

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.

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover preaches & presides today.

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion
Book of Common Prayer, p. 67

Job 38: 1-7

Psalms 104:1-9, 25, 37b pg 462

Hebrews 5:1-10

Mark 10:35-45

Administrator

Suzanne Bullen

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Sheila Bull

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Bill Bull

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

Liturgical Assistant is Jim Hamar

Sidesperson is Liz Garland

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.

Sentence of the day: The Son of man came also not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Opening Hymn: CP 419 Let All Creation Bless the Lord

Greeting:

Friends, we gather together this morning to proclaim the ways in which God is working within our midst.

We have been blessed by God!

We gather together to give thanks for the ways in which God is working within our midst.

We are being blessed by God!

We gather together to open our eyes to the ways God is using us to work within our midst.

We will continue to be blessed by God!

God has given us so much and is very much alive, at work and still speaking among us. We are called to give back.

We are called to be good stewards; good stewards of our time, of our resources and of our energy.

Let us give thanks to our God of blessings and affirm our commitment to the ministry God is calling us into.

Let us give thanks to God!

Let us proclaim our faith in God!

Let us worship God!

Hymn of Praise: CP 601 God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Centering Stillness: Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God.
(Silence)

Collect of the Day: Almighty and ever living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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:



Hymn: I Thank you, Thank you, Jesus

I thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I thank you, thank you, Jesus, in my heart.
I thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I thank you, thank you, Jesus,
I thank you, thank you, Jesus, in my heart.

Asante sana Yesu,
Asante sana Yesu,
Asante sana Yesu, mo-yo-ni.
Asante sana Yesu,
Asante sana Yesu,
Asante sana Yesu, mo-yo-ni.

Reading: Job 38:1-7

Jose Perena Pratt

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: Psalm 104:1-9, 25, 37b

Pg. 843

Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

Helen Thomas

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thanks Be to God.

Gospel Hymn: CP 500 Sister Let Me Be Your Servant

(Verses 1-3 before the Gospel; verses 4-6 following the Gospel.)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Sermon:

Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover

Treasurer's Update:

Prayers of the People:

Neil Mikkonen

Confession & Absolution:

Holy One, we long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace.

To serve each other in love and humility. To serve your world with wisdom and energy.

Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love.

Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone.

Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail.

But your abundant grace is strong and eternal, and forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.

The Peace:

God makes peace within us. Let us claim it.

God makes peace between us. Let us share it.

Let us greet one another as a sign of God's peace.

The Peace of God be always with you.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: CP 73 One Bread, One Body

Prayer over the Gifts: Eternal God, your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #4:

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord: CP 719

Lord's Prayer: By Gordon Light

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.

Communion Distributors:

Joan Hoffman, Linda & Bill Van Sickle

Parish Choir sings at Communion:

Surely Goodness and Mercy by John W. Peterson

Prayer after Communion: God of peace, **you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus 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:

Shared Ministry:

Commissioning Hymn: CP 509 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Commissioning: Let us go out with joy awakened to the treasure within and around us, to bring transformation, challenge and hope to the world. And may the abundant blessings of God, Source, Saviour and Spirit be ours today and always.

**We go in the peace of Christ to love and serve all creation. Amen.
Alleluia!**

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



TODAY WE PRAY

For The Church of the Province of West Africa. For The Most Revd Daniel Sarfo, Primate & Metropolitan, CPWA, Archbishop of the Internal province of Ghana and Bishop of Kumasi.

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

For S. Luke, Victoria (Rectors Daniel Fournier & Don Walls), & Territory of the People Anglican Church (Bishop Barbara Andrews).

In the Selkirk Region for St. Peter & St. Paul, Esquimalt.

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, Joan & Don.

Our Confirmation Candidates: Teaghan, Jill, Suzanne, William, Taylor, Emma, & Ella.



SHARED MINISTRY

THIS WEEK:

Tuesday, Oct. 23 – What-Sew-Ever at 10 a.m.; Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.; Confirmation class 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 24 - Mid-week Eucharist at 10 a.m.; Ladies Guild Lunch; Choir 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 25 – Safe Church Workshop 9:00 a.m.

Friday, October 26 - Office is closed; Rev. Sandra’s day off.

Saturday, October 27 – Messy Church 4:30-6:30 p.m.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Ps 34:1-8; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 46-52

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Oct. 21: Parish Thanksgiving Pot-Luck Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 23: Parish Council Meeting 7 p.m.; Confirmation class at 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 24: Ladies Guild Luncheon, noon – 1 p.m.

Oct. 25: Safe Church Workshop 9 a.m. - noon

Oct. 27: Messy Church, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 30: Confirmation class at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 1: All Souls Service at 7:00 p.m. in St. Matthews Chapel

Nov. 5: Blood Services

Nov. 6: Priority; Confirmation class at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 11: Remembrance Day (only one service)

Nov. 12: Statutory holiday. Office is closed.

Nov. 13: Confirmation class at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 16: Set-up for Christmas Craft Fair

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Nov. 18: Jazz Vespers at 7:00 p.m. Kathryn Le Gros with Brok & Blue

Nov. 20: Parish Council Meeting; Confirmation class at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 21: Yes We Can! 1 p.m.

Nov. 27: Confirmation class at 6:30 p.m.

Nov. 28: Ladies Guild Luncheon noon – 1 p.m.

Nov. 29: FOCUS Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MESSY CHURCH – On Oct. 27th from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Church of the Advent and Gordon Street United Church are hosting their “All Hallow’s Eve Party!” You and your family are invited to come and make crafts, carve a pumpkin, play games, worship and have dinner. Come in Halloween costume or dressed as your favourite saint! Free as always, bring a friend or extend a special invite to a family you know. Everyone is welcome!

SAFE CHURCH WORKSHOP – On Oct. 25th from 9 am until noon, the Diocese is conducting a Safe Church workshop in the Main Hall. If you are interested or required in attending, please let Caroline in the office know. Registration deadline is Oct. 23rd. **All people working with children, Council or money; or visiting our homebound parishioners need to have an updated Safe Church Certificate. If you already have a Safe Church Certificate but it has been more than three years, you are required to re-take the workshop.**

ALL SOULS SERVICE – We will honour the commemoration of All Souls on Thursday, Nov. 1st at 7:00 in the evening. We will take the opportunity to remember all the faithful departed. If there is a name you would like remembered during this liturgy, please include it on the list in the Narthex.

THANKSGIVING PASTORAL LETTER – Please remember to pick yours up in the Narthex.

2019 Calendars – The 2019 Anglican Edition calendars are now available for purchase at \$6 each. You can pick one up on Sundays over the next few weeks in the Narthex before or after the service. Payment may be deposited into the provided envelope. During the week they are available in the church office from 9 a.m. until noon.

PARISH THANKSGIVING DINNER – We look forward to seeing everyone at the Parish Thanksgiving Dinner this Sunday the 21st! It’s not too late to sign up if you haven’t already. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

REMEMBRANCE DAY – Please note that on November 11th, there will be only one combined service due to other Remembrance Day services taking place at the local cenotaphs.

MEN’S BREAKFAST – Please note that the men’s breakfast has been cancelled indefinitely until further given notice.

SOUTH ISLAND CENTRE FOR COUNSELLING & TRAINING – Is holding its *4th Annual Fundraising Gala!* Join in the celebrations on Saturday, October 27th, 2018 at the Delta Ocean Pointe (Harbour Room) from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. The keynote speaker is John Bateman; artist, public figure and spokesperson for AnxietyBC. Tickets are \$95 per person and include buffet dinner and dessert, client testimonials, door prizes and live music. Complimentary underground parking is available too. Tickets may be purchased directly via telephone at 250-472-3851 ext. 101 or from the office at 3821A Cedar Hill X Road.

Comedy Corner

The pastor was preparing pancakes for her young sons when the boys began arguing over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

“If Jesus were sitting here,” she told them, “he would say, ‘Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.’”

The younger boy turned to his brother and said, “You be Jesus.”

Mrs. Smartt was fumbling in her purse for her offering when a large television remote fell out and clattered into the aisle.

The curious usher bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered, “Do you always carry your TV remote to church?”

“No,” she replied, “but my husband refused to come with me this morning, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally.”

Our 32nd Annual Christmas Fair

Nov. 17, 2018

- **Help is needed!**
- **Sign-up today!**
- **Set-up - Fri. (16th)**
6:30 p.m.
- **Come join the fun!**
- **Baking & Jams (Jellies, Chutneys etc.)** - all donations gratefully received. Baking needed for the Lunch & the Bake Table.
- **Posters** - help yourself to 1 or 2 for posting!



Our Christmas Fair is only a few weeks away so mark your calendars!

More info needed? Contact Mary Wills, Bev Somers, Donna Brandle, Barb Gossman, Darleen Terlson or Liz Garland.

LUNCH & Afternoon tea starting at 11 a.m. Bring your friends, family, neighbours!



DIRECTORY

<i>Church Office</i>	<i>Mon. – Thurs. 9 a.m. till Noon</i>	<i>250-474-3031</i>
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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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| 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!