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December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing

The parish of St Peter Anglican Church is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Ligwi'da'xw people: the We Wai Kai, Wei Wai Kum, and Kwiakah First Nations; the unceded traditional territory of the Klahoose First Nation and the unceded traditional territory of the K'omoks First Nation. We seek a new relationship with the first peoples here; one based on honour and respect. We pray that we may live more deeply into the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

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CP=Common Praise Hymn book

SNC=Sing a New Creation Hymn book

Processional Hymn: CP# 106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

"We light this candle as we prepare for the coming of your Son.
Awaken our hearts to you this Advent season, so that when Christ
arrives, we are ready to receive him with all our hearts, all our minds,
and all our strength. Amen".

Lighting the Advent Wreath (ELW 240)

Light one candle to watch for Messiah:
Let the light banish darkness.
He shall bring salvation to Israel,
God fulfills the promise.

Light two candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
He shall feed the flock like a shepherd,
gently lead them homeward.

Sentence

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
All flesh shall see the salvation of God. *Luke 3.4, 6*

The Grace

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

All **And also with you.**

Confession and Absolution

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

Silence is kept.

Celebrant 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

Collect of the Day

Almighty God,
who sent your servant John the Baptist
to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah,
inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,
to turn our disobedient hearts to you,
that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge,
we may stand with confidence before his glory;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading	Isaiah 11:1-10	Sue Carew
Psalm	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19	
	Page 797	Sue Vickery
Second Reading	Romans 15:4-13	Sue Carew

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Lord and saviour; open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sink for the good news that you bring.

Celebrant God is 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.

Gospel [Matthew 3:1-12](#)

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia (Sung)

Sermon The Rev. Stephanie Wood

Silent Reflection

Affirmation of Faith (Hear O Israel)

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All Hear, O Israel,

The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

**Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these**

Prayers of the People

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

The people greet one another in the name of Christ.

Offertory Hymn SNC# 38 Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

Celebrant Thanks be to you,

All Lord Jesus Christ,

for all the benefits you have given us,

and all that you have borne for us.

In our sharing in this Eucharist,

in Church or at home,

we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts.

O most merciful redeemer,

friend and brother,

may we know you more clearly,

love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly,

day by day. Amen.

St. Richard (1197-1253) of Chichester

Let us pray.

Prayer over the Gifts

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.

Eucharistic Prayer 4

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation

who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

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

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

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
his is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks,
And said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him,

and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;

through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours,
creator of all.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever. Amen**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

The Lord's Prayer

**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 God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All **Happy are those who are called**
 To the supper of the Lamb.

Eucharistic Hymns

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you give us hope as we wait for you:
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

CP#56 **I am the Bread, the Bread of Life**
CP#73 **One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All**
CP#100 **Comfort, Comfort Ye my People**

Ablutions:

CP#60 **I Come with Joy**

Prayer after Communion:

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

Glory to God

Celebrant: Glory to God

All **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,
Forever and ever. Amen

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn: CP#102 Prepare thee the Way, O Zion

Sending Out:

LA: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Jesus' Example: In Jesus, God came among human beings, lived, wept, and died with us.

Out Opportunity:

Care and carry each other's burdens, even though our privilege means we could just turn the other way.

From: "The Church Cracked Open" Stewardship of Privilege

Parish Happenings

- **Office hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-1, closed on Fridays
- **Coffee Hour:** Every Monday 10 am, St. Matthew's room. Also on Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting - Meeting ID: [812 0587 4273](#)
- **Prayer Chain** meeting is the first Wednesday of every month at 10:30.
- **Council Meeting:** every 3rd week of the month. Next meeting is December 16, 2025, 7pm in the Library.
- **Healing Services:** Usually the last Sunday of each month at 4 pm. However there will be no service on Nov. 30. All are invited to join on Dec. 7 for the Blue Christmas Service at 4 pm.
- **Midweek Eucharists:** all are welcome, please join us:
Wednesday—Midweek Eucharist 12:30
Thursday – Meditative Eucharist 12:30
- **Chat & Chill Gathering** Every Friday 10 am in the St. Matthew's Room.
- **Mindfulness Group:** Every Wednesday in the library from 3:30 to 4:15 pm.
- **Prayer Chain Requests?** Email the Prayer Chain if you have a prayer request prayerchain@stpeterscampbellriver.com. There is also box in the Narthex where you may leave a prayer message.

Announcements

- **Shoebox Project:** Information on this yearly program is posted on the bulletin board. November 5 to December 5 or donate online.
- **Creation Centred series: 10:30 to 11:30:** Murry Etty is presenting the Creation centered series, “Mystics of the Middle Ages”. It began on Nov. 27. If you missed a session, feel free to attend any of the others running on December 9, 16.
- **Christmas Dinner: Dec. 25,** from 5 to 7 pm. Open to all, but please sign up on the list in the hallway. Thank you!

Christmas Services:

December 7 at 4 pm: Blue Christmas

December 24 at 4 pm: Christmas Eve Family Service

December 24 at 10 pm: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 25 at 10 am: Christmas Day Service

December 25 at 5 pm: Christmas Dinner in the church hall

December 28 at 10 am: Service of Lessons & Carols

- Upcoming Concerts:
 - ⇒ Dec 12 & 13—CR Children’s Choir
 - ⇒ Dec 21—Festive Brass—Tickets on Eventbrite

“We are the people inspired by God and the example of Jesus to go into our community offering love and acceptance to all.”

Parish Staff and Leaders

Rector's Warden: Tony Smith
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 Representative: Barb Henshall
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 Zoom master: Tony Smith
 Music Ministry: Kate Fitzsimmons,
 Georgia Smith, Lori Gooldrup
 Altar Guild: Kim Jarvis, Leslie MacLennan
 Community Garden Liaison: Rick Monchak

Budget to Oct, 2025	Actual Jan-Oct	Budget Jan-Oct	Budget 2025
Envelope - General	110,309	125,000	150,000
TOTAL REVENUE	149,999	160,651	192,582
TOTAL EXPENSE	182,016	178,501	\$214,253
NET INCOME	-32,016	-17,849	-21,671

WAYS TO GIVE AT ST. PETER

- During Sunday Worship: offering plate at each Sunday service. Cash or cheques are accepted.
- Automatic Withdrawal: 'PAR' can easily be set up. Contact the church treasurer.
- Give online: 'Donate' button located on the top right corner of the church website at stpeterscampbellriver.com. Or use the QR code below:



ALL IDENTIFIABLE FINANCIAL GIFTS ARE RECEIPTED ANNUALLY BY THE END OF FEBRUARY FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR.

Zoom Sunday Service—It is always the same number. It is also noted in your weekly email. JOIN ZOOM MEETING (Point, control & click to open link)



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