

Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

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10:00 am



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

Cover art designed by Sharon McMillan

Merry Christmas and Welcome to our Christmas Day Service!

*Hymns today are from **Common Praise** (CP, light blue cover).
Items in **bold** invite you to join together in prayer and song.
Please stand as you are able when we sing the hymns or as
indicated.*

Organ Prelude (*please be seated*)

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

Gathering Hymn: CP 154 Joy to the World (*tune: Antioch*)

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

All: And also with you.

The Confession and Absolution

Priest: Dear friends in Christ:
hear the words of the angel to Joseph,
“You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.”
Therefore let us seek the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.
Let us now admit to God our flaws and fears,
our sins and our brokenness,
confident in God’s forgiveness.

Priest: 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.**

Priest: May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw you to himself
and cleanse you from all your sins,
that you may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

A Peruvian Gloria

(Cantor): Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the Highest!

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(Cantor): To God be glory forever!

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(Cantor): Alleluia! Amen!

Alleluia! Amen!

Collect for Christmas Day

Priest: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

God, whose Word became flesh,
breathe a new song of joy and praise into the world,
so that we may bear the good news of your salvation
and proclaim your promise of peace
to the ends of the earth;
through Christ the Word who lives
and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 52: 7-10

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 96: 1-4, 11-13

**Response: All the ends of the earth
have seen the salvation of our God!**

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory. **(Response)**

The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown
in the sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness
to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth
have seen the victory of our God. **(Response)**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song. **(Response)**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein. **(Response)**

Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 1: 1-4

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia *(sung 4 times)*

[From: Norah Duncan; GIA Publications, Inc.]

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 1: 1-14

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn: CP 131 Love Came Down at Christmas

(tune: Hermitage)

Homily *(Please be seated).*

Anthem: *Holy Child within the Manger* by M. Haugen

Please stand as you are able.

Nicene Creed

Priest: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All: We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.**

**With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

Leader: O God in whom we live and move and have our being,
In this season of Christmas,
we give you thanks that your love
took flesh in the Christ child
and that his story still fills us with wonder.
With all the hectic visiting
family and friends this season,
we remember Mary and Joseph and their journey
in the midst of another busy time.
Watch over all who travel at this time of year,
for happy reasons or in the face of difficulties.
May they find your peace in the midst of their journeys.

Brief silence...

All: Eternal God, God with us,
Hear us, we pray.

As we remember the innkeeper
who found space for Mary and Joseph,
we are grateful for the spaces we call home,
whether simple or sophisticated.
We pray for all those who are homeless,
and those who seek a welcome in strange places.
May they find an open door and kindness within.

Brief silence...

All: Eternal God, God with us,
Hear us, we pray.

As we remember the shepherds
watching over their flocks,
we give you thanks for those
who watch over us this night.
We pray for all those who must work on holidays,
tending to the well-being of others.
May they know a blessing
in the services they provide
and our gratitude for their efforts.

Brief silence...

All: Eternal God, God with us,
Hear us, we pray.

As we remember the angels
and their message of peace and goodwill,
we are grateful for peace and order
in our communities.
We pray for all those who work
to establish and maintain peace
in troubled places and troubled lives,
knowing trouble rarely takes a vacation.

Brief silence...

All: Eternal God, God with us,
Hear us, we pray.

As we remember the Magi and the gifts they brought
to honour the Christ Child,
we thank you for the generosity
that overflows at this time of year.

May it touch the lives that need it most.
May each of us find ways to offer you
what we value most in the year ahead.

Brief silence...

Eternal God, God with us,
All: Hear us, we pray.

And in the silence of our hearts
we pray for those we love,
those we can not be with at this time,
those whom we remember in our silent prayers.

Brief silence...

Eternal God, God with us,
All: Hear us, we pray.

Hear these prayers
and all the silent prayers of our hearts, O God,
and cradle them and us in your holy wisdom.
This we pray in the name of the Holy Child, Jesus,
Prince of Peace.

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 122 In the Bleak Midwinter
(tune: Cranham)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus,
who came among the poor
to bring the riches of your grace.
As you have blessed us with your gifts,
let them be a blessing for others.
With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven,
we shout for joy at the coming
of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer *[from Enriching Our Worship – ECUSA]*

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: It is truly right, and good and joyful,
to give you thanks, all-holy God,
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing
and fed us with your constant love;
you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ
and knit us into one body.
Through your Spirit you replenish us
and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels
and with the faithful of every generation,
we lift our voices with all creation 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: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of the universe and giver of life.
You formed us in your own image
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.
You gave the world into our care
that we might be your faithful stewards
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honour your image
in one another and in ourselves;
we would not see your goodness
in the world around us;
and so we violated your creation,
abused one another, and rejected your love.
Yet you never ceased to care for us,
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah
you called us into covenant with you.
You delivered us from slavery,
sustained us in the wilderness,
and raised up prophets
to renew your promise of salvation.
Then, in the fullness of time,
you sent your eternal Word,
made mortal flesh in Jesus.
Born into the human family, and dwelling among us,
he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross,
he triumphed over evil,
opening the way of freedom and life.
On the night before he died for us,
our Saviour Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his friends, and said:
“Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them,
and said: “Drink this, all of you:
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you
and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

All: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Priest: Remembering his death and resurrection,
we now present to you from your creation
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us
the Body and Blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Grant that we who share these gifts
may be filled with the Holy Spirit
and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage
of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints,
past, present, and yet to come,
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honour, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

All: 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: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**All: Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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.**

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 sidespeople 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 hymn during communion.

Hymn during Communion:

CP 130 Born in the Night

(tune: Mary's Child)

Prayer after Communion

Priest: Radiant God, with our eyes
 we have seen your salvation,
 and in this meal we have feasted on your grace.

May your Word take flesh in us,
so that we may be your holy people,
revealing your glory made known to us
in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and 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.**

Benediction

Priest: Christ, who by his incarnation
gathered into one things earthly and heavenly,
fill you with peace and goodwill
and make you partakers of the divine nature;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you and those you love
this Christmas Day.

All: Amen.

Sending Hymn: CP 138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

(tune: Mendelssohn)

Dismissal

Priest: Go in peace, proclaim and serve the Lord.

All: Glory, thanks and praise be to God. Amen.

Organ Postlude

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

Merry Christmas to you and your loved ones!
May the Peace of the Christ Child
be with you to guide your steps,
strengthen your resolve,
warm your heart,
and fill you with Love.



May each and everyone of you experience
God's most wonderful surprise
as God's blessings surround you
in this Holy Season of Christmas and
in a grace-filled New Year.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for The Diocese of Sapele – The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), The Rt Revd Dr Blessing A. Erifeta. **In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** Henrieta Paukov, Director, and the staff of General Synod Communications and Information Resources; Amal Attia, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer and the staff of Financial Management and Administration (Anglican); **for** Trina Gallop Blank, Assistant to the National Bishop, Communications and Resource Generation, and the staff of Communications (Lutheran); **and for** Mike Riess, Executive Director, and staff of Interprovincial Board of Communications for the Moravian Church (Moravian). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for Chaplains and Chaplaincies. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and for** Diocese of the Territory of the People and Bishop Clara Plamondon. **This Christmas, we pray for** Alongside Hope for its staff, volunteers and the people it helps through the World of Gifts Programs which include buying donkeys for families in Kenya.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

December 25th – December 28th

(New Items, *Revised Items)**

***The Church Office will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25th and Boxing Day, December 26th.** The office will open on December 29th at 9 am.

****The Service for the First Sunday after Christmas (December 28th) will be a Service of the Word at 10 am. There will not be an 8 am service this Sunday.**

****On January 4th, we will celebrate the Feast of Epiphany. The 10 am service will be an Epiphany Lessons and Carols Service with special music.**

The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be Thursday, January 8th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in the church. The topic will be Sitting is the New Smoking. Susanne Reul-Zastre will lead this session.

****The Next Fantastic Friday will be on January 9th, 2026 – It will be an Epiphany Party in the Hall starting at 4:30 pm. The evening will include Fantastic Friday crafts and the Epiphany tradition of chalking the church door. Everyone welcome!**

****Our January Reflections, our Sunday service in the late afternoon, will be on January 18th at 4:30 pm. This Reflections will feature cellist, Elena Antontceva, along with poems and prayers. Enjoy cello music in the beautiful ambiance of St. Luke's in the late afternoon. The readings, prayers, and music of this special Reflection Time will calm your spirit and soothe your soul.**

***Advent Messages from the Bishop – Bishop Anna is sharing Advent messages each Sunday. Interestingly, she has recorded the messages in St. Luke's Church. In the Third Sunday of Advent message, Bishop Anna encourages us to listen deeply to Mary's message in the Magnificat and her hope for a world where the lowly are lifted up as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus in the places we may not expect this Christmas season. This video, and the videos from the first two Sundays of Advent, are at the News page of St. Luke's website.**

***Donations Towards St. Luke's Grand Piano – We purchased a Baldwin Model R Artist Grand Piano in November. 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 make a donation in one of your special donation envelopes or 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 \$2,695 in donations with more pledged.**

***Christmas Stocking Project – We started our Christmas Stocking Project on the first Sunday in Advent, and it will continue through today.** Our project is 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. 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 will be sent to Alongside Hope to buy donkeys for families in Africa. Each donkey costs \$160. Thanks for your donations to date. **So far we have received \$530.**

***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. Dates are: Matinees at 2 pm on December 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.**

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 following information as noted. **To make a change to PAR,** include your envelope #, the date you would like the change to happen (e.g. January 1, 2026 or February 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 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.**



FLOWERS

The flowers for the services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of the members of Chuku, Farquhar, Francis, Gardner, Richards, Roberts, Tonge, and Sebastian families from Genevieve Richards;

In loving memory of Mel and Flo Seabrook
from the Turnham family;

In loving memory of son Mark
from Harry and Barbara Felsing;

In loving memory of the Knight family and John Fuller
from Sandra Lindberg;

And in loving memory of husband and father, Ernest,
and sons and brothers, William and Ronald,
from Laura Stoyles and family.

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

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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR DECEMBER 28th, 2025

Isaiah 63: 7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2: 10-18
Matthew 2: 13-23
