

A religious-themed image featuring two lit purple candles in the center. The candles are set against a background of a dark, multi-colored stained glass window. The flames are bright yellow and orange. At the bottom of the image, there is a decorative arrangement of green pine needles, a purple bell-shaped ornament, and a purple ribbon. The text "FILL US ALL WITH" is written in a white, serif font across the middle of the candles, and the word "Peace" is written in a large, elegant, gold-colored script font at the bottom.

FILL US ALL WITH

Peace

2nd Sunday of Advent

PEACE



December 5, 2021

Prelude - "How Shall I Fitly Greet Thee?" – Pepping

Announcements

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Luke 3: 4, 6*

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting

Last Sunday we lit the first candle on our Advent wreath. It was the candle of hope, so we light it again on this second Sunday of Advent

(Candle of hope is lit)

The poet, Wendell Berry, wrote: "When despair for the world grows in me... I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief. I come into the presence of still water." We think of the 23rd Psalm, "He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul." When everything feels hopeless, when we feel as dead as the dry bones in Ezekiel's valley, God calls us away from the workaday world. God calls us to breathe in the holy breath of peace.

Today we light our second candle, the candle of peace.

(Candle of peace is lit)

When we light the candle of Peace, we breathe in the One who restores us.

All Whatever we face in life, God's Spirit of peace will dwell within us.

Opening hymn, (JN #52) “Light One Candle”

Light one candle for hope
One bright candle for hope
He brings hope to every heart
He comes He comes

Light one candle for peace
One bright candle for peace
He brings peace to every heart
He comes He comes

Light one candle for joy
One bright candle for joy
Every nation will find salvation
In Bethlehem's baby boy

Light one candle for love
One bright candle for love
He brings love to every heart
He comes He comes



Gathering of the Community

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

Lay Assistant Almighty God,
All to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from
you 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

All 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. Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

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. Glory to God in the
highest, and peace to his people on earth.

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.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on
earth.

The Collect of the Day

Lay Assistant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Proclamation of the Word

A Reading from the book of Baruch (5:1-9)

Hear what the Spirit is say to God's people

All Thanks be to God

Canticle 19a - A Reading from Luke (1:68-79)

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Gradual Hymn, (CP #88) "Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus"

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us;
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke (3:1-6)

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ



The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Gradual hymn cont'd

Born thy people to deliver;
born a child and yet a King;
born to reign in us forever:
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit,
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

Sermon - The Rev. Canon Dr. Eric Partridge

Message of Music - "I Rejoice In Him" – Schram
Amanda Reyes Gallardo – Soprano

The Prayers of the People

Confession

As we prepare to meet the living Christ at the Table, let us humbly confess our sins.

All Most merciful God, you are always true to us in love and yet we so often fall short of that love. We are truly sorry for our faithlessness to you and to one another, for our forgetting of the poor and the broken, for our failure to cherish creation. Give us life, O God, to enable us to change ourselves and the world, that we may walk in your way and glory in your name. We ask this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; though Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

Offertory

Eucharistic Prayer #4

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right to give you thanks and praise, O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.
All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill; you made us the stewards of creation.
All Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant	But we turn against you, and betray your trust; and we turn against one another. Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law. In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions, and bruised for our iniquities. By his death he opened to us the way of freedom and peace.
All	Glory to you for ever and ever.
Celebrant	Therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:
All	Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Celebrant	Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, gave it to his friends, and said, "Take this, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine; he gave you thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Gracious God, we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ, we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming as Lord of all the nations. We who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, where peace and justice are revealed, that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation, may share the banquet you have promised;

through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.

All **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of Bread #5

Celebrant God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

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

Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE COMMUNION



Prayer After Communion

Lay Assistant Let us pray.

Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Lay Assistant **Glory to God,**
All 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 Hymn, (CP #91) “People Look East! The Time is Near”

People look east the time is near
Of the crowning of the year
Make your house fair as you are able
Trim the hearth and set the table
People look east and sing today
Love the guest is on the way

Stars keep the watch when night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim
Shining beyond the frosty weather
Bright as the sun and moon together
People look east and sing today
Love the star is on the way

Angels announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth
Set every peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming
People look east and sing today
Love the Lord is on the way

Blessing

Go Now in Peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid
God will go with you each hour of every day
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know he will guide you in all you do
Go now in love and show you believe
Reach out to others so all the world can see
God will be there around us and above
Go now in peace, in faith and in love

Dismissal

Postlude - "Swiss Noel" – Daquin



Altar Flowers - Given to the Glory of God the Altar flowers are given today in loving memory of Howard and Anne Norquay. They were long time parishioners of St. Andrew's, who were involved in many of the groups and ministries of the church. Howie and Anne are missed by many, but most of all by their children who continue to carry them in their hearts.



Acknowledgement - As we gather we recognize that we live, work and play on the traditional lands of the SENĆOTEN speaking Coast Salish Peoples. We also join in a line of Anglicans who have worshipped on these lands. As we continue we commit ourselves as a settler church and people to continue with our First Nations neighbours on the journey of truth and reconciliation.



Readings for December 12, 2021
3rd Sunday of Advent

Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20
Canticle: Isaiah 12:2-6
Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

***** *This Week at a Glance* *****
(December 5– December 12, 2021)

Sunday December 5, 2021 - 2nd Sunday of Advent
 9:00 a.m. service
 10:30 a.m. service
 (Pre-registration required, 2 vaccines and mask)

Monday - Tuesday No events until further notice

Wednesday 2:00 p.m. Weekly Zoom Prayer Gathering
 (link sent by email)

Thursday 11:00 a.m. Zoom Bible Study

Friday No events until further notice

Saturday Christmas Carolling on Beacon Avenue,
 11am-noon - meet at St. Andrew parking lot

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 9:00 a.m. service
 10:30 a.m. service
 (Pre-registration required, 2 vaccines and mask)

Monthly Mission

Mission for October, November & December -

**'FRIENDS' of St. Andrew -
Outreach Ministry to the Homeless of Sidney**

Mission for January, February & March - TBA

Weekly Cycles of Prayer

In our parish, we pray for Hazel Hitchin; Betty and Bob Holland; Joey Hopkins; Nick, Ditz, Natalia and Anatasia Hopkins; Gerald and Cheryl Horel.

In our community, we pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Sidney.

In our Diocese, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and our brothers and sisters in Christ of the parish of St. Barnabas, Victoria, interim rector, James Cowan.

We pray for all postulants, especially Jill Harris.

In our Ecclesiastical Province, we pray for the Diocese of New Westminster, Bishop John Stephens.

In the world, we pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi.

Looking Forward

Advent series Wednesday evenings during Advent, by zoom

December 11	Christmas Carolling on Beacon Avenue 11:00 am - 12 noon
December 11	Wayne Hatt's Memorial, 2:00 p.m.
December 17	'FRIENDS' outdoor Christmas dinner
December 19	Nine Lessons & Carols service
December 24	5:00 pm Family Christmas service 8:00 pm Eucharist service with Carols
December 25	10:30 am Christmas Day Eucharist
December 26	10:30 am Sunday service
January 6	Epiphany of the Lord
January 9	Baptism of the Lord
March 2	Ash Wednesday

Advent and Christmas 2021 at St. Andrew's

People, Look East! The Time is Near.

**Wednesdays, December 8, 15, 22 at 7 p.m. by Zoom.
Presentations on the songs from St. Luke's account of
the Nativity**

**Sunday, December 12:
Holy Eucharist at 9 and 10:30 a.m.**

**Sunday, December 19: Festival of Nine Lessons and
Carols
10:30 a.m.**

**Christmas Eve: Friday, December 24:
5 p.m.: Family Christmas Eve service with carols,
readings and homily
8 p.m.: Holy Eucharist with carols**

**Christmas Day: Saturday, December 25:
Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.**

**First Sunday after Christmas: December 26:
Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.**

**Registration is required for all services by phone at
250-656-5322 or email: admin@standrewssidney.ca.**

For services on Christmas Eve registration must be received by December 21 stating the number of people in your group. This will allow for maximum attendance while leaving a few places for people who may drop in. Double COVID 19 vaccination is required for everyone age 12 and over.

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Parish Announcement

THANK YOU - We would like to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts, for the wonderful gifts, cards, messages and prayers of support we have received from our St Andrews church family, since our baby son Ashton arrived on October 11th, we have been overwhelmed by the love the you have shown all of us, he is a lucky little boy to have all of you to watch over and pray for him in the coming years. Thank you again Carenza, Non and Ashton

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR WAYNE HATT'S MEMORIAL - Wayne Hatt's Memorial service will be held on, Saturday, December 11 at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is open for those with 2 vaccines. Masks are required. The service will also be live-streamed on the St. Andrew website. Watch for the link closer to December 11th.

ALTAR FLOWER DELIVERY - The Altar flowers are delivered by a team of volunteers to shut-ins, or to those who are celebrating special times in their lives. **We need a couple of new volunteers** so that no one delivers more than every 5 or 6 weeks. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Elsie at 250-652-9275 or elsie.widdowson@shaw.ca

ADVENT WARMTH - As winter approaches we think of our brothers and sisters who do not have the necessities to keep warm through the months ahead. Beginning next Sunday and into Advent we will be collecting gloves, toques, scarves and new socks to distribute to our Friends of St. Andrews and to Our Place. A box is in the narthex until December 12th for your donations.

ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR - The Altar Flower calendar for 2022 is hanging at the back of the church, ready for you to choose a date(s).

WARM CLOTHES - BLANKETS AND COATS FOR THE NEEDY - With autumn and chilly nights upon us, we are again **collecting blankets and outerwear** (i.e. coats, gloves, boots, etc.). They can brought in to the office, Mon-Thurs, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. They will be donated either to FRIENDS of St. Andrew homeless in Sidney, or to the Our Place Outreach Program and dispersed among the needy of Victoria's streets.

EMPTY SHOEBOXES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

SHOEBOX HAMPERS for HOMELESS IN SIDNEY and STREET HOPE IN VICTORIA - Shoeboxes are small gift hampers packed in a shoebox, each thoughtfully prepared for needy people in Sidney and downtown Victoria. They are distributed by volunteers, from **FRIENDS of St. Andrew**, and the Street Hope volunteers in Victoria.

The shoeboxes are a form of love and support for the folks who are homeless. They are a means of showing people that they are accepted and cared for, and importantly, they are a glimmer of the love God has given us for them.

The shoeboxes go a long way in forming a relationship of trust, foundational to meaningful connections with the folks whom we meet. Shoeboxes are also an opportunity for you to express your concern and care for people in need. If you would like to participate, fill a shoebox about $\frac{3}{4}$ full of non-perishable, easy-opening food and personal hygiene items.

If you would like to donate individual items or money to buy supplies for shoeboxes, please drop them off at the office, as there will be an opportunity for some parishioner volunteers to fill extra shoebox hampers.

FRIENDS shoebox hampers will be handed them out to clients at their outdoor Christmas dinner in December, and the remainder of the shoebox hampers will be dropped off for use by **Street Hope** in Victoria to be distributed on December 14. **Please drop off your filled shoeboxes by Thursday, DECEMBER 10.**

(see next page for suggestions)



Suggestions for Shoebox Gift Hampers

- granola bars, cereal bars, protein bars
- small packs of peanuts, small packs of crackers with cheese
- small boxes of raisins, trail mix, fruit leather
- small cans of fruit, puddings
- chocolate bars, cookies
- juice boxes
- plastic spoons, fork or knives as needed
- small packs of Kleenex, small note pad and pen
- socks, gloves, hats
- toiletries – small travel sizes of toothpaste, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, razors, lotions
(please mark box male or female if applicable)
- small notes of encouragement

Please do not include any medicine.

Please secure the box with a rubber band.

***Filled shoeboxes can be dropped off at the office
(Monday - Thursday, 9 am-1:00 pm),
or at the back of the church on Sundays.***



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