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

**December 15, 2019**

**Advent 3**



**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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*Isaiah 35:1-10*

*Luke 1:46b-55 Pg. 21*

*James 5:7-10*

*Matthew 11:2-11*

*Administrator*

*Suzanne Bullen*

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*Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover*

*Eric Spurling*

<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 Donna Brandle*

*Accolyte is Sera Lowry*

*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 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: O Emmanuel**

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

**Opening Responses:** In the days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hill; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say:

**"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that God may teach us God's ways and that we may walk in God's paths."**

A child or youth says: With what shall we come to God's house?

Bring branches of cedar and holly, bring evergreens and a pine tree, hang wreaths and garlands.

**Make the church fragrant with the smell of living things and our holy play. In acts of hanging greens and listening to the words of prophets and seers let us make our hearts and this space a place of inward and outward preparation for the One who comes to give us second birth.**

## **Opening Hymn: CP 427 All Beautiful the March of Days**

### **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

## **Third Sunday of Advent - The Promise of Joy**

**TBD**

Advent is a time for God's people to reawaken their longings.

**Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

In the darkness, we long to see the light.

**Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

In the silence, we long for a comforting word.

**Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

In hardship, we long for an act of love.

**Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

In Christ, we celebrate and rejoice in the promise of joy.

**Sorrow may last for a night, but joy comes in the morning.**

## **Candle Lighting**

Today we light **three candles**. The first candle radiates the hope given through Jesus Christ. The second candle calls us to embrace and extend Christ's peace to an unsettled world. The third candle extends the promise of joy to restless souls. Though darkness is present and earthly trials weigh heavy, the promise of Advent offers true joy that sustains a weary people.

### **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 Lord, **our joy is found in you, for not only did you enter into this world, but you became the hope of the world. From the cradle to the cross, you invite us to share in your victory. This is the fountain from which our joy flows. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.**

**Collect of the day:** God of glory and compassion, **at your touch the wilderness blossoms. Grant perseverance and patience to all who long for your Son's return, so that we may announce in word and deed the good news of the kingdom. We ask this through Christ whose day draws near. 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)***

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,  
telling the world that the Saviour is born. ***(Refrain)***

**First Reading: *Isaiah 35:1-10***

**Joan Hoffman**

**The Poinsettia: A Symbol of the Unexpected**

**Sung Magnificat: G 102 *Luke 1:46b – 55***

My soul is filled with joy  
as I sing to God my savior:  
you have looked upon your servant,  
you have visited your people.

***Refrain:***

***And holy is your name  
through all generations!  
Everlasting is your mercy  
to the people you have chosen,  
and holy is your name.***

I am lowly as a child,  
but I know from this day forward  
that my name will be remembered,  
for all will call me blessed. ***(Refrain)***

I proclaim the pow'r of God,  
you do marvels for your servants;  
though you scatter the proud-hearted  
and destroy the might of princes. **(Refrain)**

To the hungry you give food,  
send the rich away empty.  
In your mercy you are mindful  
of the people you have chosen. **(Refrain)**

In your love you now fulfill  
what you promised to your people.  
I will praise you, Lord, my savior,  
everlasting is your mercy. **(Refrain)**

### **The Wreath's: A Symbol of Never-Ending Love**

**Hymn: CP 107 Prepare the Way of the Lord (x2)**

*Hanging of the wreaths.*

**Second Reading: James 5:7-10**

**Jose Perena Pratt**

### **The Christmas Tree: A Symbol of Celebration and Rebirth**

**Hymn: CP 154 Joy to the World**

*Decorating of the tree.*

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11**

**Cat Mason**

### **The Nativity**

**Hymn: CP 123 Once in Royal David's City**

*Placing of the Stable*

## Mistletoe: The Promise of Peace

### Confession:

God of infinite love, we confess that we are quick to give up on ourselves and on others. We fail to trust that you are with us when our lives become filled up with busyness or darkness, sadness or conflict.

**Forgive us when we fail to see your face in the people around us. Fill us with your graciousness that as we are forgiven, so we may become a forgiving, reconciling people. Amen.**

In ancient times, mistletoe was considered the “meeting place” for warring parties. Under the mistletoe, enemies could exchange the “kiss of peace” and work to let go of anger and past hurts enough to really listen to each other and understand one another’s points of view. In the presence of God’s love we gather, continually grateful for God’s forgiveness and grace. We are a forgiven people. We are freed by God’s grace to reach out to a broken world with compassion and love.

*Hanging of the Mistletoe.*

### Hymn: The Holly and The Ivy

The holly and the ivy,  
When they are both full grown  
Of all the trees that are in the wood  
The holly bears the crown  
O the rising of the sun  
And the running of the deer  
The playing of the merry organ  
Sweet singing of the choir

The holly bears a blossom  
As white as lily flower  
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ  
To be our sweet Saviour  
O the rising of the sun

And the running of the deer  
The playing of the merry organ  
Sweet singing of the choir

**The Peace:**

Peace be with you  
**and also with you....**

**The Candles and Lights: God Promises to Give Light**

**THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

**Offertory Hymn: CP 98 Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes**

*Turn on the lights.*

**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: (Sung)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God.**

Now let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**How good it is to give thanks and praise.**

*Eucharistic prayer continues...*

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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:**

**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:* **Ann Andrews, Graham Terlson,  
& Mike Armstrong**

**Prayer after Communion:** 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. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

**Doxology:**

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## **SENDING FORTH**

**Blessing:**

**Shared Ministry:**

**Commissioning Hymn:** CP 109 When the King Shall Come Again

**Commissioning:** Go from this place as those who have seen the Christ light and who long to share it with others. Go with a heart and mind of faith that you may live with high expectation and with great compassion into this season of hope and peace.

**May the hope, peace, joy and love of God encompass us and light our path now and always. Alleluia!**

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



## **TODAY WE PRAY**

*Pray for Sokoto (Nigeria) & El Salvador (Central America).*

*For Linda our Primate, Melissa our Metropolitan,*

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

*For Ss. Anne & Edmund Parksville, & Church of the Good Shepherd,*

*Lasqueti Is. For the Territory of the People Anglican Church.*

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

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

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

***SHARED MINISTRY***

**THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, Dec. 17** – What-Sew-Ever, 10 am;  
Parish Council, 7 pm

**Wednesday, Dec. 18** –Midweek Eucharist, 10 am; Choir, 7:30 pm;  
Ladies Guild, 1:30 pm

**Thursday, Dec. 19** - Caroling, 6 pm

**Friday, Dec. 20**– Office is closed; Rev. Sandra’s day off

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

Is 7:10-16; Ps 80:1-7, 16-18; Rom 1:1-7: Mt 1:18-25

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

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

**Dec. 19:** Christmas Caroling, 6 pm

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

**Dec. 23 – 27:** Parish Office Closed

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

**Dec. 30:** Blood Services Clinic

**Dec. 31 - Jan. 1:** Parish Office Closed

**Jan. 7:** What-Sew-Ever, 10 am

**Jan. 8:** Ladies Guild Meeting, 1:30 pm

**Jan. 14:** What-Sew-Ever, 10 am

**Jan. 19:** Jazz Vespers with the Kim Greenwood Trio, 7 pm

**Jan. 21:** Parish Council Meeting, 7 pm

**Jan. 22:** Ladies Guild Luncheon, 12 pm

**Jan. 28:** What-Sew-Ever, 10 am

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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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Address	Postal Code
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*We ask congregants to limit the use of fragrances.*

**THANK YOU!**