

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Second Sunday of Advent
Pageant Sunday
December 7, 2025 – 10 am
Holy Eucharist

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We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the ləkʷəŋən peoples, known in our day as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, the traditional custodians of these lands. We are grateful for their hospitality.

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Please stand as you are able.

Priest: May God be with you.

All: And also with you

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting for Week Two

Priest: Holy God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Saviour of every nation.

Voice 1 Because of war, because of violence in our
communities, because there is still so much unrest
in our hearts, we light a candle of peace...

Voice 2 Because hatred is still so strong, because so many
swords have not yet been remade into ploughshares,
we light a candle of peace...

(Light the second candle in your Advent wreath.)

Voice 1 May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

Voice 2 May the light from this candle say to all
that God's peace is coming,
on earth as it already is in heaven.

Voice 1 May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

Voice 2 May the light from this candle say to all
that God's hope is coming,
on earth as it already is in heaven.

Voice 1 Friends, be not afraid, God's peace is at hand!

Hope Is a Star
(by Brian Wren)

(Second Verse)

**Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.**

Welcome and Introduction (*The Rev. Daniel Fournier*)

Opening Hymn: CP 109 When the King Shall Come Again
(tune: *Tempus Adest Floridum*)

Invitation to Confession

Priest: Dear friends,
in a chaotic world filled with personal, political
and often environmental turmoil,
it is easy to long for someone coming from the outside
to help us, to “fix” things.
But today we are reminded that something
is also required of us.
Preparing for Christ was and is a serious task,
involving our own need for hope and repentance.
We can look to Jesus for solace and assistance,
but we are called to “make straight his paths”
and to “produce good fruit
as evidence of our repentance.”
His coming makes great demands on us.
As we enter today’s celebration of Christ’s love for us,
let us be mindful of our journeys as we confess to God.

Silence is kept.

Kyrie Confession (*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy*)

Priest: Jesus, you came to call us to repentance.
Kyrie eleison.

All: Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Priest: You come in word and sacrament
to share your life abundant. Christe eleison.

All: Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.

Priest: You will come again in glory
to renew the whole creation. Kyrie eleison.

All: Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Priest: God for whom we wait and watch,
through this Eucharist we celebrate
cleanse us of our sins so that we may come
to share your eternal banquet;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

All: Amen.

Collect of the Day

Priest: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

God of justice,
clear our lives of hatred and despair
and sow in us seeds of joy and peace;
so that shoots of hope may spring forth in us
as we await the coming of the Christ,
who with you and the Holy Spirit,
lives and reigns, one God,
now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

A CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Carols during the pageant:

CP 121: Little Town of Bethlehem (vs. 1)

CP 126: Away in a Manger (vs. 1-2)

CP 138: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (vs. 1)

CP 119: Silent Night (vs. 1)

We Three Kings of Orient Are

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign. ***[Refrain]***

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a Deity nigh;
prayer and praising, voices raising,
worshipping God most high. ***[Refrain]***

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom;
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb. ***[Refrain]***

Concluding Pageant: CP 153 Good Christians All, Rejoice
(tune: In Dulci jubilo)

Reflection: The Rev. Daniel Fournier *(Please be seated.)*

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith *[Based on “A Liturgical Affirmation”,
from A New Zealand Prayer Book]*

Leader: We declare our faith as we say:

**All: You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world
and for all God's people in their daily life and work.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE,
we pray today for the Church of Bangladesh, The
Most Revd Samuel Sunil Mankhin, Primate. **Locally**
we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for Trinity Anglican
+ Lutheran Church, Port Alberni, and their parishioners
and wardens. **We also pray** for Lutheran Church of the
Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and for** the Diocese of the
Territory of the People and Bishop Clara Plamondon.

For the Church: that God will give us the energy
and desire to pursue conversion,
advocate for justice and peace,
and be heralds of God's presence in our world.

God of peace with justice,

All: Hear our prayer.

For courage: that we may bear witness in both word
and deed to Christ Jesus who brings life
and hope to human hearts.

God of peace with justice,

All: Hear our prayer.

For all lost in the blindness of possessions or power:
that God will awaken them to the beauty of
relationships, the gift of each new day,
and the love that brings life.

God of peace with justice,

All: Hear our prayer.

For openness of heart:
that God will renew the gift of the Spirit within us
and help us to be active and dynamic disciples.

God of peace with justice,

All: Hear our prayer.

For all who are searching:
that God's love and presence may be revealed
to all who desire something more in life
be they young or older,
and to those who have experienced trauma.

God of peace with justice,

All: Hear our prayer.

For all burdened by poverty:
that God will raise our awareness
of those who are in need around us
and free us to respond generously
with both our time and resources.

All: God of peace with justice,
Hear our prayer.

For all suffering from the cold:
that God will guide those who have no homes
or who have no heat in their homes
to places of warm and safety during these harsh days.

All: God of peace with justice,
Hear our prayer.

For all who must be out in the cold:
that God will preserve the health safety
of public safety personnel as they assist others,
sustain all who work outdoors,
and help all who are traveling to arrive safely.

All: God of peace with justice,
Hear our prayer.

For all making healthcare decisions:
that the Spirit will give insight to all making decisions
about healthcare plans
and guide government, administrators
and health authorities in finding new ways
to support the health needs of our society.

All: God of peace with justice,
Hear our prayer.

For peace: that God will guide the negotiations
between Ukraine and Russia,
sustain the ceasefire in Gaza and Lebanon, and
preserve the peace in Venezuela.

God of peace with justice,
All: Hear our prayer.

For those who have asked us to pray for them.
(*Names added here...*)

Hear our prayers, O God,
and strengthen us to serve you in faith and obedience.
We offer our prayers
through our Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

All: Amen.

Invitation and Peace (*Please stand as you are able.*)

Priest: The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus
and with all those who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth
in which Christ became incarnate.
So, come to this table, you who have faith
and you who would like to come to know it more.
You who have been to this sacrament often,
and you who have not been for a long time.
You who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed.
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

As we prepare to come to the table
let us exchange a sign of peace with one another.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP 88 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
(*tune: Stuttgart*)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: 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.

All: Amen

*Please remain standing for the whole Eucharistic Prayer,
as you are able.*

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: Book of Alternative Services, 1985: Eucharistic Prayer 5]

Priest: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (x2)
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is the one
coming in the name, the name of our God.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (x2)**
[From: St. Aidan Setting; John Bell, The Iona Community]

Priest: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.
On the cross
he defeated the power of sin and death.
By raising him from the dead
you show us the power of your love
to bring new life to all your people.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life
of the family of your children.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, amen, ameni. *(repeat)*

[From: Young men; Christ the New Man Parish, Ga-Rankuwa, South Africa; GIA Publications, Inc.]

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: In the words that our Saviour taught us, we 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 for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us. (twice)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

[From: St. Bride Setting; John Bell, The Iona Community]

The Giving of Communion

Priest: God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please follow the directions of the sides-people as the congregation is invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine.

If you would prefer not to receive communion, please come forward for a blessing. Crossing your hands over your chest will signal the priest to give you a blessing instead.

NOTE: *Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

Please remain seated as we sing the hymns during communion.

Hymns during Communion:

CP 100 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

(tune: Psalm 42)

CP 92 O Day of God, Draw Nigh

(tune: Bellwoods)

Prayer after Communion *(Please stand as you are able.)*

**Priest: 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.

All: Amen.

Priest: 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,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements *(Please be seated.)*

Blessing *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Priest: As we leave this place,
and scatter back out into the world,
may the God of hope—
who loves us and gave himself for us—
fill us with all joy and peace
as we trust in Him,
today and throughout the coming week,
so that in believing,
we may abound in hope,
through the love of Jesus Christ,
and the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 91 People, Look East! The Time Is Near
(tune: Besançon)

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Thank you to all who assisted with today's service.

In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Primate, Archbishop Shane Parker and the staff of the Primate's Office of the Anglican Church of Canada (Anglican); **for** the National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and the National Staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (Lutheran); **and for** The Rev. David E. Bennett, President of the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in America (Moravian).

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
December 7th – December 14th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

Please stay for coffee time after today's service – Park on Synod Road for easy access via the side door of the hall.

***The Swiftsure Big Band Christmas Concert at St Luke's – This Afternoon, Sunday, December 7th from 4 to 5 pm.** The New Swiftsure Big Band has been practicing in St. Luke's Church and now they are inviting us to their concert. This concert is designed to fill your heart with the joy of the season. **Admission is by donation with the donations going towards supporting this year's CFAX Santa's Anonymous campaign.** The Band calls it, "music with a purpose."

***Donations Towards St. Luke's Grand Piano** – We now have purchased a Baldwin Model R Artist Grand Piano, as approved by Parish Council at our November Council meeting. While this is a wonderful addition to St. Luke's music program and will help make the space very suitable for concerts and recitals, this expenditure was not included when we approved this year's budget at our AGM in February. **So we would greatly appreciate donations towards the \$6,500 which was spent for the piano, its cost (\$6,000) plus the moving costs to bring it to St. Luke's (\$500).** To make a donation, please use one of your special donation envelopes or donate via an e-transfer and note that the donation is towards the grand piano. We are hoping to recover the cost of the piano through

donations and fundraising. **Thank you for your donations to date. So far we have received \$1,500 in donations with more pledged.**

****The Men's Fellowship Group will meet on Wednesday, December 10th** at 6 pm at the White Spot on Quadra Street. If you plan to attend, please confirm with Harry Felsing.

***The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be this THURSDAY, December 11th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in the church.** The topic will be Sing Your December Favourites. Alan Whitmore will lead this session.

***The Church Office will be closed on Friday, December 19th** when Neil takes another of his remaining vacation days. Heather Simpson has generously offered to cover the office hours on **Monday, December 8th and 15th.**

****Donations for Flowers for Christmas –** The Altar Guild invites your **donations for flowers for the Christmas services.** Donations can be made in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a special event, or simply as a thanks offering. **Donations can be handed in to the office, or added to the collection plate.** If you would like a tax donation receipt for your donation, please use one of your donation envelopes, and mark "flowers " or Altar Guild on it. Please make cheques payable to St. Luke's. For more information, please contact Ann Séguin.

****Thursday Morning Services –** Don't forget that we have a Communion service each week in the chapel on Thursday morning at 10:30 am. Come for mid-week spiritual uplift.

****Longest Night Service – Sunday, December 21st, 7 pm –** This time of year can be **difficult** for many people because of loss or changes in our lives. **This service of light in the midst of darkness is an opportunity to come and enter gently into a quiet holy time, and is open to everyone.** You are

welcome to invite a friend to come and share with you in this service of remembrance and hope.

****Planning Christmas activities with visiting family and friends?** Keep in mind our **special Christmas services at St. Luke's. Christmas Eve Services will be at 4 pm (Christingle service, a child-friendly service with Christingle oranges for the children) and 8 pm (Choral Eucharist)** with a pre-service Carol Sing starting at 7:45 pm. **Come and sing some of your Christmas favourites before the service starts at 8 pm.** The 8 pm service will also include music by St. Luke's Handbell Choir. **The Christmas Day Service will be a Family Communion Service at 10 am.**

****The Shelbourne Community Kitchen's Donate and Double Your Impact campaign is back.** Between now and December 31st, **the first \$20,000 donated will be matched by an incredible group of supporters,** doubling the impact of every gift. With the strength of bulk purchasing, fresh produce from our gardens, and a powerhouse volunteer team, your contribution stretches even further to support community members. This is one of the most important campaigns of the year for The Kitchen, and they're so grateful for your support **Let's make this holiday season unforgettable by doubling The Kitchen's impact together!** See more information and a link to make a donation are at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

****The December Faith Tides** is now available online at the **News page of St. Luke's website.** Print copies are available in the church or from the parish office. Or please call the office (250-477-6741) to ask to have a copy delivered. ***Articles about St. Luke's 165th Anniversary Celebration and the Service of Remembrance are included in the Ripples section of this month's Faith Tides.*** See more information on the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

***Christmas Stocking Project** – As we have done in previous years, we have chosen a World of Gifts Project through

Alongside Hope (previously called the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) as our Christmas Stocking Project. **We started our Christmas Stocking Project last Sunday, the first Sunday in Advent, and it will continue to Christmas Day.** Our project will be buying donkeys for families in Kenya - sorry, no goats on the list this year! In rural Kenya, a donkey can make everyday life a little easier by carrying heavy loads of water, firewood, or building materials. You are invited **to drop your gold coins (Loonies or Toonies) into the Christmas stocking at the back of the church or to put a special donation into the collection plate labelled "Donkeys Project"**. Money designated in the collection or collected in the stocking from now to Christmas Day will be sent to Alongside Hope to buy donkeys for families in Africa.

St. Luke's Players Panto Tickets – Tickets for St. Luke's Panto, Jack and the Beanstalk, are available now through EventBrite. It will be a traditional panto suitable for ages 3 -103 with singing, dancing, opportunities to join in the fun and lots of laughter. This year we even have some actors playing live instruments. Dates are: Evenings at 7 pm on December 12, 17, 18, and 19; Matinees at 2 pm on December 13, 14, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and January 1. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website.**

Sunday Coffee Times – We are pleased that Rebecca Ford is able to do our set up and cleanup for Sunday coffee times. We are paying Rebecca \$50/Sunday to look after coffee times for us, an expense we didn't put into this year's budget. **If you are able to make an extra donation in your envelopes and note that it is for coffee time that would be helpful.** Thank you for your donations to date. **So far we have received, \$645 in donations towards coffee time.**

Pre-Authorized Remittance Program (PAR) – A number of people noted on their givings cards that they would like to increase their PAR or start using PAR. To make a change or start using PAR, please send an e-mail to St. Luke's Givings e-

mail (givings@stlukecedarhill.ca) and include the information as noted. **To make a change to PAR**, include your envelope #, the date you would like the change to happen (eg December 1, 2025 or January 1, 2026, etc.), and the amount of the change. The PAR comes out of one's account on the 20th of the month but changes have to be sent in prior to the 10th of the month. **To start using PAR**, send an e-mail to St. Luke's Givings e-mail (givings@stlukecedarhill.ca) and a form to enrol will be sent to you. The Treasurer will follow up with everyone who indicated that they would like to change their PAR amount or start PAR in case they have any questions.

Calling All Bakers – We would love some baking for coffee times, Fantastic Fridays, and other social times. Cookies, loaves, and squares are particularly appreciated. Baking donations can be brought to the hall during office hours (9 to noon, Monday to Friday) or during coffee times to be put in the small freezer downstairs by the Studio. Thanks so much for your help. Homemade baking is always greatly appreciated!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY December 14th, 2025

Isaiah 35: 1-10

Psalms 146: 4-9

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

FLOWERS

Flowers at St. Luke's are coordinated by Ann Séguin.

*Please contact Ann if you would like to make
a donation towards flowers at the Christmas services.*

There are no flowers during Advent.