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

**Advent 1
November 28, 2021**



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.**
Virtual Bible Study & 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. Dr. Paul Schumacher presides & shares preaching
with Rev. Colleen Lissamer today.*

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

Liturgical Assistant is Mike Armstrong

Scripture reading and prayers are led by Linda Van Sickle

Candle lighting led by Azeita Harding

Director of Music is Nell Howard

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet today, we begin by remembering the Songhees and Esquimalt nations, 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 today, we remember those who have called this place their home in recent years—the community of faith known as Church of the Advent. Let us greet one another with words and signs of welcome.

Introit: “Creator of the Stars of Night”

(Tune: Conditor Alme Siderum. Refrain music by Carol Browning. GIA Publications)

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

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:

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.

Sung:

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.

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.

Prayer: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria:
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father. We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect appointed for the Dedication Anniversary of Our Parish:
Almighty God, watchful and caring, our source and our end, all that we are and all that we have are yours. Accept us now, as we give thanks to you for this place where we have come to praise

your name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing [power, to hear your word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son. Be present always to guide, to illumine, and to bless your people. Amen.

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

First Reading: *Genesis 28:10-17*

Psalm: *122 (Pg. 882)*

Second Reading: *Revelation 21:1-4, 21:22-22:5*

Hymn of the Day: *MV#1 “All are Welcome”*

(Text: Marty Haugen {1950 -}; Tune: Two Oaks with refrain; Marty Haugen {1950- } © 1994 G.I.A. Publications, Inc.)

Let us build a house where love can dwell,
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell,
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace;
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

***Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome,
welcome in this place.***

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God’s children dare to seek
To dream God’s reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness,
And as symbol of God’s grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: ***Refrain***

Let us build a house where love is found,
In water, wine, and wheat:
A banquet hall on holy ground,
Where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
Is revealed in time and space;
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **Refrain**

Let us build a house where hands will reach,
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve, and teach,
And live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
Bear the image of God's face;
Let us bring an end to fear and danger: **Refrain**

Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard,
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed,
As words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace,
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafters: **Refrain**

Gospel Reading: *John 20:19-21*

Chat & Reflection: Rev. Dr. Paul Schumacher & Rev. Colleen Lissamer

The Creed: *(Adapted from Shore to Shore)*

We believe that Jesus took the form of a servant, so we commit ourselves to serve others.

We believe that God is love, so we commit ourselves to reconciliation.

We believe that Jesus gives us his Spirit, so we commit ourselves to his work in the world.

We believe that God is the light of life, so we commit ourselves to bearing God's light to this world.

We believe that the Holy Spirit speaks through us, so we commit ourselves to proclaim the good news of God's gift of abundant life for all, in the world that God loves. Amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Prayers of the People:

Confession & Absolution:

Prayer: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Peace:

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: G#812 "A Place at the Table"

(Text: Shirley Erena Murray © 1998 Hope Publishing Company Tune: Lori True, b. 1961 © 2001 GIA Publications, Inc)

For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone 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,
Revisiting 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 everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free. **Refrain**

Prayer over the Gifts: God of hope, hear the prayers of your faithful people. Grant that all who celebrate this eucharist may please you by the offering of themselves and the fulfilling of your will. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer: *from the BAS prayerbook Proper Preface Pg 673 & Pg 193 (adapted for Anniversary Sunday)*

Lord's Prayer: *(Sung)*

Breaking of the Bread: God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Distribution of Communion:

Please stand in place at your chair, as you are able. The celebrant and the deacon, having sanitized hands and wearing face masks, will move from person to person, communicating each person with the bread only. There will be no direct touch between the communion administrator and each person. The wafer will be dropped onto your open hands using small stainless tongs. After you have received the blessed wafer, please be seated to indicate that you have received communion.

Communion Music: “Wood of the Cradle”

(Words and music: Francis Patrick O'Brien. GIA Publications.)

Prayer after Communion: Merciful God, you have given us this time of joy and have nourished us in heavenly things. Grant that we may show in our lives the love of Christ who is our God and Saviour. Amen.

Shared Ministry:

Blessing:

SENDING FORTH

Commissioning Hymn: G#590 “Christ Be Our Light”

(Text and Music: Bernadette Farrell {1957-}. © 1993, 2000, Bernadette Farrell, Published by OCP.)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Refrain:

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

**Christ, be our light! Shine in your church
gathered today.**

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice. **Refrain**

Longing for food, many are hungry.

Longing for water, many still thirst.

Make us your bread, broken for others,

Shared until all are fed. **Refrain**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.

Longing for warmth, many are cold.

Make us your building, sheltering others,

Walls made of living stone. **Refrain**

Many the gifts, many the people,

Many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another,

Making your kingdom come. **Refrain**

Commissioning: Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your ways and share your message of salvation with all peoples of every nation. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT NEWSLETTER

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TODAY WE PRAY

Pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

*Pray for Barry our Executive Archdeacon, Anna our Bishop,
Paul our Interim Priest-In-Charge, & Colleen our Deacon.*

*Pray for Church of the Advent, Colwood, & Diocese of Kootenay.
In the Selkirk Region for Ecumenical & Inter-faith partners.*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*Christopher, Dianne, Sheila, Barb, Bill, Kian, Travis,
Bob, Irene, Cynthia, Joan, John, Donna, & Brian.*

The staff and residents of all care facilities in Victoria.

*We also pray for those we remember in the quiet of our own
hearts.*