ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
ADVENT ONE
NOVEMBER 29, 2026



Rector:	The Rev. Vernon Foster		
Deacon:	The Venerable Helen L.		
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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)
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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 a.m.

This Eucharistic Liturgy is based on The Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada

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.

Celebrant/Preacher:	The Rev. Vernon Foster
Deacon:	The Ven. Helen L.
Liturgical Assistant:	Ann W.
Organist:	Kyle M.
Greeters:	Yvonne O., Julia B.
Duty Warden:	Joy A. B.

The flowers on the main altar are given by Laurie H. to the glory of God and in loving memory of Michael.
The flowers on the side altar are given by Susan C. to the glory of God and in loving memory of my brother Jim O.

Altar Guild Team: Kathy M., Jane B.

Refreshment Hour is hosted today by: Gwen I., Katherine K.

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

OPENING HYMN: (Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)
CP 599 Awake! Awake! Fling Off the Night *CHURCH TRIUMPHANT*

GATHERING:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you

L.A. Almighty God, **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.**

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord! Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints, in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

GLORY TO GOD: *CP 686 David Hurd*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING:

Reader 1: In the beginning, when God created the universe, the earth was formless and desolate. The raging ocean that covered everything was engulfed in total darkness, and the Spirit of God was moving over the water. Then God commanded, "Let there be light" – and light appeared. God was pleased with what he saw. Then he separated the light from the darkness. *(Genesis 1:1-4 Good News Bible, Today's English Version)*

Reader 2: The Word was in the world, and though God made the world through him, yet the world did not recognize him. He came to his own country, but his own people did not receive him. Some, however, did receive him and believed in him; so he gave them the right to become God's children.
(*John 1:10-12 Good News Bible, Today's English Version)*

Our hope is in the Lord who made heaven and earth.
May His light shine in the darkness and lead us to His glorious kingdom.

Prayer:
O God of hope, as we light this candle, kindle in us the thrill of your promises and the anticipation of Christ's coming. May his light shine in our lives, dispelling despair and filling us with the joy of your salvation. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CENTERING STILLNESS

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with all the saints.

(silence)

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

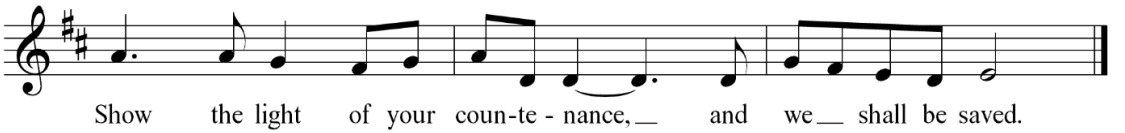
Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, 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 STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING: Isaiah 63:16-64:8 *Julia R.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 80:1-7 *CANTOR*



SECOND READING: Philippians 1:1-11 *Carol S.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL: (*Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal*)
CP 93 You Servants of the Lord (Vs 1, 2, 3) *NARENZA*

God be with you.
And also with you.

The Good News of Jesus according to Mark.
Glory to you, Jesus Christ

GOSPEL: Mark 13:32-37

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL: (*Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal*)
CP 93 You Servants of the Lord (Vs 4,5) *NARENZA*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

SERMON: *The Rev. Vernon Foster*

ANTHEM: Hark! A Herald Voice Is Calling (13871)
Text: 6th Cent. Trans. E. Caswell, Music: R. Shephard

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. *Lutheran Church*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Joy A. B.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins. *1 Corinthians 4.5*

Silence is kept.

L.A. 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.**

THE PEACE:

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1.78,79*

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

OFFERTORY HYMN: Longing for the Light ***SEE INSERT***

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

God of hope, as we offer these gifts, prepare our hearts to receive your Son with joy and anticipation. May this holy offering proclaim your promises and draw us closer to the fulfillment of your kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our coming Redeemer. Amen.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made.
For us it becomes the bread of life. Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
For us it becomes the cup of salvation. Blessed be God for ever.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: (BAS Eucharistic Prayer 1)

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 truly right and just …….. forever praising you and singing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, *SCHUBERT*
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.

Holy God, ……
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Recalling ….. almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Awaiting his coming in glory, as our saviour taught us, so we pray:

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:

We break this bread to share the body of Christ.
We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us your peace.

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 just bread. 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 89 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *VENI EMMANUEL*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

Let us pray, **Lord Jesus Christ, you have fed us with the bread of heaven and filled our hearts with the thrill of hope. As we await your coming, strengthen our faith, renew our trust in your promises, and guide us by your light, that we may be ready to greet you with joy. Amen.**

BLESSING

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Sacred Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sacred Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

SENDING HYMN: (*Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal*)
CP 91 People, Look East! The Time is Near *BESANCON*

SENDING FORTH: Go in hope to love and serve the Lord, as you wait for the coming of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: Nun komm' der Heiden Heiland. *J.S. Bach BWV 599*