The Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021, 10:00 am

A Parish of the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster
The Right Reverend John Stephens, Bishop
The Reverend Lorne Manweiler, Rector

Welcome!

We're glad you're here!

We are happy and honoured that you've joined us this morning—whether in-person or online via Facebook and the parish website. If you need a place to take a break with your child, a nursery area is available. Washrooms are available on the main level of the church. Please ask a sidesperson or your neighbour if you have questions or need assistance. You're warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the parish hall following the service.

The Holy Eucharist

Book of Alternative Services, pp. 185 ff.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude *Rorate Caeli* *Jeanne Demessieux (1921 - 1968)*

Welcome

Processional Hymn CP 91 – "People Look East The Time is Near"

Acnowledgement

Celebrant We begin by acknowledging that we live, work, play, and worship on the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples including the xʷməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) and Səl̓ílwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

All **May our words and our actions reflect our awareness and appreciation of this.**

A moment of silence for reflection is kept.

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant In the beginning, there was the chaos of trouble and fear. Then, when uncertainty seemed the only certain thing, and the light at the end of the tunnel turned out to be just our imagination, God said, "Let there be light."

People **And there was <u>Hope</u>.**

The first Advent candle is lit.

Celebrant In the course of time people became agitated. There were uncertain intentions, hostile actions, conflicting motives, restless hearts, and everywhere busy-ness and noise. Then, when the agitation was at its height, when it seemed that conflict was everywhere and the noise was unbearable, God said, "Let there be light."

People **And there was <u>Peace</u>.**

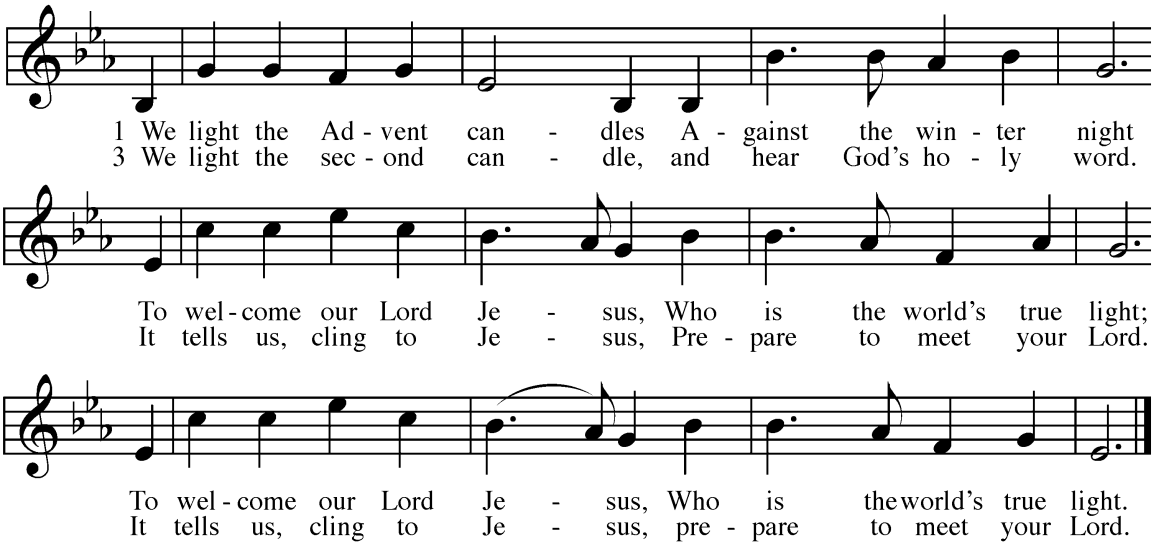
The second Advent candle is lit.

Celebrant The light of peace is in the midst of Advent. In a world where the fragmentation of pieces is more frequent than the wholeness of peace, and hostility or clatter seem to fill every waking moment, this candle brings us again to the longing of our hearts - to our God who says:

All **"Be still and know my <u>Peace</u>."**

"Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid."
John 14:27 NRSV

The Advent Carol



Advent Litany

Celebrant For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord,

All **let us pray to the Lord.**

Celebrant That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord,

All **let us pray to the Lord.**

Celebrant For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord,

All **let us pray to the Lord.**

Celebrant For your Spirit to guide; that you centre our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord,

All **let us pray to the Lord.**

The Collect of the Day *EvLW 19; Adv 2C*

Celebrant Let us pray.
Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son.
People **By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation;**
Celebrant through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All **Amen.**

Children's Chat

The Proclamation of the Word

Old Testament Malachi 3:1-4 *read by Conrad Guelke*

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?
For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years. *NRSV*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle CP 95 – "O Come, Divine Messiah" *Luke 1:68-79*

Second Reading Philippians 3:9-13 *read by Conrad Guelke*

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this

way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. *NRSV*

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Please stand or sit for the Gospel reading as is most appropriate for you.

Gospel Acclamation CP 113 – "Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free"
Refrain—Stanza 1—Refrain

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

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Holy Gospel Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, -as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; -and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" *NRSV*

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Acclamation CP 113 – "Come, O Lord, and Set Us Free," *Refrain only*

Sermon *The Reverend Lorne Manweiler, Rector*

Affirmation of Faith – The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the Community

Sian & Abi Biyth, Intercessors

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

All **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.

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; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Preparation of the Gifts – Offertory Hymn

CP 100 – "Comfort Comfort ye My People"

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Ev Luth Worship, Advent, 110

Celebrant The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

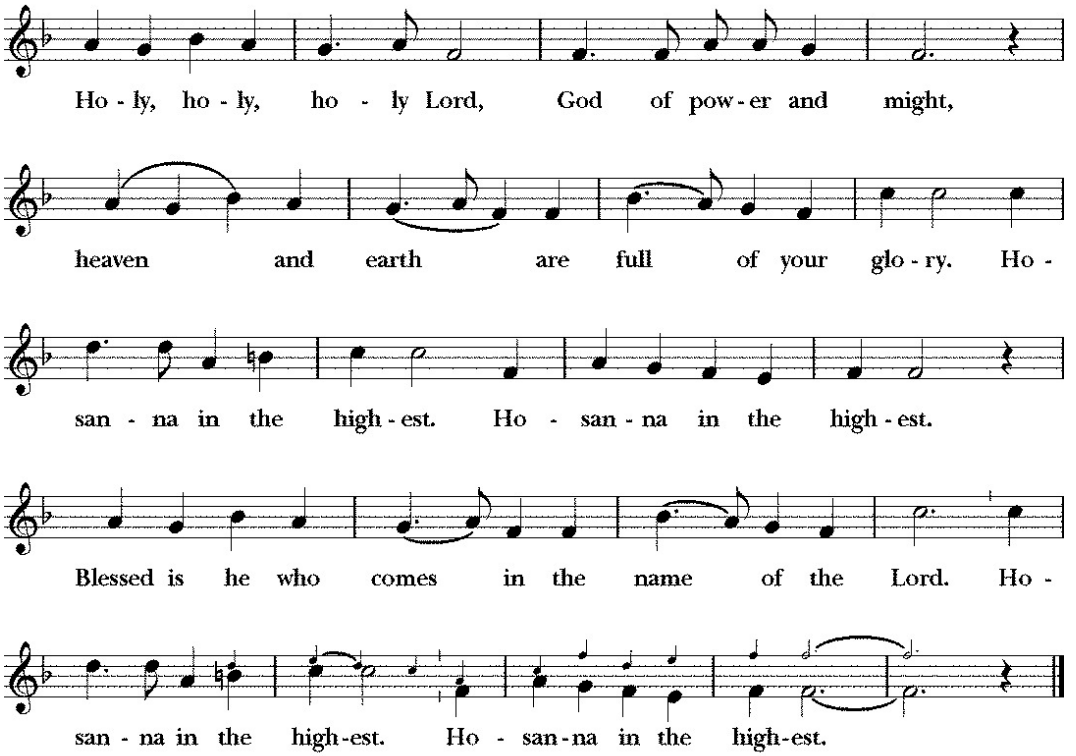
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the

promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name:

All



Celebrant

Holy One, the beginning and end, the giver of life;
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you for the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gace thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to frink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Celebrant With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with Your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Celebrant All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever.

All

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 forever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Come to Christ's banquet. Feast on God's gift of grace.
People **Christ comes to us with light and life—with healing hands.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Some helps regarding Communion at St. Philip's during COVID-19:

- *Please follow the direction of the ushers to come forward for Communion (if you wish to receive a blessing, please join the Rector's line);*
- *the bread, the body of Christ, is offered at this time so that we all can more safely celebrate the Eucharist together; temporarily, the priest receives the wine, Christ's blood, from the chalice, on behalf of God's people;*
- *hand sanitizer should be used before communing and is available as you come forward;*
- *please commune individually or in your cohort group to ensure safer physical distancing;*
- *please wait to return to your seat to consume the bread.*

Distribution Hymns and Music

Hymn CP 63 – "Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup"

Hymn CP 64 – "Author of Life Divine"

Prayer after Communion

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

Announcements *given by the parish Wardens; please see the Notices in the back pages of this bulletin.*

Sending the Community Forward into the World

Thanksgiving

Celebrant All your works praise you, O Lord.
All **And your faithful servants bless you.**

Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Priest The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Recessional Hymn CP 108 – "Hark A Herald Voice is Sounding"

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace. Christ is near.
All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE **"**Sortie " César Franck (1822 - 1890)

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Notices for Second Sunday of Advent, Dec 5, 2021

DATES TO NOTE

Sun Dec 5	**2nd Sunday of Advent** at 10 am In celebration of **Saint Nicholas**, the children and youth present his story. Our worship is also found online, live at 10 am, or recorded for later. https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com https://www.facebook.com/stphilipsanglicandunbar
Coffee Time	We gather in the gym to enjoy Coffee Time after the service. Please allow Fellowship and other volunteers to serve you, rather than help yourselves.
Sun Dec 5	**Advent Vespers 7:30pm in the Sanctuary** Abendmusik Concert (presented by the Menno Simons Center, UBC) - admissions by donation
Wed Dec 8	**Prayer, Care and Share** with Lorne on Wednesdays at 10 AM https://zoom.us/j/2939572088
Sun Dec 12	**3rd Sunday of Advent at 10:00 am**
Sun Dec 12	**12pm Fireside Room** **A Child's Christmas in Wales - A Reading by Michael Murray**
Sun Dec 12	**Carols-Sing-A-Long 7pm** **Let's Sing in the season!**
Wed Dec 15	**Prayer, Care and Share** with Lorne on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR URSULA BELL
Saturday Dec 11 at 2pm

"GROWING TOGETHER" - STEWARDSHIP 2022
please send the updated forms to the office Administrator if you still haven't. Thank you for those who have done so!

PRAYER LIST
Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers at this time: Min Rundle, Geordon, Ann Ringgold, Billy, Brenda, Nassrin, Greg, Brian Wooding, Doris Menoche, Marie, Kevin, Sean Moore, Tom and Rosie, Michael and Suzie, Mike and Rob, the Kelly Family, Irene, Darren Sherry, and Samantha. The Hatch family, Veronica, Chris and Caroline.

Please pray for all those mourning recent losses. Let us pray for those who have died recently, remembering especially Ursula Bell, Frankie Hallen, John Kelly and Ronald Hatch.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR
To the glory of God and thanksgiving in memory of John Howard from his wife, daughters and family.
If anyone would like to make a donation towards the church flowers in thanksgiving of a Birthday, Anniversary, or In Memory of a loved one, please contact the office. All donations are most appreciated.

ST PHILIP'S *online* CHRISTMAS FAIR
Our wares: Poinsettias, Home Baking, Christmas Cakes, St Philip's Xmas Cards, Scented Candles, and Preserves.
Set-Up Work Party on Fri. Dec. 3 from 5 PM. Packaging and arranging orders in bags.
Pick-Up Day is Sat. Dec. 4, 10 AM - 2 PM; you can also shop for what remains. To help greet, contact Debbie and Suzi.
We give **huge thanks** to the fundraisers, the many makers, and over 64 shoppers who have made it so successful!

CHRISTMAS EVENTS AT ST. PHILIPS: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*: *A Reading*
Sunday, December 19, 7:00 pm
With CBC talent. All proceeds to the Red Cross.

Family Nativity Service
Friday, December. 24, 5:00 pm

Candlelight Carols Service
Friday, December 24, 7.30 pm

Christmas Day Holy Eucharist
Saturday, December 25, 10:00 am

First Sunday after Christmas Eucharist
Sunday, December 26, 10:00 am

DICKENS' "A CHRISTMAS CAROL": A Reading **Sunday, December 19th, 7pm - 8:30pm**

Join favourite CBC Radio and community arts personalities reading this favourite Christmas tale, complete with sound effects, laughter, and the wonderful music of the season. Invite all your friends to this heart-warming event!

St Philip's will donate all proceeds to the Canadian Red Cross *BC Floods & Extreme Weather Appeal*, a donation which will be matched by both the Federal and Provincial governments, which triple all donations to the RC until Dec. 26.

Purchase tickets in advance on Eventbrite You can also access Eventbrite from stphilipsdunbar.com under Events.

Tickets: $25 general admission, $5 for 12-16 years. Proof of vaccination is required for entry and masks must be worn.

KNEELERS

Parish Council wants to know if you feel strongly that you would like to have a kneeler available to you to use in worship. Please send your thoughts to Michael Vondette (mjvondette@gmail.com) who is researching the need.

Please copy to Lorne as chair of Parish Council. lorne@stpdunbar.com We want to hear your thoughts and wishes!

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

We now have sponsors for all the families from the two elementary schools we are supporting. Thank you!

By **Sunday Dec. 12,** deliver your Christmas Gift Cards in a personalized Christmas card to St Philip's office**,** or to Sandy & Joanne on Sundays, or deposit your card into the secure white metal post box beside the parishioners' mail boxes. Outreach volunteers deliver the "Hampers" by Dec. 14. Thank you for participating in the Christmas Hamper project!

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY

Please place donations only inside the lidded bin on the NE porch off the courtyard, or in the Narthex on Sundays.

Last weekend the team we sent out from St Philip's was loaded with food and clothing items donated by all of you. Your gifts made the people that our team met last weekend feel loved and supported. Thank you.

As you are cleaning out cupboards to make space for anticipated Christmas goodies, please consider a donation to the Neighbourhood Ministry. We are only taking winter items that are appropriate for life on the street. Inappropriate items like dresses, suits, and collared shirts, or heavily stained smelly clothes are no help at all.

Sleeping Bags: As the weather gets colder and damper, our friends on the streets struggle to stay warm. A dry, warm synthetic sleeping bag makes a world of difference to them. Please consider donating one. Amazon sells one that the NM recommends: Coleman Palmetto Cool Weather Adult Sleeping Bag ($55) Cold Weather Sleeping Bag

If you prefer, please consider donating $50 to the Neighbourhood Ministry to purchase one on your behalf. If you have questions or would like to contribute, contact your parish liaison at St. Philip's, Rhona Thornton. rhonat@telus.net

There are a number of things we can never seem to get enough of:

- Warm, waterproof jackets
- Waterproof pants
- Sleeping Bags, synthetic
- Sleeping Mats
- Tents
- Tarps
- McDonald's Gift Cards (a place to warm up)
- Cereal Bars (soft ones, please)

GREETERS!
Expect to be warmly welcomed at the door by a member of the Parish Council. They will also orient newcomers to St Philip's, invite them to coffee, and introduce them to someone. Please help St P by greeting everyone around you.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP
You are strongly encouraged to sanitize your hands as you enter, exercise physical distancing, and we are required to wear a mask in church. We continue to livestream our worship for those who, for whatever reason, are not ready or able to return in person. If you have concerns or questions, please ask to speak to Lorne or a Warden.

DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN
We include the Bulletin in the Order of Service. If you have information you would like included in the bulletin, please let the office have the information **before NOON on Wednesdays.**

JOIN IN
Offer your time and talents. Contact the leader if these opportunities for ministry and fellowship intrigue you:

Altar Guild - prepare the sanctuary with all the elements of worship.
Diana Bragg dasbragg@gmail.com
Coffee Time - three helpers weekly**.** Sign up on the rota at the coffee table
Amanda Holley thistlesnaps@gmail.com
Fellowship - produce and host refreshments for parish gatherings.
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Fundraising - from book sales to baking to silent auction to plants...

Suzi Noetzel spnoetzel@me.com
Gardens - help tend to the gardens.
Pat Brandon caretaker@stpdunbar.com
Jones Girls - a social group in supportive work, such as funeral teas.
Janet Brown g.brown@shaw.ca
Livestream Team - learn how to record and stream Sunday worship!
Pat Brandon caretaker@stpdunbar.com
Outreach - Support to homeless; Christmas Hampers for families, etc.
Mary Lymburner kmarylymburner@telus.net
Readers - read the lessons on Sundays and special events
John Dolman john_dolman@telus.net
WANM - support ministry to homeless and insecurely housed individuals
Rhona Thornton rhonat@telus.net

Communicate With Us
Thank you to all who have sent us questions, suggestions, reminders, and support. Please communicate with us about issues of interest to you.

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