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40th Anniversary & First Sunday of Advent
10:00 a.m. Service
November 29, 2026



Sunday Services are at 8:30 a.m. (Traditional Rite)
10:00 a.m. (Contemporary)
Office Hours Mon to Thurs 9:30 am – 1 pm
Online Bible Study Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

If you are new to our parish, please identify yourself to the sidespersons or priest so we can welcome you and tell you about our church.

We recognize that we worship on the traditional lands of Coast Salish peoples. We commit ourselves to continue with our First Nations neighbours on the journey of healing, truth, and reconciliation.

The Right Rev. Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee preaches & presides.

This service is being broadcast live on the Internet. By attending this morning, you acknowledge and consent to the fact that video images of you may appear there.

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10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Celebration of 40th Anniversary & First Sunday of Advent

Lay Eucharistic Minister is Paul Francoeur
Crucifer is Ellie-May Murphy
Sidespeople are Elaine & Art Youngson
Ministry of the Chalice – Carol Denton & Mike Armstrong
Director of Music is Nell Howard

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the xʷsepsəm and Songhees, the first peoples and offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred here. Creator, let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. We are thankful for the gifts of the People of the land, from ancient times to we who have called this place our home for forty years, we, the community of faith known as Anglican Church of the Advent. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker, and the Sacred Spirit. Let us greet one another with words and signs of welcome.

Introit: In this Place *(Sung by Choir)*
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Opening Hymn: CP 525 The Church's One Foundation

Gathering: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Collect for the Feast of Consecration of a Church: Almighty God, **watchful and caring, our source and our end, all that we are and all that we have are yours. Accept us now, as we give thanks to you for this place where we have come to praise your name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Collect of the Day: Almighty God, **give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Sentence of the Day: Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

(Please be seated)

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

Children's Anthem: We are the Church
Words and Music © Richard Avery and Donald Marsh

Refrain: I am the Church! You are the Church!
We are the Church together!
All who follow Jesus, All around the world!
Yes, we're the church together.

The church is not a building, The church in not a steeple,
The church is not a resting place, The church is a people. **[R]**

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,
All colours and all ages too, From all times and places. **[R]**

And when the people gather, Theres' singing and there's praying.
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, All of it saying: **[R]**

I count if I am ninety, or nine or just a baby,
There's one thing I am sure about and I don't mean maybe: **[R]**

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9 Carolyn Hamar

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence - as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil - to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 80:1-7, 16-18 Paul Francoeur

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *** shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.**

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *** stir up your strength and come to help us.**

Restore us, O God of hosts; *** show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

O Lord God of hosts, *** how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?**

You have fed them with the bread of tears; *** you have given them bowls of tears to drink.**

You have made us the derision of our neighbours, *** and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

Restore us, O God of hosts; *** show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, *** the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

And so will we never turn away from you; *** give us life, that we may call upon your name.**

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; *** show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Kathy Middleton

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit says to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able for the Gradual Hymn.)

Gradual Hymn: MV 154 Deep in Our Hearts

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Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story, telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message, justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
deep in our hearts there is a common current, flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
deep in our hearts there is a common song;
deep in our hearts there is a common story, telling Creation that we are one.

(Please remain standing for the Gospel reading)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37 Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake - for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Affirmation of Faith:

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.

Sermon: Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People: Sue Hamblin

(Please be seated for the prayers)

Each petition will end with – God of hope.
Please respond with **– Hear our prayer.**

Confession & Absolution:

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving. In silence we call to mind our sins.

Merciful God, **we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.** *-From A New Zealand Prayer Book*

(Please stand as you are able for the Peace)

The Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you!

All are warmly welcomed to join us at the Lord's Table. If you prefer not to receive communion but prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. Please leave your communion glasses in the bowls on the left and right as you return to your seat.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Offertory Hymn: G 590 Christ Be Our Light
Author: Bernadette Farrell b 1957 © 1993, 2000, Bernadette Farrell, Published by OCP

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice. **[R]**

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. **[R]**

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. **[R]**

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. **[R]**

Prayer over the Gifts: God of love and power, **your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord**. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer:
May God be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Holy One.
Let us give thanks to our loving God!
It is right to offer thanks and praise!

It is right to give you thanks and praise, Great God of the Coming Dawn, for in each new day you surprise the earth with splendor. Be with us in this Advent season, as we wait and watch for your coming amongst us. Together we raise our voices with all the saints to proclaim:

The Sanctus:

Holy, holy, holy One, God of love and light.
Holy, holy, holy One, God of love and light.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God!
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ whose coming was announced by wilderness prophets and who arrived to the song of angels in the choir stall of a manger.

In Jesus you not only took our name but our flesh. He was the One promised. He announced the new day and the acceptable year when the blind would see, the poor rejoice, when captives would be set free and the oppressed would once more walk in liberty.

In stories he spoke of waiting bridesmaids and prodigal sons, with tears and compassion he brought a dead man to life and gave a woman at a well the living water she sought. With anger he overturned tables and challenged the powerful. On the cross he revealed the power of weakness and in the emptiness of the tomb he gave us a glimpse of your tomorrow that does not end in death.

On the night when he was betrayed, he sat at a table with his friends. He took bread, blessed it, broke it, served it to them, and said, "Take this. Eat it. It is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way he took the cup, blessed, served it to them, and said, "Drink from this every one of you. This is my blood poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me."

And so, we remember and offer our praise and thanks and our very selves as a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us. As we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again

We await your new day. We call on you to send your Holy Spirit on us and on these elements of bread and wine. Let them be for us once more Christ's body and let us be for you once more Christ's body. Make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, God of the Dawn, Christ of the new Day. Spirit who is Ever Present, we wait for you this day, your day. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer:

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Our Father 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 pow'r and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread:

God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The Communion:

Communion Anthem: Light Dawns on a Weary World *(Sung by Choir)*
Words: Mary Louise Bringle Music: William Pl Rowan Arranged: Bradley Ellingboe

Prayer after Communion: God for whom we wait, **you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Doxology: 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.**

SENDING FORTH

Recognition of Parish Ministries: Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen

Shared Ministry:

Sending out of Lay Eucharistic Visitors:
In the name of God and of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in Christ's body and blood.
We being many, are one body, because we all share in the one bread.

May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in the community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Blessing:

Commissioning Hymn: MV 1 Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)
Author: Marty Haugen © 1994 by GIA Publications, Inc.

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **[R]**

Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: **[R]**

Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: **[R]**

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: **[R]**

Commissioning:
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ!

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Please remain in the church following the service for a group parish photograph. Afterwards, you are invited into the hall for an anniversary tea.

INTERCESSIONS

TODAY WE PRAY

For Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui.
We pray for our Primate Shane, John our Metropolitan, Anna our Bishop, and Ingrid our Priest. In the Western Peninsula & Gulf Islands region for Salt Spring Island and The Reverend Juli Mallett.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE ASKED US TO PRAY FOR THEM

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers and for those we know and love, especially Darcy, Marion, Larry, Al, Lynne, Angel, Margaret, Don, Barb, Cena, Andrew, Tina, Jim, Wayne, and Neil.
We pray for the residents and staff of Westshore Lodge.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

8:30 Breakfasts – Please note that the monthly 8:30 breakfasts hosted by the Dolans will resume on January 31st, 2027.

Community Coffee Social – Join us in the hall this Wednesday, December 2nd from 9:30 to 11 am for our next Community Coffee Social. All are welcome!

Christmas Gift Bag Giving - If you would like to put together a Christmas gift bag, please use the one provided, buy one from the Church Craft Fair or provide your own. The bags can be filled with treats, snacks, socks or other warm clothes toiletries or gift cards. Please bring your bag to the church by the end of November and Compassion in Action will distribute them to agencies that service the unhoused.

Christmas Pageant - We all look forward to the Christmas Pageant on the third Sunday of Advent! Our Christmas Pageant this year will be held on **Sunday, December 13th at the 10 AM service**, with the Dress Rehearsal the day before, **Saturday, December 12th from 11:30 to 1 PM**. The Pageant is open to all children and those young at heart. The children will be chosen to take on specific roles at the time of the Dress Rehearsal (we have a lot of costumes available).
We need adults to participate! Please let Rudo know asap if you wish to participate - her email is rudodmgodi@gmail.com

Community Christmas Carol Service – Join us on **Sunday, December 13th at 2 pm** for a special Community Christmas Carol service. We have invited key community leaders to attend and read at the service. Following the service is a reception where hot apple cider and cookies are served. There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those who can donate Christmas cookies.

Christmas Day Home Alone Luncheon – For these last few years, The Christmas Day Lunch for those who are alone on Christmas Day has been so well attended, and received with such enthusiasm, it is now a holiday tradition we endeavor to continue. So, mark your calendars because Anglican Church of the Advent will host the lunch again this year! **Sign-up sheets to help with the lunch are in the Narthex this week.**

Church Parking - Now that the rainy season is upon us, the church grounds remain very wet and soft. To avoid adding stress to the grassy areas, we kindly ask that parishioners please drive and park only where there is pavement. This will be in effect until further notice. Thank you for your cooperation.

From the Parish Library - This week's displays feature books for Advent and preparing for Christmas.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Dec 2 Community Coffee Social, 9:30-11 am, Hall

Dec 5 Parish Council Christmas Dinner, 6 pm – Kasumi Kitchen

Dec 13 Christmas Pageant, 10 am

Dec 15 Parish Council Mtg, 7 pm

Dec 9 Ladies Guild Christmas Appreciation Lunch, 12 pm

Dec 13 Community Christmas Carol Service, 2 pm

Dec 5 Parish Council Mtg, 7 pm

Dec 19 Longest Night Christmas Service, 5 pm

Dec 20 Christmas caroling for the homebound, 2 pm

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Services:
Carols 6:30 pm, services 7 & 10 pm

Dec 25 Christmas Day Community Lunch, 12 pm


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