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December 24, 2024

Christmas Eve 4 pm Service



The Light of Christ

The parish of St Peter Anglican Church and St Saviour Anglican Church is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Ligw'ida'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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 24, 2024—Christmas Eve
Processional Hymn: CP# 118 O Come All Ye Faithful

Welcome

Land Acknowledgement

Sentence:

I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.
Luke 2.10–11

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.

People: And also with you.

Lighting the Advent Wreath—Verses 1, 2, 3,4

- 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 three candles to watch for Messiah; Let the light banish darkness. Lift your heads and lift high the gateway for the King of glory.**
- 4. Light four candles to watch for Messiah: let the light banish darkness. He is coming tell the glad tidings. Let your lights be shining!**

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Celebrant:

Today we light the final candle, the Christ candle, for Christ is born anew amongst us. Our Advent waiting is complete, yet our yearning for justice is but re-kindled, as we continue to work and wait; call for and co-create God's final reconciliation of all things.

Blessing of the Crèche

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament, that animals should see the new-born Lord, lying in a manger! Blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord. Alleluia!

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who in the Incarnation of your Son has revealed to us the holiness of creation, be pleased to bless and hallow this image of his sacred birth, so that those who gaze upon it may behold this mystery, whereby humanity shares in your very nature; through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners
and invites them to his 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.

People: Amen.

Silence is kept.

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

Celebrant: Eternal God,
this holy night is radiant
with the brilliance of your one true light.
As we have known
the revelation of that light on earth,
bring us to see the splendour of your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

The Proclamation of the Word

Let us listen for the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

First Reading

[2 Samuel 7: 1-16](#)

Aleata Vanstone

Psalm

Psalm 89 1-4, 19-29

Kate Fitzsimmons

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Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Lord and saviour; open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing, for the good news that you bring.

Gospel [Luke 1: 67-79](#)

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (sung)

Sermon

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: CP# 138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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

Source of light and gladness,
accept all we offer on this joyful feast.
May we grow up in him who unites our lives to yours;
for he is Lord now and for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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
to 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 many
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.

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 : We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**All: God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

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.**

Eucharist Hymns

CP# 117 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

CP# 120 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Prayer after Communion:

Father of all,
tonight you have united earth and heaven
in sending your Son to take our human nature.
May we who have tasted heavenly things
share in the life of his eternal kingdom.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Distribution of the Light

Recessional Hymn: CP # 143 Angels From the Realm of Glory

Dismissal

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. NOTE: **The office will be closed from December 25, 2024 to January 6, 2025.** Services will continue on all Sundays during this period.
- Coffee Hour: Every Monday 10 am, St. Matthew's room. Also on Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting - Meeting ID: 812 0587 4273. NOTE: there will be no coffee hour on December 23 or December 30.
- 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.
- AGM—February 19, 2025. Reports must be submitted **no later than the 3rd week in January.**

Christmas services:

- **December 24, 4 pm family service; 10 pm candlelight service;**
- **December 25, 10 am Eucharist;**
- **December 25, 5 pm. Community Christmas Dinner in the hall**
- **December 29, 10 Service of Lessons & Carols. Regular service and baptism on January 5, 2025**

Announcements

- Prayer Chain Requests? Email the Prayer Chain if you have a prayer request prayerchain@stpeterscampbellriver.com. There is also box in the Narthex where you may leave a prayer message.
- 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, socks, gloves...they won't fit in the jar, but a table in the narthex will gladly



Budget to November 30, 2024	Actual	Budget	Budget
	Jan-Nov	Jan-Nov	2024
Envelope - General	\$118,792.01	\$123,750.00	\$135,000.00
TOTAL REVENUE	\$188,621.92	\$167,474.56	\$182,700.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$210,354.52	\$187,150.26	\$203,882.80
NET INCOME	-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)

NOTE: There will be no Zoom service December 23-27, 2024

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81674662027?pwd=OnRp57l8WlFWki9LeT1Pzn07pjilsi.1>

MEETING ID: [816 7466 2027](#)

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

Music Ministry: Kate Fitzsimmons, Georgia Smith, Lori Gooldrup

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.



May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13