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

**PRIDE Sunday & Pentecost 4
July 3, 2022**



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 help you to enjoy the service.

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.

Brother Bill Tarter preaches. The Rev. Ingrid Andersen presides.

<p>10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Book of Alternative Services, p. 185</p>

*Lay Eucharistic Minister is Jim Hamar
Scripture readings led by Peggy Thomas
Psalm & Prayers led by Jim Hamar
Gospel led by Brother Bill Tarter
Sidespeople are Eva Morneau & Sandra Crews
Director of Music is Nell Howard
Guest pianist is David Enns.*

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.

Sentence of the Day: In loving all people as they are, as the children of God, we live the joy of the Kingdom of God.

Opening Hymn: G 832 In Christ There is No East or West

In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north,
but one great family bound by love throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close binding humankind.

Join hands, disciples in the faith, whate'er your race may be!
Who serve each other in Christ's love are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.

Collect of the Day: O Hidden, Eternal, and Self-giving God, who became human for our salvation: Open our minds, liberate our hearts, and strengthen our souls, that we may live into the fullness of your desires for us; in the name of the Creator, the Word, and the Spirit. **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat @ the Chancel:

Hymn: MV 156 Dance with the Spirit

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Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.'

The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this,

about himself or about someone else?’ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, ‘Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?’ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God is among us,
For the Word of God is within us,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 139:1-5, 12-17

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvellously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God is among us,
For the Word of God is within us,
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

(Please stand if you are able for the Gospel Hymn)

Gospel Hymn: G 622 Canticle of the Turning

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My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.

Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

From the halls of pow'r to the fortress tow'r, not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears ev'ry tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn;
there are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. **Refrain**

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound,
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around.

Refrain

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated after the reading)

Sermon: Brother Bill Tarter

(Please stand if you are able)

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 the Spirit, so we commit ourselves to her 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

Prayers of the People: *(Please be seated for the prayers)*

Confession & Absolution:

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming of sinners and inviting us to table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Holy and gracious One, **forgive our sins. The ones we can remember, and those we have forgotten. Forgive the wrong actions we have committed, and the right actions we have avoided. Forgive the times we have been weak, unkind or judgmental and failed to live out your kingdom call to justice and love. Forgive the lies we have told, the truths we have avoided and the pain we have caused others. Creator of all, have mercy on us, and make us whole. Amen.**

Early Irish (adapted from A Celtic Primer p. 95)

May Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(From New Patterns for Worship Church of England)

The Peace: *(Please stand if you are able for the Peace)*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you!

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide

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Refrain: Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

God the still-point of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever, in God's gracious arms. **Refrain**

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call. **Refrain**

Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door. **Refrain**

Prayer over the Gifts: God of heaven and earth, receive our sacrifice of praise,
and strengthen us for the perfect freedom of your service, through our Saviour
Jesus Christ. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #4: BAS Pg. 201

Lord's Prayer: (*sung*)

The Breaking of the Bread: BAS Pg. 212 (#2)

The Communion:

Communion Anthem: CP 647 Spirit of the Living God *Sung by Choir*

(Please stand if you are able for the Prayer after Communion)

Prayer after Communion: O God, may we who have shared in holy things never
fail to serve you in your world, and so come to the fullness of joy, in the name of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

Blessing: *(Please stand if you are able)*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Shared Ministry:

Commissioning Hymn: CP 36 Now There is No Male or Female

Commissioning:

Go in the peace of Christ to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

*Pray for The Anglican Church of Tanzania.
Pray for Barry our Executive Archdeacon, Anna our Bishop,
& Ingrid our Priest.
Pray for Congregation of S. John Gualbert (Pt. McNeill),
& Diocese of New Westminster.
In the Western, Peninsula & Gulf Islands Region for
The parish of Central Saanich.*

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

*Christopher, Dianne, Bill, Travis,
Bob & Donna, Greg, Barbra, Sarah, Charlotte, Bernie, Colleen & Neil,
Brad & Aila, & Ben.
The patients & staff of Broadmeade Lodge.
We pray for all those mourning the loss of loved ones.
We pray especially for Colleen & Neil.
We also pray for those we remember in the quiet of our own hearts.*