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

Remembrance Day Sunday

10:00 a.m. Service

November 9, 2025



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Sunday Services are at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Rite)

10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

Office Hours Mon to Thurs 9:00-Noon

Online Bible Study Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

If you are new to our parish, please identify yourself to the sidespersons or priest so we can welcome you and tell you about our church.

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.

Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen preaches & presides.

This service is being broadcast live on the Internet. By attending this morning, you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear there.

Please have your electronic devices on silent mode during the service.

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

*Lay Eucharistic Minister is Paul Francoeur
Sidespeople are Mary Ellen Skinner & Rose Chandler
Ministry of the Chalice – Mike Armstrong & Joan Hoffman
Director of Music is Nell Howard*

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: As we meet today, we begin by remembering the Songhees and x^wsepsəm 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.

Silent Procession

Prayer: O God, we thank you for those valiant hearts, who at the call of sovereign and country laid down their lives in the cause of freedom. We pray that we might uphold the torch entrusted to us so that their sacrifice may not have been in vain. Unite all the peace-loving peoples of our world in one holy purpose to defend the principles of freedom and humanity for which these valiant hearts lived and died. In the name of the great Prince of Peace. Amen.

Opening Hymn: CP 659 O Canada

ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Wreath Laying:

CPO2 (Ret) Mike Armstrong

Reading of the Roll:

CPO2 (Ret) Al Wills

Of those who died in the Service of King and Country.
1914 – 1918 and 1939 – 1945

World War I

J.H. Francis Butts
Percival Corry
James A. Dixon
James Dunsmuir
William Holmes
Bertram Hincks
E.K. Colborne

World War II

Pamela G. Bennett
William F. Bullen
Samuel D. Harte
Claude H. Hincks
Harold K. Langrish
John A. McLennan
Michael R.F. Oliver
Earl M. Steven

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning.

We will remember them.

We will remember them.

Last Post:

(Two minutes of Silence)

Lament:

Reveille:

Naval Hymn: CP #567 “Eternal Father Strong to Save”

Prayer for Our Country: Almighty God, whose wisdom and whose love are over all, accept the prayers we offer for our nation. Give integrity to its citizens and wisdom to those in authority, that harmony and justice may be secured in obedience to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Collect of the Day: Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Chat at the Chancel:

Hymn: MV 213 Take Up His Song (Vs 4)

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Take up his song of love and go into the world,
Take up his song of love in ev'ry moment.
In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives,
lay them down, in love, lay them down, and take up his song.

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9

Rodger Whitman

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, * **because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.**

The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; * **I came to grief and sorrow.**

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: * **“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; * **our God is full of compassion.**

The Lord watches over the innocent; * **I was brought very low, and he helped me.**

Turn again to your rest, O my soul, * **for the Lord has treated you well.**

For you have rescued my life from death, * **my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.**

I will walk in the presence of the Lord * **in the land of the living.**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Scott Weatherell

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able for the Gradual Hymn.)

Gradual Hymn: SNC 127 A Voice Was Heard in Ramah

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A voice was heard in Ramah that could not be consoled,
as Rachel wept for children she could no longer hold.
For Herod ruled the nation, yet feared the Infant King.
How great the devastation that fear and anger bring!

O God, we hear the crying for little ones of yours;
for many still are dying in conflicts and in wars —
In every troubled nation, on every violent street,
how great the lamentation when fear and anger meet!

Whenever one is weeping, the whole world suffers, too.
Yet, Jesus, as we serve them, we're also serving you.
So may we not ignore them, nor turn our eyes away,
but help us labor for them to bring a better day.

O Prince of Peace, you lead us in ways of truth and grace.
May we be brave to practice your peace in every place —
to love each fear-filled nation, to serve each troubled street.
How great the celebration when peace and justice meet!

(Please remain standing for the Gospel reading)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: John 6:37-40

Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

Jesus said, "Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day."

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

Sermon: Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People:

Sue Hamblin

(Please be seated for the prayers)

Each petition will end with – Give us this day our daily bread.

Please respond with – **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Confession & Absolution:

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

Merciful God, **we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

-From A New Zealand Prayer Book

(Please stand as you are able for the Peace)

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you!**

All are warmly welcome to join us at the Lord's Table. If you prefer not to receive communion but to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. Please leave your communion glasses in the bowls on the left and right as you return to your seat.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: CP 575 Let Streams of Living Justice

Prayer over the Gifts: Gracious and righteous Lord, **we are united in the love of Jesus Christ. Accept all we offer you this day, and bring us, with all your faithful**

people who have gone before us, into his eternal glory; who is Lord, now and for ever. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer: #3 (BAS Pg. 198)

The Sanctus: VU 951 Santo, Santo, Santo (Anon., Argentina)

**Santo, santo, santo. Mi Corazón te Adora!
Mi Corazón te sabe decir; Santo eres Dios!
Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God!**

Lord's Prayer:

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Our Father in heaven, **hallow'd be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heav'n. 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread:

God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The Communion:

Communion Anthem: I Dreamed of Rain (Sung by Choir)

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

Prayer after Communion: God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ, which we celebrate in this eucharist, bring us, with the faithful departed, into the peace of your eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our hope and our salvation. Amen.

Doxology: 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.

SENDING FORTH

Shared Ministry:

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Sending out of Lay Eucharistic Visitors:

In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in Christ's body and blood.

We being many, are one body, because we all share in the one bread.

May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Blessing:

Commissioning Hymn: MV 179 People Let Us Walk Together

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People let us walk together, sharing sadness, loss and grief,
we will move through pain to wholeness, brokenness transformed to peace.

People let us work together, seeking justice, healing shame,
filled with hope, imbued with courage, every violence we will name.

People let us love together, joining spirits, linking hands,
we are God's unique creation, clothed with dignity we'll stand."

Commissioning:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ!

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INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

We pray for The Church in the Province of the West Indies.

We pray for our new Primate Shane, John our Metropolitan,

Anna our Bishop, and Ingrid our Priest.

In the Western Peninsula & Gulf Islands region for the parish and neighbourhood of Christ Church, Gabriola Island, and The Rev. Suzana Bates.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers and for those we know and love, especially Alan, Frank, Linda, Darleen, Peggy, Jim, John, Tina, Jenny, Beth, Mike, Trevor, Barb, Larry, Jim, Geoff & Kim, David, Cena, Kathy, Peter, Susan, Kathy, Jim, Wayne, Neil, Christopher, Dianne, Brandon, Jo, and the residents and staff of The Priory.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12 (As Canticle); 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

SHARED MINISTRY

Christmas Craft Fair 2025 - Mark your calendars for our spectacular annual Christmas Craft Fair and Lunch happening at Church of the Advent on Saturday, November 15th from 10 am to 3 pm. As always, this event provides the perfect opportunity for some early Christmas gift shopping from a wide array of beautifully hand-crafted items. After shopping, sit and enjoy some delicious sandwiches and dessert with tea/coffee for only \$12. You won't want to miss it!

Christmas Craft Fair Baking & Signup – Signup sheets for the Christmas Craft Fair are currently in the Narthex. There are many roles to fill to make this event run smoothly. Please consider signing up for a duty at a time slot that works for you.

Plates and large baggies for baked donations are now available in the church office or see Liz Garland on Sunday. Also, the large blue tub in the Narthex holds small jars available to use for jams, jellies, etc. Help yourself!

Community Coffee Social - The next Community Coffee Social is Wednesday, November 12th, 9:30 to 11 am. Join us in the hall for some light-hearted social time. Spread the word to friends, families and neighbours. All are welcome.

Jazz Vespers – November 23rd, 7 PM - We are thrilled to welcome The Attila Fias Trio to our Jazz Vespers stage. Come and enjoy this group of musicians as they perform an evening of world class jazz right here in the Westshore.

Compassion in Action - This season the Compassion in Action Ministry would like to support Connection Point. They provide a gift shop for parents to shop for their children and gifts for the unhoused. Please provide however you wish with a gift, gift box, or gift bag/ backpack for a child adult or senior. The gift box/bag could include toiletries, snacks and treats, cold weather items etc. Connection Point is also currently seeking support with their Dignity Program, a place to shower and launder clothes at their Goldstream Ave. Outreach centre. Sometimes the individuals who use this service do not have a change of clothes. Donation of men's and women's shirts, pants, socks and underwear are needed, as well as shampoo, bodywash and razors. Thank you from the Compassion in Action Ministry Team.

Christmas Day Home Alone Luncheon – Last year’s Christmas Day Lunch for anyone who was alone was yet another great success. We had a large turnout and saw lots of happy faces. So, mark your calendars because Church of the Advent will host the lunch again this year! Sign-up sheets will be in the Narthex soon.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| Nov 12 Community Coffee Social, 9:30
Ladies Guild Meeting, 1:30 pm | Dec 10 Community Coffee Social,
9:30-11 am
Ladies Guild Appreciation
Lunch |
| Nov 14 Christmas Craft Fair Prep Day | |
| Nov 15 Christmas Craft Fair, 10 AM –
3 PM | |
| Nov 22 Spanish Service & Potluck,
6 PM | Dec 15 Christmas Caroling |
| Nov 23 Jazz Vespers, 7 PM | Dec 16 Parish Council Mtg, 7 pm |
| Nov 26 Ladies Guild Luncheon, noon | Dec 20 Blue Christmas Service |
| Nov 27 Prayer Shawl Mtg, 10 AM | Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services |
| Nov 29 Parish Council Christmas Dinner | Dec 25 Christmas Day Home Alone
Luncheon |
| Nov 30 8:30 Service Breakfast
Advent 1 Parish Anniversary | |