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December 25, 2024

**Christmas Day**



***Christmas roses are pure and made of love...***

*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.*

**December 25, 2024—Christmas Day—The Birth of the Lord**  
**Processional Hymn: CP# 138 Hark the Herald Angels Sign**  
**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.**

**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: Almighty God,  
you wonderfully created  
and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature.  
May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who humbled himself to share our humanity,  
and now lives 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**     [Isaiah 9: 2-7](#)     Sue Carew

**Psalm**             Psalm 96,  
                          BAS Page 834     Sue Vickery

**Second Reading** [Titus 2: 11-14](#)     Sue Carew

## 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

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### Offertory Hymn: CP# 119 Silent Night

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 peace,  
your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you.  
May all we offer you today  
renew us as members of your household.  
We ask this in his name.

### Eucharistic Prayer 3—Christmas

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who in the mystery of his incarnation  
was made perfect man  
of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother;  
in him we have seen a new and radiant vision of your glory.  
Therefore with all the angels of heaven,  
we lift our voices and sing our joyful hymn of praise  
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."

**All:** Therefore, Father, according to his command,  
**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.**

**Ablutions:**

**CP#140 It Came Upon a Midnight Clear**

**Eucharist Hymns :**

**CP#120 O Little Town of Bethlehem**

**CP#126 Away in a Manger**

**Prayer after Communion:**

Father of all,  
the child born for us is the Saviour of the world.  
May he who made us your children  
welcome us into your kingdom,  
where he is alive and reigns with you 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: CP# 154 Joy to the World**

**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 the website for updates.



## Announcements

- **Prayer Chain Requests?** Email the Prayer Chain if you have a prayer request [prayerchain@stpeterscampbellriver.com](mailto:prayerchain@stpeterscampbellriver.com). There is also a 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 accept your donations.
- Church hall floor—replacement work slated for January 2025
- AGM February 19, 2025. **Reports must be submitted no later than January 17, 2025.**
- Christmas services: December 29, 10 Service of Lessons & Carols. Regular service and baptism on January 5, 2025



Budget to November 30, 2024	Actual Jan-Nov	Budget Jan-Nov	Budget 2024
Envelope - General	\$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)

**THERE IS NO ZOOM SERVICE FROM DECEMBER 23 TO DECEMBER 27**

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81674662027?  
pwd=OnRp57l8WlFWkI9LeT1Pzn07pjilsi.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81674662027?pwd=OnRp57l8WlFWkI9LeT1Pzn07pjilsi.1)

MEETING ID: [816 7466 2027](#)

# 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

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](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.