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**Epiphany**



*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.*

**January 5, 2025—Epiphany**

**Processional Hymn: CP# 135 Shepherds in the Fields Abiding**

**Welcome**

*Land Acknowledgement*

**Sentence:**

We have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship Him. *Matthew 2.2*

**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.**

**Gloria: On Screen**

**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.

**People: 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.**

*Silence is kept.*

### **Collect of the Day**

Eternal God,  
who by a star  
led wise men to the worship of your Son.  
Guide by your light the nations of the earth,  
that the whole world may know your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who 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 60: 1-6](#)

Jennifer Coolen

**Psalm:** Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-14  
Page 797 Kristina Melvin  
**Second Reading:** [Ephesians 3: 1-12](#) Jennifer Coolen

### **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 new that you bring.**

**Gospel** [Matthew 2: 1-12](#)

Celebrant: God is 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.**

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ.

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (sung)**

### **Sermon**

### **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates for Baptism**

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented

**Trina:** I present Babak and Mahboubeh to receive the sacrament of  
Baptism.

Celebrant: Do you, Babak and Mahboubeh, desire to be baptized?

**Babak and Mahboubeh:** We do.

*The celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates.*

**Babak and Mahboubeh,**

**Question:** Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of  
wickedness that rebel against God?

**Answer:** We renounce them

Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

**Answer:** We renounce them.

Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

**Answer:** We renounce them.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

**Answer:** We do.

Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

**Answer:** We do.

Question: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

**Answer:** We do.

### **Prayers for the Candidate**

Celebrant: Let us now pray for *Babak and Mahboubeh* who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

*Kristina to lead the congregation in prayer.*

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

**People Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant, O Lord,  
that all who are baptized  
into the death of Jesus Christ your Son  
may live in the power of his resurrection  
and look for him to come again in glory;  
who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **The Celebration of Baptism**

### **Thanksgiving over the Water**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for  
by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.

**People Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant We give you thanks that through the waters of the  
Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in  
the promised land.

**People Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For  
us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was  
anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit.

For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and  
resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and  
death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting  
life.

**People Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.

**People Blessed be God for ever.**

Celebrant We give you thanks for you have called Babak and Mahboubeh to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Anoint them with your Holy Spirit and bring them to new birth in the family of your Church, that they may become inheritors of your glorious kingdom. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**People Blessed are you, our strength and song, and our salvation.**

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ  
And renew our own baptismal covenant.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

**People I believe in God, The Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People 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.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

**Celebrant** Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

**People** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant** Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

**People** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant** Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

**People** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant** Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbours as yourself?

**People** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant** Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

**People** I will, with God's help.

**Celebrant** Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

**People** I will, with God's help.

## **The Baptism**

Babak and Mahboubeh, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

**Celebrant** Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, spirits to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**



## The Giving of the Light

**Kristina** Receive the light of Christ, to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

**People** **Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

**Celebrant** Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**People** **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the  
faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and  
share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## Affirmation of Faith (Apostles Creed)

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

**People** **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.**

## Prayers of the People

### The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

**People** And also with you.

### Offertory Hymn: CP# 122 In the Bleak Midwinter

Celebrant Thanks be to you,

**People** Lord Jesus Christ,

**For all the benefits you have given us,**

**And all that you have borne for us.**

**In our sharing in the 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.

### The Prayer over the Gifts

Gracious God,

accept the offering of your Church,

the hearts of your people

joined in praise and thanksgiving,

in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**People** Amen.

### Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

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 Eternal God, Source of all being,  
we give you thanks and praise  
for your faithful love.  
You call us into friendship  
with you and one another  
to be your holy people,  
a sign of your presence in the world.  
When those we trust betray us,  
unfailingly you remain with us.  
When we injure others,  
you confront us in your love  
and call us to the paths of righteousness.  
You stand with the weak,  
and those, broken and alone,  
whom you have always welcomed home,  
making the first last, and the last first.  
Therefore we raise our voices  
with angels and archangels,  
forever praising you and saying:

**People Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Holy One:  
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness  
you followed her and gave her hope.  
When Joseph was sold into bondage,  
you turned malice to your people's good.  
When you called Israel out of slavery,  
you brought them through the wilderness  
into the promised land.

When your people were taken into exile  
you wept with them by the river of Babylon  
and carried them home.

**People      Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant    At the right time you sent your Anointed One  
to stand with the poor,  
the outcast, and the oppressed.  
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria  
and offered her the water of new life.  
Christ knew the desolation of the cross  
and opened the way for all humanity  
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
gave it to them, and said, "Take and 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."

Loving and Holy One,  
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,  
we offer you these gifts,  
longing for the bread of tomorrow  
and the wine of the age to come.  
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**People**     **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant    Pour out your Spirit on these gifts  
that through them you may sustain us  
in our hunger for your peace.  
We hold before you  
All people whose lives are marked by suffering.  
When we are broken and cast aside,  
embrace us in your love.

**People**     **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Celebrant    Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O Source of all life,  
now and for ever.

**People**     **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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** “I am the bread which has come down from heaven,” says the Lord.

**People** **Give us this bread for ever.**

**Celebrant** “I am the vine, you are the branches.”

**People** **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

## **Lamb of God—Epiphany Sentence—On screen**

### **Ablutions:**

**CP# 151 All Poor Men and Humble**

### **Eucharist Hymn:**

**CP# 148 See Mid the Winter’s Snow**

### **Prayer after Communion:**

God of all the nations of the earth,  
guide us with your light.

Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us  
in this eucharist and in our neighbours.

May we welcome him with love,  
for he is Lord now and for ever.

### **Glory to God (All)**

**People** **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# 128 The Virgin Mary had a Baby Boy**

## 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.**

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

### 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 the website for any 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 box in the Narthex where you may leave a prayer message.
- AGM February 19, 2025. **Reports must be submitted no later than January 17, 2025.**

**JOIN ZOOM MEETING (Point, control & click to open link)**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81674662027?pwd=OnRp57l8WlFWki9LeT1Pzn07pjIlsi.1>

MEETING ID: [816 7466 2027](#)

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

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:



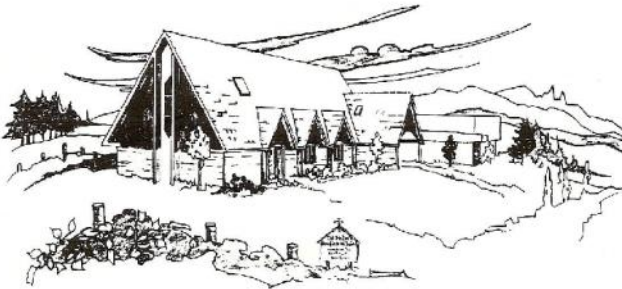
ALL IDENTIFIABLE FINANCIAL GIFTS ARE RECEIPTED ANNUALLY BY THE END OF FEBRUARY FOR THE PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEAR.





# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

February 21, 2025



## **Parish Staff and Leaders**

Incumbent'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, Lori Gooldrup

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