The Fouth Sunday of Advent

December 19, 2021, 10:00 am

A Parish of the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster
The Right Reverend John Stephens, Bish
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 Magnificat *Nicolaus Adam Strungk (1640-1700)*

Welcome

Processional Hymn CP 111 – "Herald! Sound the note of Judgement"

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, and there was no space for quietness. Then, when the agitation was at its height, when it seemed that conflict and noise was everywhere God said, "Let there be light."

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

The second Advent candle is lit.

Celebrant By this time people had learned not to care. Love had turned to hatred, to lust, or to infatuation. Then, when hate and apathy seemed to rule the hearts of people, and lust and control were confused with genuine relationships, God said, "Let there be light."

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

The third Advent candle is lit.

Celebrant And so it was that people forgot how to laugh. There was gloom of deep sadness and fear. Happiness was pursued in the accumulation of things as people paid to be happy. And the words "joy" and "contentment" were replaced with "Me!" and "Mine!" Then, when smiles seemed to have been forgotten, frowns and scowls seemed a normal dress accessory and the shadows of gloom were almost tangible, God said, "Let there be light."

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

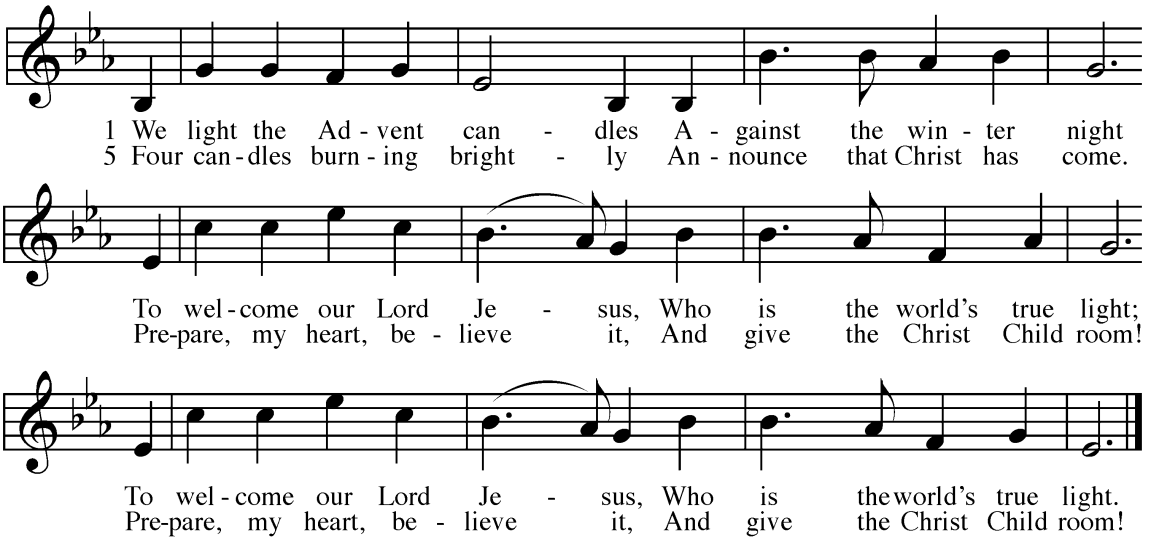
The fourth Advent candle is lit.

Celebrant The light of Joy tickles our hearts in Advent. This candle is the "party candle" of Advent. In the light of Joy, faces are lit with gladness, frowns and scowls are left at the door, and the eye's of "me!" flicker with a renewed wonder found in "us". In its light, we learn again to delight in simple things – a smile on the face of a stranger, the sparkle in a friend's eye, the birth of a baby, the song of a mother at night, and the echo of an angel's voice.

When all around would declare "Joy to ME!", the candle of Joy sparkles with:

People **<u>Joy</u> to the World!**

The Advent Carol



Advent Litany

Celebrant For joy 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, joy and grace, let us pray to the Lord,

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

Celebrant For joy in our hearts, for joy 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 20; Adv 4C

Celebrant Let us pray.
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.

People **With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always,**

Celebrant for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Children's Chat

The Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Old Testament Micah 5:2-5a

read by Deb Hamilton

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has

brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers. *NRSV*

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

Canticle CP 362 – "Tell Out, My Soul" *Luke 1:47-55*

Stanza 1: All
Stanza 2: Low voices
Stanza 3: High voices
Stanza 4: All

Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10 *read by Deb Hamilton*

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,
'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. *NRSV*

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All **Thanks be to God.**

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"
V4 - 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 1:39-55

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.' And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' *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

Janet Brown, Intercessor

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 97 – "Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring"

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Gracious God, by the power of the Spirit who sanctified the mother of your Son, make holy all we offer you this day. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Ev Luth Worship, 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:

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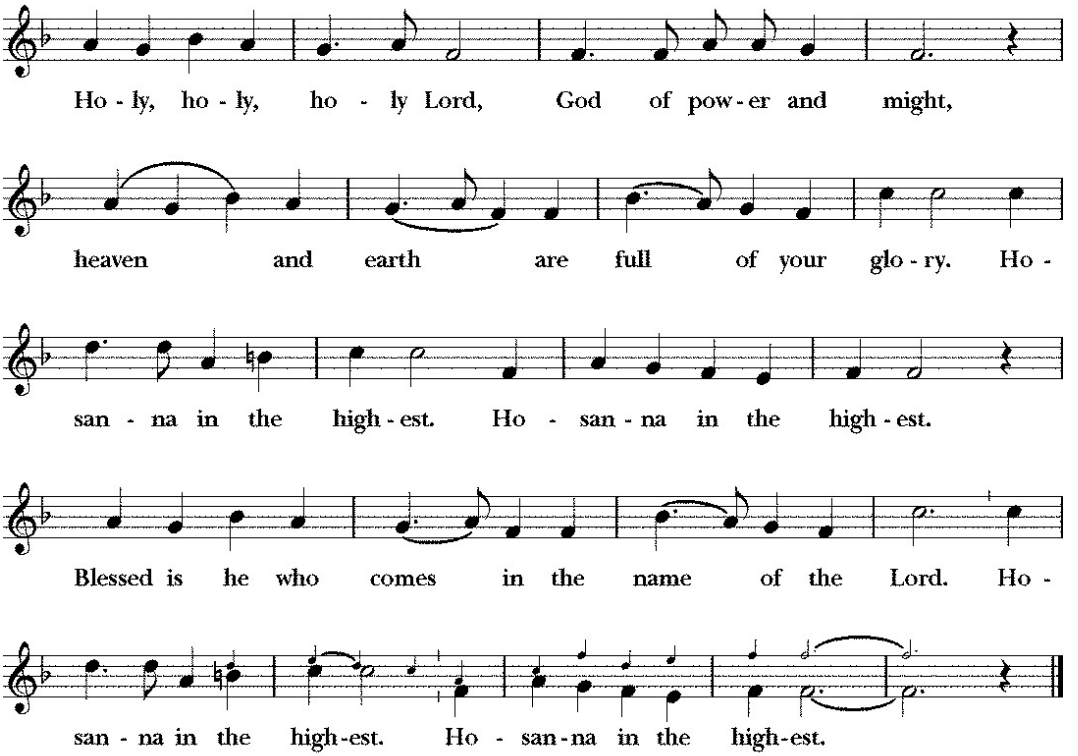

Celebrant Holy One, the beginning and end, the giver of life;
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you for the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.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

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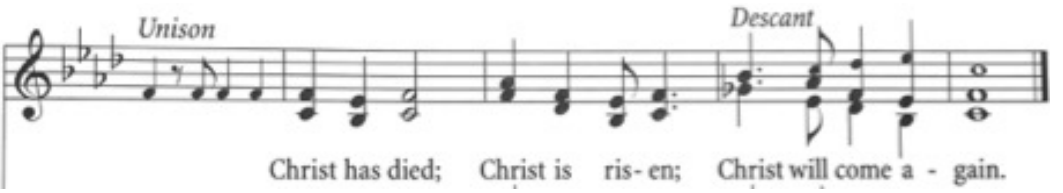
Celebrant With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming.

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.

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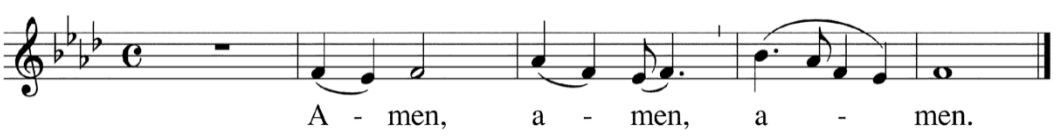
The Lord's Prayer

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;*
- *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.*

Distribution Hymns and Music

Hymn CP 69 – "We Who Live by Sound and Symbol"

Hymn CP 70 – "Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Faithful God, in this sacrament we receive the promise of salvation. May we, like the Virgin Mary, be obedient to your will. We ask this 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 269 – "Heavenly Message"

Dismissal

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

POSTLUDE *Meine Seele erherbt den Herren* BWV 648 *JS Bach (1685-1750)*

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Notices for Fourth Sunday of Advent, Dec 19, 2021

DATES TO NOTE

Sun Dec 19	**4th Sunday of Advent** at 10 am 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 19	**Dickens' "A Christmas Carol": A Reading** at 7:00 PM. Ticket and vaccination proof required at the door. This event is SOLD OUT
Wed Dec 22	**Prayer, Care and Share** with Lorne on Wednesdays at 10 AM https://zoom.us/j/2939572088 *Please note that the next prayer, care and share will be Jan 12th 2022 at 10AM*
Fri Dec 24	**Family Nativity Service** 5 pm **Candlelight Carol Service** 7:30 pm
Sat Dec 25	**Christmas Day Eucharist** 10:00 am
Sun Dec 26	**1st Sunday after Christmas** at 10:00 am
Dec 27 - Jan 4th	**Office Closed! Happy Holidays!**

"GROWING TOGETHER" - STEWARDSHIP 2022

Stewardship Campaign

A big thank you to everyone who worked on the Stewardship campaign this year; to Angharad Moorcroft, Glenn Sutherland, Michael McKenzie and Carol Simpson who spoke so movingly about what St Philip's means to them and to Debbie Matheson and Don Thompson for all their contributions.

Thank you to everyone who has submitted a pledge for next year. If you are planning to contribute please do so by the end of December!

NEW COVID PROTOCOL AT ST PHILIP'S

In addition to already-established measures like distancing, wearing a mask and sanitizing hands, vaccine passports (indicating two completed injections) and government identification must be presented to the greeters by those aged 12 and over before admission to all worship services and events. Those with valid medical exemptions from vaccination will need to present appropriate medical documentation to the Rector.

We kindly request that you have your vaccine passport and ID ready as you approach the church in order to streamline the process and to prevent long line-ups during cold and wet weather.
Bishop John's letter: https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news/bishops-pastoral-letter-regarding-nov-30-phos-orders.

COFFEE TIME SERVERS NEEDED
Please sign up to help serve and clean up at Coffee Time on Sundays. Coffee will be made and supplies purchased by Fellowship. No need to come early - just serve and wash-up. A rota will be on the Fellowship board in the gym or on the Coffee Table on Sunday. Without your help we will not be able to serve coffee every week after church. Thank you. (Fellowship Committee: Catherine Bernard, Amanda Holley, Joanne Vondette, Diana Bragg).

PRAYER LIST
Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers at this time: Min Rundle, Peradela, Ann Ringgold, Billy, Brenda, Nassrin, Greg, Brian Wooding, Doris Menoche, Marie, Kevin, Sean, Katherine, James, and Allia Moore and their family, 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, John Kelly, Ronald Hatch and Reverend Richard Johns.

FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR
The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in memory of Catherine and Fred Hall who are lovingly remembered by the Bernard 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
We give **huge thanks** to the fundraisers, the many makers, and over 75 shoppers who raised over $5,400!

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS
Please send us your best photos of what the Christmas season looks like at your place. A selection of photos will be used to brighten St Philip's Facebook page with light, colour, and anticipation. Send photos to lorne@stpdunbar.com

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

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

GRATITUDE CONFETTI
Let us shower gratitude confetti on the Fellowship Team of Diana Bragg, Amanda Holley, Catherine Bernard and Joanne Vondette who have hosted Coffee Time every Sunday, plus the Advent Service Refreshments, and Hot Chocolate following the Carol Sing-Along. Hosting TWO events on recent Sundays has given them 12-hour days of fellowship ministry! Bless you all.

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!

GREETERS!
Expect to be warmly welcomed at the door by a member of the Parish Council who will ask to see your proof of vaccination, as per new health protocols for Places of Worship. Greeters may also orient newcomers to St Philip's, invite them to coffee, and introduce them to someone. Let's all act like Greeters. Newcomers, we are glad to see you.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP
You must show proof of double vaccination, wear a mask in church, and are encouraged to sanitize your hands when you enter. 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 Tiffany Ho (manager@stpdunbar.com) have the information **before NOON on Wednesdays.**

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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