

**ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 5, 2021**



Meeting on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation

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Church Services:	Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Communion
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
	Weekdays (except stats)	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
	Wednesday	11:00 am	Holy Communion
Office open	9:00 am to Noon Mon to Thurs (by appt.) 250-753-2523		

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**Please be aware the 10:30 service may be recorded or livestreamed,  
and your presence in the service  
is considered your consent to appear on camera.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION – 8:00 a.m.**

*This Eucharistic liturgy is based on the  
Anglican Church of Canada **Book of Common Prayer, page 67***

*We commit ourselves to working together in a spirit of reconciliation as we worship and serve on the  
traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.*

Celebrant: The Ven. Clara Plamondon  
Preacher: The Rev. David Peterson  
Liturgical Assistant: John Browne  
Greeter: Andrea Biener, Brian Humber

### **COLLECT OF THE DAY:**

God of mercy, may the radiance of your redeeming love rise in our hearts,  
lighting the way from the shadow of darkness and guiding our feet into the way  
of peace. Amen.

*FWM Proposed Prayers (2004) alt*

<b>FIRST READING:</b>	Mal 3:1-4	John Browne
<b>CANTICLE:</b>	Benedictus (Pg 9 BCP)	L.A.
<b>GOSPEL:</b>	Luke 3:1-6	The Ven. Clara Plamondon
<b>SERMON:</b>		The Rev. David Peterson
<b>THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:</b>		John Browne

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*The flowers on the altar are given by Beryl and Sam Deyasi to the glory of God and in  
memory of loved ones.*

Altar Guild Team: Marilynne Mark, Linda Stump, Jane Barnes  
Spit Polish Brigade: Alison & Bill Walsh

## **HOLY EUCHARIST – 10:30 am**

*This Eucharistic liturgy is based on the  
Book of Alternative Services, Anglican Church of Canada*

### **THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD**

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Celebrant/Preacher: The Ven. Clara Plamondon/The Rev. David Peterson

Liturgical Assistant: Mary Jane McLaughlin

Reader: Boyd Shaw

Prayers of the People: Joy Adams Bauer

Music Director/Technology: Charles Harman

Organist: Freeman Dryden

Advent Candle Liturgy: Alicia Vanin, John & Alek Jensen-Vanin

Duty Warden: Don Gillett

Greeters: Yvonne Oliver, Andrea Webb

**WELCOME:** *(You may remain seated during the welcome)*

#### **ADVENT LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE:**

Like the childhood game of “musical chairs,” we are convinced that there are not enough places at the table. And so we shrink the guest list just in case there is not enough, and we scramble to occupy the chairs first. And yet our sacred texts invite us to imagine and make real the gathering of all people to the table, robed in the garments of a Peace that comes with justice. This is what really matters—this is the fruit of what is right and good.

**Peace waits for us at Advent  
Peace waits for us to rest.  
Peace waits for our acceptance  
of the truth that we are blessed.**

**In this time of preparation  
for the work of co-creation,  
for the birthing of a world  
of gentleness and play.  
Peace is born in us each day!**

L.A.: Today we offer the Light of Peace to illumine the Door of Welcome.  
May this light shine in our hearts, in our lives, and in our church.  
May Peace awaken us to possibilities and lead us to greater hospitality.  
There *IS* room in this Inn, a house for the Holy.

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## **GATHERING:**

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.**

L.A. Almighty God, **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.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY:

**God of mercy, may the radiance of your redeeming love rise in our hearts, lighting the way from the shadow of darkness and guiding our feet into the way of peace. Amen.**

*FWM Proposed Prayers (2004) alt*

## THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

**FIRST READING:** Malachi 3:1-4

*Boyd Shaw*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CANTICLE:** 19a (Luke 1:68-79)

*Sandra Leigh*



Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \* he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, \* born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \* from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \* and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \* to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, \* holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \* for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation \* by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \* the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \* and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**GRADUAL HYMN: CP 94 – Wait for the Lord**  
Text: Taize' Community, Music: Jacques Berthier

*Charles Harman*

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

**GOSPEL:** Luke 3:1-6

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

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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

**SERMON:**

*The Rev. David Peterson*

*Silence is kept.*

**CREED:**

L.A. We believe **and trust in God the Father Almighty**  
**We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son.**  
**We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.**  
**We believe and trust in the Three in One.**

*(from Creating Uncommon Worship by Richard Giles)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

*Joy Adams Bauer*

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

*Silence is kept.*

L.A. 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.**

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. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE:

*(During the peace, you are asked to remain where you are and to offer words of peace, a nod of the head, a wave or a bow to those around you)*

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

### OFFERTORY:

*(The offertory will not be brought up at this time. The offering plate will be available on the desk in the narthex before and after the service. Thank you for your generosity.)*

## **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:**

**God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt*

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: (Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer #S2)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels, forever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**



Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

And now as our Saviour taught us, we are bold to say,  
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:**

He whose mother dreamed of hope for the poor is now present with us in this bread. He who birthed dreams in the hearts of many is now present in this wine.  
**May we live into God's dream of a new and just society.**

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

### **COMMUNION:**

*(During communion, the greeter will direct you to come forward one pew at a time. Communion will be by bread only. The Clergy will serve communion at the chancel step or will happily come to you at your seat if you are unable to come forward on your own)*

**COMMUNION HYMN: CP 106 – There's a Voice in the Wilderness** – Text: James Lewis Milligan, Music: Henry Hugh Bancroft

1. There's a voice in the wilderness  
crying, a call from the ways  
untrod: prepare in the desert a  
highway, a highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted, the  
lofty hills brought low; make  
straight all the crooked places  
where the Lord our God may go!
2. O Zion, give voice to good  
tidings, ascend to the heights  
and sing! Proclaim to a desolate  
people the coming of their King.  
The works of pride all perish, like  
flowers they shall decay; the  
power and pomp of nations shall  
pass like a dream away.
3. But your word, O God, is faithful,  
your arm, O Lord, is strong: you  
stand in the midst of nations,  
and you will right the wrong. You  
will feed your flock like a  
shepherd, and fold the lambs to  
your breast; in pastures of peace  
you'll lead them, and give to the  
weary rest
4. There's a voice in the wilderness  
crying, a call from the ways  
untrod: prepare in the desert a  
highway, a highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted, the  
lofty hills brought low; make  
straight all the crooked places  
where the Lord our God may go!

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:**

Let us pray,

**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.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

**Glory to God, 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.**

## **BLESSING:**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

## **DISMISSAL:**

May God's Door of Welcome swing open in your heart and in your life.  
May Christ's humble first dwelling remind you of the plenty you already know.  
And may the Spirit lead you into more possibility and hospitality than you can  
imagine, making room in the Inn for all.

**May it be so for you.**

**May it be so for us.**

**May it be so for our church.**

**Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN: CP 140 – It Came Upon the Midnight Clear** – Text: Edmund Hamilton  
Sears, Music: Richard Storrs Willis

1. It came upon the midnight clear,  
that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth,  
to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, to all good will  
from heaven's all-gracious king!"  
The world in solemn stillness lay,  
to hear the angels sing.

2. Still through the cloven skies they  
come  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats  
o'er all the weary world;  
above its sad and lowly plains  
they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds  
the blessed angels sing.

3. Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
the world has suffered long;  
beneath the angel-strain have rolled  
two thousand years of wrong;  
and we amid our wars hear not  
the words of peace they bring;  
O listen now, and still your strife  
to hear the angels sing.

4. And you, beneath life's crushing load,  
whose forms are bending low,  
who toil along the climbing way  
with painful steps and slow;  
look now, for glad and golden hours  
come swiftly on the wing:  
O rest beside the weary road  
and hear the angels sing.

5. For lo, the days are hastening on,  
by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years  
shall come the time foretold:  
when the new heaven and earth shall  
own  
the Prince of Peace their King,  
and the whole world send back the song  
which now the angels sing.

*After the closing hymn the greeter will direct you to leave  
one pew at a time. Thank you for maintaining physical distancing as you leave.*

*Please refrain from socializing in the halls, the narthex or in the church. Instead, join us  
outdoors for fellowship and conversation in the garden or parking lot as the weather permits.*



# *Christmas Services*

2021



## *Christmas Eve*

FAMILY SERVICE  
3:00 PM  
(IN PERSON ONLY)

CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
9:00 PM  
(IN PERSON & LIVESTREAM)

## *Christmas Day*

BCP SERVICE WITH CAROLS  
10:00 AM  
(IN PERSON ONLY)

## *Sunday, Dec 26*

LESSONS & CAROLS WITH EUCHARIST  
10:30 AM  
(IN PERSON ONLY)

*St. Paul Anglican Church*  
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