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**Third Sunday of Advent**



***And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads...ISAIAH 35:1-10***

*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.*

## **Third Sunday of Advent—December 14, 2025**

*CP=Common Praise Hymn book*

*SNC=Sing a New Creation Hymn book*

### **Processional Hymn: CP# 88 Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus 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.

Light one candle to watch for Messiah;  
Let the light banish darkness.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway  
for the King of glory.

### **Sentence**

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted. *Isaiah 61.1*

### **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**

God of power and mercy,  
you call us once again  
to celebrate the coming of your Son.  
Remove those things which hinder love of you,

that when he comes,  
he may find us waiting in awe and wonder  
for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

First Reading	<a href="#">Isaiah 35:1-10</a>	Rick Monchak
Psalm	<a href="#">Psalm 146:4-9</a>	
	Page 905	Pauline Woods
Second Reading	<a href="#">James 5:7-10</a>	Rick Monchak

### **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.
<b>All</b>	<b>And also with you.</b>
Celebrant	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
<b>All</b>	<b>Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.</b>

Gospel	<a href="#">Matthew 11:2-11</a>
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<i>Celebrant</i>	The Gospel of Christ.
<b>All</b>	<b>Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.</b>
	<b>Alleluia (Sung)</b>

<b>Sermon</b>	The Rev. Stephanie Wood
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### *Silent Reflection*

### **Affirmation of Faith (Hear O Israel)**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us confess our faith, as we say,
<b>All</b>	<b>Hear, O Israel,</b>
	<b>The Lord our God, the Lord is one.</b>
	<b>Love the Lord your God with all your heart,</b>

**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# 35 Hope is a Star**

*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 of hope,

renew in us the joy of your salvation

and make us a living sacrifice to you,

for the sake 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#89** O Come, O Come, Emmanuel v. 1,2,3,6,7  
**CP#100** Comfort, Comfort Ye My People  
**CP#117** Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

## Ablutions:

**CP#74** For the Bread Which You Have Broken

## Prayer after Communion:

Merciful God,  
may this eucharist free us from our sins,  
fill us with unending joy,  
and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who is Lord now and for ever. **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: SNC#39 Stay Awake, Be Ready**

### **Sending Out:**

**LA:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

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

### *Jesus' Example:*

Jesus embraced life, in its most humble and painful form.

### *Our Opportunity:*

Embrace uncomfortable spaces and experiences and model vulnerability for others who share our privilege.

*From: 'The Church Cracked Open' Stewardship of Privilege: Using Your Power as Jesus Used His.*

## Parish Happenings

- **Office hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-1, closed on Fridays. **Note: the office will be closed from Dec. 25 to Jan 5th. The church will be open for the Service of Lessons and Carols on December 28.**
- **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 third Sunday of each month at 4 pm. The Next service is on January 18, 2026

- **Evening Prayer:** December 15th and 22nd at 6:30 pm on Monday Evenings. **No service** on December 30. Regular Evening Prayer begins again on January 5, 2026.
- **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](mailto:prayerchain@stpeterscampbellriver.com). There is also box in the Narthex where you may leave a prayer message.

### **Announcements**

- **Christmas Dinner: Dec. 25,** from 5 to 7 pm. Open to all, but please sign up on the list in the hallway. Thank you!

**Council Members Wanted:** Our annual general meeting in February 2026 will select a new parish council to administer the church. Council will need a People's Warden, two Synod Delegates, an alternate Synod Delegate, and at least two new council members. Please consider getting involved in the workings of your church.

#### Christmas Services:

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

***"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  
 People's Warden: Pauline Woods  
 Deputy Warden: Lois Tirebuck  
 Deputy Warden: Rick Monchak  
 Treasurer: Holly Finn  
 Church Administrator/  
 Communications: Trina Soltys  
 Custodian: Janic Kozak  
 Prayer Chain: Sue Vickery  
 Envelope Secretary: Frank Maga  
 Healing Prayer Ministry: Sue Vickery  
 Lay Assistants & Readers: Pauline Woods  
 Spirit Editor: Jane Monchak  
 Spirit Design & Production: Trina Soltys  
 Mindfulness: Jane Jennings

Coffee Monday: Jennifer Coolen  
 Librarian: Jane Jennings  
 Safe Church: Andrea Charlton  
 Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF)  
 Representative: Barb Henshall  
 Building & Grounds: George Wagner  
 Chat & Chill (formerly ACW): Frances Payne  
 Sides persons: Pam Hedderson  
 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 Nov 30, 2025

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<b>Jan-Now</b>	<b>Jan-Nov</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Envelope - General</b>	118,625	137,500	150,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	170,900	176,716	192,582
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	200,753	196,143	\$214,253
<b>NET INCOME</b>	-29,854	-19,427	-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](http://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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