

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
ADVENT TWO
December 7, 2025



Rector:	The Rev. Vernon Foster		
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Church Services:	Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Communion
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
	Weekdays (except stats)	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Contemplative Prayer
	Wednesday	11:00 am	Holy Communion

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*Please be aware the 10:30 service may be recorded or livestreamed,
and your presence in the service is considered your consent to appear on camera.*

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HOLY EUCHARIST – 10:30 AM

*This Eucharistic liturgy is based on the
Anglican Church of Canada **Book of Alternative Services***

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

*We commit ourselves to working together in a spirit of reconciliation as we worship
and serve on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.*

Officiant & Preacher:	The Rev. Vernon Foster
Celebrant:	Rev. Pat Horrobin
Deacon:	The Rev. Helen Lingham
Liturgical Assistant:	Julie F.
Greeters:	Joanne B., Margaret C.
Duty Warden:	Julie F.
Musician:	Kyle M.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Yvonne O. to the glory of God
and in memory of her brother Jim.

Altar Guild Team: Linda, Jane, Jeanne

Refreshment Hour is hosted today by: Sue, Norma

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS: *(you may remain seated during the welcome)*

OPENING HYMN: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 91 People, Look East! The Time Is Near

BESANCON

GATHERING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

May grace and peace be with you all.

May Christ fill our hearts with joy.

CANDLE LIGHTING: THROUGH THE EYES OF THE PROPHET

In this second week of Advent we stand with the prophet—
with the one who cries out from the wilderness,
who speaks truth when silence would be easier,
who calls us to clear away what hinders love's arrival.

The second candle is lit.

We light this candle for the courage to listen:
to voices that disturb our complacency,
to truths that cut through the noise,
to the call to prepare the way in our own lives
and in our common life as a community.

**God of the wilderness and the prophet's cry,
shake us awake.
Clear what is cluttered,
soften what is hardened,
and turn our hearts toward the path you set before us.
Give us ears to hear your unsettling mercy
and strength to walk the way it reveals.
Amen.**

KYRIE ELEISON CP 678

Lord, have mercy upon us, 3x
Christ, have mercy upon us, 3x
Lord, have mercy upon us, 3x

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Let us, after a moment of silent reflection, call to mind and confess the times we have
fallen short of God's purposes for us, resolving to keep God's commandments and to
live in love and peace with our neighbour.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, **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.**

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. **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God. *(A moment of silence)*

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:

Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

Rick

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 72:1-7, 18-19

Cantor



SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

Joanne

Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 108 Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding (Vs 1,2,3)

MERTON

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

(It is our custom to remain standing for the reading of the gospel. Please stand as you are able)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 108 Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding (Vs 4,5)

MERTON

SERMON:

Rev. Vernon Foster

ANTHEM: Advent Hope by Joseph M. Martin

Duet: Alicia Vanin and Mary Jackson

ADVENT CREED: *(Please stand as you are able)*

L.A. Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in God:

The Source of all things. The God of Abraham and Sarah. The Holy One who freed the slaves from Egypt. The God who is steadfast love and mercy. The God who made a straight path in the wilderness and who promises to make all things new.

We believe in Jesus:

The Messiah, who is Emmanuel: God-with-us. He is King-of-Kings, yet born of Mary. Jesus showed God's love through healing and teaching, Jesus chose the way of servant-suffering by dying on a cross. After three days he rose from the dead. He is the Lord, the first born of the new creation.

We believe in the Holy Spirit:

The One who inspires faith. Who has spoken through prophets and preachers and common people, The One who breathes new life into the church and the world, The Lord and giver of life. Who is making all things new. We believe that God is still creating. We believe that Jesus is present with us. We believe that the Holy Spirit is calling us forth in love and mercy. This is our hope, this is our faith. Amen.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joy

THE PEACE:

Christ comes to clear our paths and awaken our hearts. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

OFFERTORY HYMN: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 116 "Your Kingdom Come" – On Bended Knee

IRISH

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

God of the wilderness voice, we bring these gifts as signs of our desire to prepare the way of your justice and compassion. Use what we offer—our resources, our courage, our lives— to clear paths where your love may enter.

All things come from you and of your own have we given you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: (Eucharistic Prayer 2)

(You are invited to stand during the Eucharistic Prayer as you desire)

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right.....as we sing:

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

CP 735 Schubert

Holy and gracious God..... now and forever. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

David

Awaiting his coming glory, as our Saviour has taught us, so we sing:

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

The Bread which we break is the sharing of the Body of Christ.

We, who are many, are one body for we all partake of the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION:

All are welcome to join us for communion. Our practice is to share the wine from a common cup.

For health reasons you are asked not to dip the bread wafer into the wine.

If you prefer, you may receive bread only. If you are gluten free, please ask for a gluten free wafer.

If you do not wish to receive communion, cross your arms in front of you to indicate to the clergy that you would like a blessing instead. We are happy to come to your seat to serve communion if you are unable to come forward – do let the greeter know.

COMMUNION HYMN: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 48 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious

Our Lord's mercy endures forever.

Let us pray,

God of the wilderness voice, you have strengthened us with this holy meal.

Send us out with the courage of your prophets—to speak truth with love,

to prepare the way of your justice, and to bear witness to the light

that is already breaking into the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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.

BLESSING

May the God who calls prophets from the wilderness grant you courage to speak truth, wisdom to listen deeply, and strength to prepare a path for love's coming.

And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sacred Spirit,

be with you and those whom you love and pray for, this day and for ever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go forth as witnesses of God's truth, preparing the way for grace and justice.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen**

SENDING FORTH HYMN: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 103 On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry

WINCHESTER NEW