



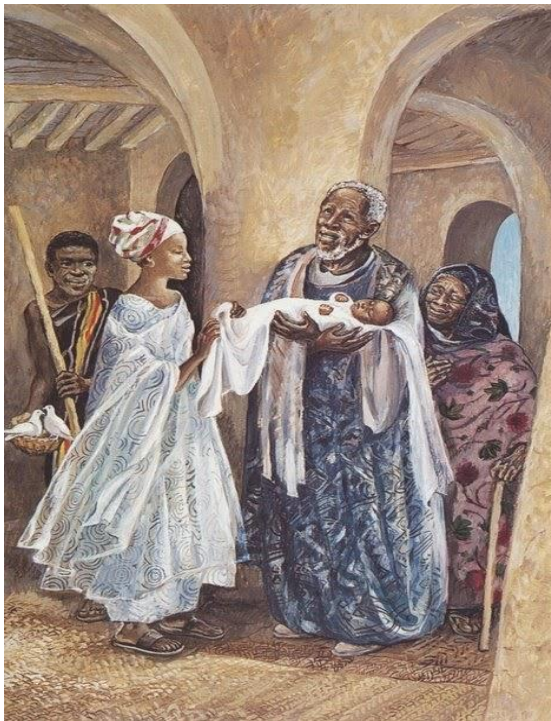
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***“Together in Christ  
we seek to love God and  
to love and serve all others”***

**February 2, 2020**

**Presentation of the Lord in the Temple**



**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.*

*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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*Malachi 3:1-4*

*Psalms 24 Pg. 357*

*Hebrews 2:14-18*

*Luke 2:22-40*

*Administrator*

*Jill Dolan*

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*William Dolan*

*Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover*

*Bill Bull*

<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*

*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 speaking 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.

**Sentence of the Day:** This is a light to reveal God to the nations and the glory of his people Israel.

**Opening Hymn:** CP 489 From the Falter of Breath

**Greeting:**

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. Amen.**

The Lord of glory be with you.

**The Lord bless you.**

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this eucharist, we celebrate the joy of his coming, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

**Hymn of Praise:** CP 266 “Lord, Let Your Servant Go in Peace”

**Collect of the day:** Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

**Chat @ the Chancel:**



## **Hymn: This Little Light of Mine**

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine. Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

**First Reading:** *Malachi 3:1-4*

**Helen Thomas**

**Psalm:** *Psalm 24*

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**Second Reading:** *Hebrews 2:14-18*

**Carolyn Hamar**

**Gospel Hymn:** **CP 439 Blest are the Pure in Heart**

(Verses 1 & 2 prior, and verses 3 & 4 following the Gospel.)

**Gospel Reading:** *Luke 2:22-40*

**Mary Wills**

**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:**

Joan Hoffman

**Confession & Absolution:**

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**The Peace:**

**THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

**Offertory Hymn: CP 73 One Bread, One Body**

**Prayer over the Gifts: Almighty God, accept the joyful offering of your Church, and grant that your Son may shine in us as the light that lightens every nation. We ask this in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer #3:**

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**Sanctus: MV 206**

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might;  
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the One who comes, who comes in God's name.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Lord's Prayer:**

**Breaking of the Bread #6:**

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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:* **Rose Chandler, Lorne Dearsley,  
& Graham Terlson**

*Choir Anthem:* **City of God**  
By David Haas

**Prayer after Communion:** God for whom we wait, **you fulfilled the hope of Simeon, who did not die till he had welcomed the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that we in Christ may share in your eternal kingdom; for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Doxology:**

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### **SENDING FORTH**

**Blessing:**

**Shared Ministry:**

**Commissioning Hymn: G 598 O God Beyond all Praising**

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honour and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,  
its fragile bloom surrender to you the Lord most high;  
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown -  
though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:  
for Christ the Man from heaven from death has set us free,  
and we through him are given the final victory!

Then hear, O gracious Saviour, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favour may serve you as our king;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

**Commissioning:**

May Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance and scatter  
the darkness from your path.

**Amen.**

May Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, gladden your eyes and warm your  
heart.

**Amen.**

May Christ, the Dayspring from on high, draw near to guide your feet into  
the way of peace.

**Amen.**

Go forth in the light and peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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



**TODAY WE PRAY**

*Pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi.*

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

*For S. Barnabas, Victoria & the Diocese of New Westminster.*

*In the Selkirk Region for Holy Trinity, Sooke.*

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

*Joan, Maureen, Elmer & Alice, Lucy, Barb, Scott, Sarah, Kim, Peter,  
Mike, & Barbara.*

***SHARED MINISTRY***

**THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, Feb. 4**– Priory, 10:30 am; What-Sew-Ever, 10 am

**Wednesday, Feb. 5** – Choir, 7:30 pm

**Thursday, Feb. 6** – Book Club, 10 am

**Friday, Feb. 7** – Parish office is closed. Rev. Sandra’s day off.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Is 58:1-9a; Ps 112:1-9; 1 Cor 2:1-12; Mt 5:13-20



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**Feb. 4:** Priory, 10:30 am; What-Sew-Ever, 10 am

**Feb. 6:** Book Club, 10 am; **AGM Reports Due**

**Feb. 11:** What-Sew-Ever plus Scrap & Chat

**Feb. 12:** Ladies Guild Meeting, 1:30 pm

**Feb. 16:** Jazz Vespers with Maureen Washington, 7 pm

**Feb. 18:** What-Sew-Ever; Parish Council, 7 pm

**Feb. 23:** One service at 9:30 am; **AGM**; “Bunwich Lunch”

**Feb. 25:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch, 12 – 1 pm

**Mar. 1:** Newcomers Lunch after 10 am service in Room C

**Mar. 3:** Priory, 10:30 am; Lenten Bible Study; What-Sew-Ever, 10 am

**Mar. 5:** Book Club, 10 am in the Main Hall

**Mar. 8:** Greater Victoria Police Chorus Concert, 2 pm

**Mar. 10:** What-Sew-Ever plus Scrap & Chat; Lenten Bible Study

**Mar. 14:** Dessert & Silent Auction, 7 pm

**Mar. 15:** Jazz Vespers with Kathryn Le Gros, 7 pm



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CORONAVIRUS PRECAUTIONS** - As influenza season is upon us, and as the most recent strain (Novel Coronavirus, 2019-nCoV) is spread globally, we'd like to encourage all parishioners to pay special attention to attending to their personal health and sanitary habits. If you are feeling even slightly unwell, please do not attend worship or church events. Please wash your hands frequently and make use of the hand sanitizer at entrances to church buildings as you enter or depart. It is the policy of the diocese that "intinction" (dipping the bread in the wine during communion) is NOT an acceptable practice as the risk of spreading viruses is greater from fingertips in the common cup than it is from sipping (when proper use of purificators and wiping is utilized). Remember, Anglican sacramental theology asserts that receiving just the bread is still considered full communion. During The Peace, please respect others' choice to bow or nod rather than shake hands. If the whole community is conscientious, we can protect our children, elderly, and those with compromised immune systems from becoming ill this flu season.

**AGM** – On February 23<sup>rd</sup> we will have one service at 9:30 am, followed by our Annual General Meeting. **Please send in your reports to the parish office by no later than February 6<sup>th</sup>.** We also kindly ask that you send your reports in a **Word Document**. Please no PDFs or text written in the body of an email. Thank you!

**NEXT "BUNWICH LUNCH"** – We were pleased to receive such a positive response for last Sunday's "Bunwich Lunch." Thank you to everyone who brought food to contribute. Our next "Bunwich Lunch" will follow the AGM on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. We kindly ask again for parishioners to bring sandwich items.

**DESSERT & SILENT AUCTION** - Mark your calendars for our Dessert & Silent Auction, scheduled to take place on Saturday March 14th at 7pm in the Main Hall. This provides a fun evening out for you and your friends to come and bid on decadent treats and an assortment of other unique

treasures! Tickets are \$5 each which also includes your first glass of wine! They can be purchased in the parish office or through Joan Hoffman.

**Regarding Donations:** *If you have any items at home that you would like considered for the silent auction, please call Joan at 250-474-5446. Also, we are planning to create beautiful **theme baskets** to auction off. We welcome any donated items to contribute to the baskets, or you can create an entire theme basket on your own. Empty baskets will be available in the Narthex if you need them. Some basket theme ideas are: Wine, Spa, Coffee/Tea, Garden, Movie Night, Sports, and Candy.*

**POLICE CHORUS CONCERT** – The Greater Victoria Police Chorus is back again, in concert, on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm! Tickets are now available for purchase in the office from Monday to Thursday, 9 am until noon. You may also contact Jose for tickets at 250-744-3025 or 250-857-3025. They are \$15 if purchased in advance and \$20 at the door.

**NEWCOMERS LUNCH** – We are pleased to invite you to our annual Newcomers Lunch, hosted by Bob and Donna Brandle, on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, after coffee time in the Main Hall. We will assemble in Room C at 11:45 am. Lunch will be provided and there is no need for you to bring anything. After lunch you will be provided with a short history of the parish, and tour around some significant elements of the facility. The lunch and tour will conclude by 1:30 pm.

Please note that even if you have attended the church for several years but have not yet had the opportunity to attend a Newcomers Lunch, we invite you to join in anyway. It is fun, informative and gives us an opportunity to get to know you better!

For more information please contact Bob Brandle at 250-478-0264 or email [bobbrandle@shaw.ca](mailto:bobbrandle@shaw.ca).

**SHROVE TUESDAY** – February 25<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 1 pm is our annual pancake lunch. Admission is \$6 per person. If you have any baked goods to donate to our baking table, please feel free to bring them in that day! Also, please note that the monthly luncheon that would have been scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup> is cancelled.

**JAZZ VESPERS** - We are very excited to announce that the amazingly talented Jazz songstress, Maureen Washington, returns to Church of the Advent on Sunday, February 16th for our Jazz Vespers service. If you have not had the opportunity to hear Maureen in concert before, this is an opportunity you won't want to miss. To read her bio, visit: [www.colwoodanglican.ca](http://www.colwoodanglican.ca).

**JOIN OUR NEW BOOK CLUB!** Beginning February 6th, 10 am in the Main Hall, we will have a monthly book club gathering. The group will plan to meet on the first Thursday of every month.

Do you find yourself shying away from most book clubs because you don't always care for the chosen literature, and would end up having to force yourself to finish it on time (or perhaps look online for the Coles notes version)? Well, this book club is entirely different. You get to read whatever you want, gather with the group, and share your thoughts on the book while enjoying coffee/tea and social time. You can even exchange books with other group members. This is intended to be light, fun and enjoyable for everyone. Even if you are not a big reader, this may be a great opportunity to dip your toe in and explore books that inspire you! Why not come out and give it a try?

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** - What part, if any, does the Bible play in your spiritual life? Are you getting something of value from it? Do you think you could get more? Is any of it confusing or troubling? You are invited to a **5-week interactive workshop**, led by new member Bill Geimer and based on Martin Borg's *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time* and Karen Armstrong's *The Bible: A Biography*. A purpose of the workshop is to explore a bit of how the bible came to be, and the spiritual paths that may be opened to us by looking at it differently. The workshop will begin on **March 3<sup>rd</sup>** and run for 5 weeks. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex where you can also indicate your preference for a daytime or evening session. Please direct any questions to Bill at [tarheel@shaw.ca](mailto:tarheel@shaw.ca) or call 250-642-0185.

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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!**