



# ST. PETER

ANGLICAN CHURCH

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December 15, 2024

**Third Sunday of Advent**



***"...the joy of the Lord is your strength" Nehemiah 8:10***

*The parish of St Peter Anglican Church and St Saviour 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; 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.*

## **Third Sunday of Advent—December 15, 2024**

**Processional Hymn: CP#109 When the King Shall Come Again**

**Welcome**

*Land Acknowledgement*

### **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.**

### **The Advent Candle**

"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—Verses 1, 2, 3**

- 1. Light one candle to watch for Messiah; Let the light banish darkness. He shall bring salvation to Israel, God fulfills the promise.**
- 2. Light two candles to watch for Messiah; Let the light banish darkness. He shall feed the flock like a shepherd, gently lead them homeward.**
- 3. 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.**

### **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 for Purity**

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.

## 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="#">Zephaniah 3: 14-20</a>	Bill Ritchie
Psalm	Canticle 3-(Isaiah 12:2-6) BAS Page 76	Pauline Woods
Second Reading	<a href="#">Phillippians 4:4-7</a>	Bill Ritchie

Gospel Acclamation: On Screen

Gospel [Luke 3: 7-18](#)

## Gospel Procession

*Celebrant* God is with you.

**All** And also with you.

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

**All** Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of Christ.

**All** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia

## Sermon

*Silent Reflection*

## Affirmation of Faith (Hear O Israel)

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**All** 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**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be with you.

**All** And also with you.

### **Offertory Hymn CP# 100 Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

*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. John The Divine Anglican Church, Victoria B.C.,  
Alastair Singh- McCollum*

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 many

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.**

**SNC# 229 Here is Bread**

### **Ablutions:**

**SNC# 35 Hope is a Star**

### **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.

## 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# 77 My Soul Cries Out

## Liturgical Assistant:

*“We are the people inspired by God and the example of Jesus to go  
into our community offering love and acceptance to all.”*

**Go in peace to love and serve our living 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 January 21, 2025, 7pm in the Library.
- **Midweek Eucharists:** all are welcome, please join us:  
Wednesday—Midweek Eucharist 12:30  
Thursday – Meditative Eucharist 12:30
- **ACW Gathering** Every Friday 10 am in the library.
- **Mindfulness Group:** Every Wednesday in the library at 3:30. Check [online](#) for sessions.
- Christmas services: December 24, 4 pm family service; 10 pm candlelight service; December 25, 10 am Eucharist; December 29, 10 Service of Lessons & Carols.

## Announcements

- **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.
- **PWRDF:** During the postal strike, you can make donations to PWRDF online, visit their website at [pwrdf.org/give-today](http://pwrdf.org/give-today)
- Murry ETTY will be presenting the DVD series, “Peter & Paul & the Christian Revolution” on 1 more morning (December 16 ) from 10:30 to 11:30 in St. Matthew’s Room. The first 1/2 hour is presentation followed by discussion. This acclaimed PBS series explores how two men, Peter and Paul, led one of history’s most astonishing religious movements.



- **Noisy Church Offering:** The ‘noisy jar’ is again waiting to be filled with your dimes, nickels (or paper money too!). We are now beginning our Advent drive for the Food Bank. Also welcome are donations of warm clothing items—scarves,

Budget to November 30, 2024	Actual	Budget	Budget
	Jan-Nov	Jan-Nov	2024
<b>Envelope - General</b>	\$118,792.01	\$123,750.00	\$135,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	\$188,621.92	\$167,474.56	\$182,700.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	\$210,354.52	\$187,150.26	\$203,882.80
<b>NET INCOME</b>	-21,732.60	-\$19,675.70	-\$21,182.80

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)

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81674662027?  
pwd=OnRp57l8WlFWki9LeT1Pzn07pjilsi.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81674662027?pwd=OnRp57l8WlFWki9LeT1Pzn07pjilsi.1)

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# WELCOME!

## Parish Staff and Leaders

Rector's Warden: Tony Smith  
People's Warden: Pauline Woods  
Deputy Wardens: Pam Hedderson, Lois Tirebuck  
Treasurer: Holly Finn  
Church Administrator: Trina Soltys  
Musicians: Georgia Smith, Kate Fitzsimmons  
Custodian: Janice Kozak  
Prayer Chain: Sue Vickery  
Communications Director: Trina Soltys  
Envelope Secretary: Frank Maga  
Healing Prayer Ministry: Sue Vickery  
Lay Assistants and Readers: Pauline Woods  
Mindfulness: Jane Jennings  
Coffee Monday: Jennifer Coolen  
Librarian: Jane Jennings  
Safe Church: Andrea Charlton  
PWRDF Rep: Barb Henshall  
Building: George Wagner  
ACW: Frances Payne  
Sides person: Pam Hedderson  
Zoom master : Tony Smith

### 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.