 2018

Advent I & Confirmation

One step in a
lifelong
adventure of
faith



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 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.

A special welcome to Archbishop Caleb & Mrs. Maureen Lawrence.

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.

Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher preaches and presides at 8:30.

Archbishop Caleb Lawrence preaches and presides at 10:00.

<p>8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer, p. 67</p>
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Jeremiah 33:14-16

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Ps 25:1-10 Pg. 358

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1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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Luke 21:25-36

Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher

Administrator

TBA

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

Narthex Greeter is Suzanne Tyler

Liturgical Assistant is Mike Armstrong

Sidespeople are Eleanore, Emily & Jason Szabo

Acolyte is Peter Hounsell-Drover

Director of Music is Nell Howard

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet together, we begin by remembering the people of the Songhees Nation, 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: How Beautiful are the Feet

Kathy Middleton

From the Messiah by GF Handel

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, 10*

Opening Hymn: CP 89 O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs 1,2,3,5,7)

Welcome:

Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Greeting:

Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover

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

And also with you.

There is one body and one Spirit,

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

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

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

Kat Mason

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 of the Day:

Archbishop: 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.**

Collect for Confirmation:

Archbishop: Almighty God,
grant that we who have been buried with Christ in baptism
may be raised with him to newness of life.
Renew us by the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may live in righteousness and true holiness,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat @ the Chancel:

Rev Dr Paul Schumacher

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.**

First Reading: *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

William Dolan

For the Word of God is scripture,
for the Word of God is among us,
for the Word of God is within us.

Thanks Be to God.

Psalm: *25:1-10*

Pg. 733

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 3:9-13*

Jill Dolan

For the Word of God is scripture,
for the Word of God is among us,
for the Word of God is within us.

Thanks Be to God.

Gospel Hymn: **My Lord, What a Morning (An 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: *Luke 21:25-36*

Andrew Dolan

Gospel Hymn Cont'd:

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**)

Sermon:

Bishop Caleb Lawrence

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION

(Mentors stand before the Archbishop.)

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

Mentors: We present these persons for Confirmation: Teaghan Dillon, Taylor Gossman, Emily Szabo, Eleanor Szabo, William Dolan, Jill Dolan and Suzanne Dolan.

Rev John H-D: I present Andrew Dolan to be received into this Communion.

(Mentors stand to one side. Candidates for Confirmation & Reception Stand.)

Archbishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Response: **I do.**

Archbishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Response: I do.

Archbishop: 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 Archbishop addresses the congregation, saying,)

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

People: We will.

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

The Baptismal Covenant:

Archbishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

All: 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.

Archbishop: 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.

Archbishop: 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.

Archbishop: 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.

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

All: I will, with God's help.

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

All: I will, with God's help.

Archbishop: 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.

Archbishop: 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:

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

Kathy M.: That the Holy Spirit may open their hearts to your grace and truth; in your mercy.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Kathy M.: That they may be kept in the faith and communion of your holy Church; in your mercy.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Kathy M.: That they may be brought to the fullness of your peace and glory; in your mercy.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

(The Archbishop lays his hand upon each for Confirmation and says,)

Archbishop: 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 Archbishop lays his hands upon Andrew for reception into the Anglican Communion:)

Archbishop: (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.**

(At this time, Archbishop Lawrence will invite anyone who would like to come forward for reaffirmation of their own Confirmation and faith journey.)

Archbishop: 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.**

Sharing the Peace:

Rev Dr Paul Schumacher

Archbishop: The God who holds heaven and earth as one sent to us the Prince of Peace:
peace in the Church,
peace among nations,
peace in our homes and
peace in our hearts.
The peace of Christ 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: Teaghan Dillon & Taylor Gossman

Prayer over the Gifts: *(Archbishop)* God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Saviour and 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 indeed right 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.

You made us in your image.

And even though we turn from you,
again and again you call us to yourself,
and in every age, promise liberation.

As a mother gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own
to nurture them in the way of compassionate love.

You sent Jesus among us,
incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary.
Jesus revealed your love for all Creation,
and showed us the way of reconciliation.

Having lived among us –
Jesus suffered the cross,
Died,
And in rising again
became the firstborn of the renewed family.

Your Holy Spirit descended and gave life to your church.
And so we gather around your table,
with all the saints and with all Creation
We sing the hymn of your unending love:

Sanctus:

**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.**

To you be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died,
Jesus took bread, when he had given 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 thanks,
he gave it to them and said: Drink this all of you.
This is my blood of the new covenant
Poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

(singing) **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.

Recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we ask you to accept this, our sacrifice of praise.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son.
Unite us in Christ and give us your love
that we might be strengthened to do your work
as your body in the world.

Through Christ our Redeemer,
in the power of the Spirit,
all praise and glory be yours, Creator God,
now and forever.

(singing) **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: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray (*David Haas*)

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.*

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.

The Communion:

Communion Distributors: **Joan Hoffman & TBA**

Parish Choir sings at Communion: **Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

By Taylor Davis

Prayer after Communion: (*Archbishop*) 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: 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.

SENDING FORTH

Blessing:

Archbishop Lawrence

Shared Ministry:

Rev Sandra Hounsell-Drover

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.

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.**

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.

(Refrain)

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.

(Refrain)

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 lift.

(Refrain)

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.

Commissioning: 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 for coffee, tea, or juice after the service.

TODAY WE PRAY

For the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (E-P to the Archbishop of Canterbury), & for The Rt Revd Carlos Lopez-Lozano.

For Fred our Primate, Melissa our Metropolitan, Logan our Bishop, Sandra our Rector, & Paul our Associate Priest.

For Military Chaplains.

In the Selkirk Region for Ecumenical and Inter-faith partners.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

Joan, Maureen, Brad & Tytti, Elmer & Alice, Allen, Sharron & Derek, Jayne, Scarlett, Pat, Sharon, Christina, Brian, Mark, Tyler, Joan & Don, Rose & Bernie.

Our Confirmation & Reception Candidates: Teaghan, Jill, Suzanne, William, Taylor, Emily, Eleanor, & Andrew.

SHARED MINISTRY

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, Dec. 4 – Whatsewaver, 10 a.m.; Priory, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 5 - Mid-week Eucharist, 10 a.m.; Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 7 - Office is closed; Rev. Sandra's day off.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Baruch 5:1-9; Canticle 19; Philipians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- Dec. 4:** Priory visit at 10:30 a.m.
Dec. 9: Hanging of the Greens Service
Dec. 12: Ladies Guild Meeting at 1 p.m.
Dec. 16: Pageant Sunday
Dec. 18: Parish Council Meeting at 7 p.m.
Dec. 19: Yes We Can! at 1 p.m.
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Services at 6 & 10 p.m.
- Jan 15:** Parish Council Meeting at 7 p.m.
Jan. 16: Yes We Can! at 1 p.m.
Jan. 20: Jazz Vespers at 7 p.m.
Jan 23: Ladies Guild Luncheon, Noon to 1 p.m.
Jan. 28: Blood Services Clinic, Noon – 6:45 p.m.

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