ST. PETER
ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Venerable

Elizabeth Northcott

Bishop: The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee

Diocese of Islands and Inlets

November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent



"Hope is like a light shining in a dark place."

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 K'omoks First Nation and the unceded traditional territory of the Homalco 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

First Sunday of Advent – November 29, 2026

CP 97 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

Welcome
Land Acknowledgement

First Week of Advent: Hope

Leader: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

All: If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. (Psalm 139:11-12)

Prayer: Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Read: This is the first week of Advent. Advent means "coming," and in this season we prepare for the coming of the presence of Jesus Christ. One of the ways we prepare our hearts for his coming is by making an Advent wreath and lighting its candles. This reminds us of some of the gifts Jesus brings to the world— hope, peace, joy, love and salvation. The Advent wreath itself is in the shape of a circle. A circle has no beginning and no end. This reminds us that there is no beginning and no end to God and that God's love and caring are forever. The light from the candles, which grows stronger each week in Advent, reminds us that Jesus is the light of the world.

Today we light the candle of Hope.

A hope is different from a wish. Wishes may or may not "come true," but real hope in Christ is sure and certain. Whatever God promises, He will do. The people of Israel hoped in God's promises and were not disappointed. Again and again God delivered Israel from its enemies. We too have the same experience of salvation. Even when things do not go as we would like, we can remember that His ways are not our ways, and His timing is not like ours, but it is perfect and we can hope in Him. God promises to send Jesus to us once again as perfect judge of the world and to make everything right when he establishes his kingdom forever upon the earth. (The candle of Hope is lit.)

All: Hope is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God.

"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.

Opening Sentence:

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. *Luke 21.28*

The Gathering of the Community *(All stand)*

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

Celebrant: Almighty God,
All: To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your Holy Name; through Christ our lord. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison
Kyrie eleison
Christe eleison
Kyrie eleison

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**

The Proclamation of the Word

Celebrant: Let us listen for the Word of God in Holy Scripture
All: **Our hearts and minds are open.**

First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9 David Storrie
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18
Page 812 Sue Vickery

Second Reading:
Corinthians 1:3-9 David Storrie
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation (on screen)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel: Mark 13: 24-37

Gospel Acclamation (on screen)

Sermon: The Venerable Elizabeth Northcott

Time for silent reflection.

Affirmation of Faith (Nicene Creed)

Officiant:
Let us confess our faith as we say,

All: **I believe in God,**
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Prayer of Confession:

Celebrant:
Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes us and invites us 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. **Amen.**

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 39 Stay Awake, Be Ready

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.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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:

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
we give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who in the fullness of time came among us in our flesh,
and opened to us the way of salvation.
Now we watch for the day when he will come again
in power and great triumph to judge this world,
that we, without shame or fear,
may rejoice to behold his appearing.
Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
to proclaim the glory of your name.

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:

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
o suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, “Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he 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 shed for you and for all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

Celebrant:
and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your children;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour taught us, we are bold to 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.

The Communion:
Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God

Lamb of God:

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.

Eucharistic Hymns:

SNC 32 When at This Table

SNC 228 Here is the Bread

Ablutions:

SNC 2 Come and Find the Quiet Centre

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.

Celebrant: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: And your faithful servants bless you, Gracious God we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we, who share his body, live his risen life; we, who drink his cup, bring life to others; we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so that we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn:

CP 111 Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement

LA: Go forth in peace to love and serve our living God.
All: Thanks be to God.

Parish Happenings

Office **hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9-1, closed on Fridays.

- 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 15, 2026, 7pm in the Library.
- ACW: This gathering is held every Wednesday at 10 am in the library – all are welcome.
- Mindfulness: Every Wednesday in the library (or garden) from 3:30 to 4:15 pm.
- Prayer Chain Requests**:** Email the Prayer Chain if you have a prayer request prayerchain@stpeterscampbellriver.com. There is also a box in the Narthex where you may leave a prayer message.

Announcements

- Noisy Church is dedicated to 'Project Shoebox' for November and December. The Shoebox Project for Women is an unaffiliated, non-religious, Canadian charity that supports women experiencing or at-risk-of homelessness.
- Tuesday, Dec.1 at 2:30 pm: Ecumenical prayer service at St. Peter for fellow brothers and sisters struggling with housing and substance abuse.
- **Blue Christmas** (Healing Service) Sunday, December 20 at 4:30 pm
- **Advent Lectionary Series**: With Murray Etty, please see the outline and a sign-up sheet on our bulletin board.
- **Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign**: Dec. 1st, 10 am to 6 pm. Sign up poster is on the bulletin board.
- **Christmas Family Dinner:** December 25 at 5 pm. Please sign up on the list on the bulletin board. If you dan, you are invited to contribute one of your own Christmas dishes, a jar of pickles, or….?

Parish Staff & Leaders	
Rector's Warden: Tony Smith	Librarian: Jane Jennings
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Budget to October, 2026	**Actual**	**Budget**	**Budget**
	Jan-Oct	**Jan-Oct**	**2026**
Envelope-General	104,506	120,833	145,000
TOTAL REVENUE	198,552	160,937	193,125
TOTAL EXPENSE	172,131	175,848	211,020
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NET INCOME	-18,579	-14,912	-17,895

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. 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 (Point, control & click to open link). No password required.
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