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Service Times

We have 3 services on Sunday morning:

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:00 AM Family Eucharist & Sunday School

11:15 AM Morning Prayer (1st & 3rd Sundays)

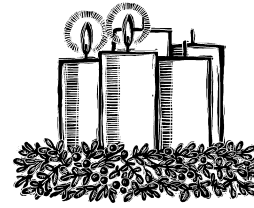
Choral Eucharist (2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays)

Silent Contemplative Prayer 8:30 AM Monday through Thursday

Midweek Contemplative Prayer 10:00 AM Wednesdays

Thursday Eucharist and Bible Study 10:00 AM Thursdays

Second Sunday
in Advent



Welcome to
St. Philip's Anglican Church
ADVENT II - DECEMBER 7, 2008



Luke 1:34-37

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December 7, 2008

ADVENT II

8:00 AM Holy Communion Christopher Page

9:00 AM Family Communion

Praise Music

Kyrie
 Collect p. 269
 Lighting of the Advent Candle
 First Reading 2 Peter 3:8-15a p. 988 Ian Wiebe
Hymn # 62 *O Come, O come, Emmanuel*
 Gospel Mark 1:1-8 p. 812 Bonnie Bailey
 Sermon Christopher Page
 Apostle's Creed p. 189
 Prayers of the People Harry Eerkes
 Confession, Absolution & Peace
Offertory Hymn # 61 *Jesus came – the heaven's adoring*
 Eucharistic Prayer Harry Eerkes
 "Our Father"
 The Communion
Announcements & Birthday Bag & Anniversary Flowers
 Dismissal



Welcome !

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors and newcomers. All are encouraged to come forward to the altar rail during Communion to receive the bread and wine or a blessing. The Lord's Table is prepared for all who desire to know him, to love him and to follow him. So, all are welcome to receive the bread and wine of Christ's presence at his Table. Please join us for coffee immediately after the 9:00 AM service. Should you so desire, there are Prayer Ministers to pray with you, during Communion at the 9:00 Service, on the Gospel side of the altar.

11:15 AM Morning Prayer

Announcements & Birthday Bag & Anniversary Flowers
Processional Hymn # 59 *The Advent of our King*
Choir Introit *Prepare the Way*
 Exhortation - Confession – Absolution Bruce Fyfe
Venite Verses 1-7
 First Reading Isaiah 40:1-11 p. 581 Penny Holt
Choir Anthem *Will We Know Him?*
 Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-15a p.988 Nancy Kirshfelt
Te Deum
 Third Reading Mark 1:1-8 p. 812 Bernie Stables
Benedictus
 The Creed, Suffrages, Collects
 Sermon Christopher Page
Offertory Hymn # 73 *Thy kingdom come' – on bended knee*
 Doxology
 Prayer & Blessing
Recessional Hymn # 67 *On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry*
 Dismissal
Blessing of Aaron



Offering Envelopes for 2009

The ministry of our community is shaped by our giving and the donations we receive in the Offering are the only source of financial support for the parish. Please prayerfully consider your part in the on-going spiritual discipline of giving thanks to God through your Offering. If you have not had envelopes before, or if you would prefer to give through Pre-Authorized Chequing, please fill in a "Directory Update" form, checking off the appropriate box, or speak to Envelope Secretary Nancy Geddes 595-2243.

Time to reassess your giving?

If you signed up for Direct Deposit as a way of giving your Offering, more than a year ago, is it time to reassess the amount that you have committed to giving? Forms to change the amount are available in the stairwell.

Diocesan and Regional Events

(See bulletin board in the hall for more information.)

Epiphany Explorations First Met. United Church Jan.22-26

For ministry and lay leadership. Featuring Stephen Lewis, Tom Long, Rita Nakashima Brock, Marty Haugen, Raheel Raza, Ted Hughes, Nancy Reeves & more.

Annual Youth Advent Retreat Camp Columbia Dec. 19-21

For youth ages 13-17. Led by Ian Gibbs, Diocesan Youth Coordinator. Games, crafts, delicious food, music . . . in short a wonderful pre-Christmas event! \$65.

Star Sunday at St. Barnabas 1525 Begbie Dec.14 3PM-5PM

Children's Christmas Crafting event. Come make your own presents! Embroidery, sewing, baking, painting, candle making, carol singing, puppet show and more!

Taizé at UVic UVic Interfaith Chapel Jan. 30 at 4:30 PM

Soundings Vocal Ensemble St. Mary's, 1973 Cultra

This is concert **December 7, 2:30 PM** is part of the Sunday Serenade series. Coming up: Brad Prevedoros on classical guitar (Jan. 18th) and Victoria Gilbert & Sullivan Society (March 8th)

Pageant Rehearsal times:

TODAY !! Sunday, December 7 PM (12:30 -)

and Sunday, December 14 PM (12:30 -)



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Saturday, December 20 at 4:30 PM



The season of Advent includes the four weeks leading up to Christmas and began last Sunday, November 30.

We will not be singing the **Gloria** during our Advent Eucharist services and will also use a different setting for the **Kyrie**, one written in a minor key.

In place of our 'Children's story' we will light the candles on our **Advent Wreath**. (see below)

Like the changes we make during Lent (the period before Easter), these changes emphasize the reflective nature of this period. As the *Light of the World* is born anew, our joy resounds and we take up our 'Gloria' refrain again at Christmas.

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES



Second Sunday In Advent

Reader 1

The prophet Isaiah told the people of Israel about a messenger whose voice would cry out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord. Make his paths straight."

Jesus is "the Prince of Peace". As we prepare to celebrate his birth, let us remember that the path of Jesus is wide enough for all people. As we walk with Jesus, along his path, may our hearts be filled with peace.

Peace

Reader 2

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you."

Candle lighter lights the first and the second candles.

PRAYERS for the week of December 7, 2008

Pray that we may have Light and peace in our hearts and in our world in this Advent season.

Pray for the guidance of God's peaceful Spirit for all those in positions of political authority. Pray that we may each be strengthened to renounce violence and live as peacemakers.

Pray for Yohannes Tekeste as he waits to leave the refugee camp in Ethiopia.

For the CHURCH

Pray for our Primate, Fred Hiltz

Pray for our Bishop, James Cowan and the Diocesan staff.

In the cycle of prayer for the parishes, lift up St. Columba, Port Hardy, St. John Port Alice & St. John Gualbert, Port McNeil and their rector, Rob Hutchison.

Pray for Wyn Taylor and for the people of St. Alban's, for Michael Hemmings and the people of St. David's.

Pray for our parish, and for the process of preparing a Budget for the coming year.

Myanmar In our cycle of prayer for the Church of Myanmar, lift up our Companion Diocese of Myitkyna.

For our SPECIAL NEEDS and CONCERNS

Lynn Pipes	Hank Potts	Sharon Adams
Cliff Migneault	Fred Munn	Rolly Ferris
Toni Clark	Bernie Stables	

Give thanks for the birth of Maya Kimberly Davidson. A new daughter for Andrew & Jen Davidson, a big sister for Lilly, a new granddaughter for Betty & Ken.

BAPTISM

The next service of Baptism will be held on **Sunday, December 21** at the 9:00 AM service. If you would like to be baptized, or to present your child for Baptism, please speak to Christopher

Come Sing Christmas Carols at the Estevan Village THIS Saturday, - December 13th 7:00 PM

St. Philip's will be leading Carol Singing again this year at the Estevan Christmas Market on Estevan Avenue at Musgrave, (in front of the Pharmacy.) Singers and musicians of all ages and abilities are (hugely!) welcome to join us! There will be hot chocolate and hot apple cider for everyone, and some sweet treats too. Please contact Barbara Di Lucca 598-8798 or email bdilucca@shaw.ca if you would like to participate. **Help needed:** Anyone who might be able to coordinate the setup and serving of hot apple cider at the event, should also contact Barbara.

Regional Grain Program Update:

and a more expansive vision for December:

THANK YOU to St. Philip's for the contributions of 111 pounds of Raisins and Currants in support of the kitchen at Our Place.

DECEMBER 8 is the next target date for contributions and **Dried Fruit** is the "Grain of December." Our target contribution is one pound per person. But we'd like to expand the request for December to include the items recently noted as "In need of" by Our Place:

- **Basic Adult clothing** recognizing the colder wetter weather - socks, underwear, fleeces, tops, jeans, seasonal jackets.
- **Art supplies and board games, toiletries, sleeping bags,** blankets and coffee mugs (the other closet)
- their Library in need of **good paperbacks**

Our Parish Grains Coordinator Peter Van Rheenen will gather up and package things for delivery to *Our Place* in the week of December 14. Many thanks for your amazing and ongoing support for this Ministry. Please contact Peter with questions or advice: 250-477-9156 pkvanrhe@island.net

TAIZE: Sunday, December 14 @ 4:30

Come and experience a beautiful form of prayer and chanting inspired by the monastic tradition in Taize, France. Over the years it has developed into a style that is both meditative and easily accessible. It involves singing and listening to the word of God in an atmosphere of silence and peace. Please join us, here at St. Philip's - at new time - 4:30 PM. All are welcome.

TRUE POWER Luke 1:34-37

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1. What is my usual response when I find myself facing a situation that seems utterly impossible?
2. How does it feel to believe in a God who can "come upon you," and whose "power" can overshadow you?"
3. How does it affect my life to trust in a God whose "power" can be actively at work in the actual affairs of my life?
4. What does it require for me to believe in the "power" of God at work in my life?
5. What experience do I have of God's "power" at work in my life and in the world around me?
6. What might make it difficult for me to perceive God's power at work?
7. How does God's power relate to my own power?
8. What does it feel like to come to the end of my power? How do I respond?
9. Do I believe that there may be things that are "impossible with God"?
10. What does the world look like if "nothing will be impossible with God"?

Looking for
Light?

We have much
to share!



Wednesday, December 10 - Advent Evening

Saturday, December 13 - 7:00 PM

Join us to sing Christmas Carols at the Estevan Village
Meet in front of the Pharmacy on Estevan at Musgrave

Sunday, December 14 Advent III

8:00 AM Holy Communion

9:00 AM Family Eucharist

11:15 AM **Festival of Lessons & Carols**

Rediscover the joy of traditional worship!

4:30 PM **TAIZE** service

Wednesday, December 17 – Advent Evening

Saturday, December 20 at 4:30 PM Christmas Pageant

"Papa Panov's Special Christmas"

Invite a guest for this special Christmas
message of love and light.



Sunday, December 21 – Advent IV

Sunday services at 8:00, 9:00 and 11:15

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Wednesday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

6:30 PM Family Carol Service

10:00 PM Carol Service with Eucharist

Thursday, December 25 – Christmas Day

10:00 AM * One service only

Family Eucharist with Children's talk

Sunday December 28 10:00 AM * One service only *

Annual Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday evening, January 27, 2009 for St. Philip's Annual Parish Meeting. This is an important part of our church community life, when we approve the Budget for 2009 and elect representatives to Parish Council and the Diocesan Synod.

January 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM

Deadline for Annual Reports

In preparation for our Annual Meeting we compile and circulate a grand summing up of our year together. ALL leaders of Groups, ALL staff and Activity Coordinators, ALL Mission Reps should write a report and give it to Gillian Fosdick in the church office (emails especially welcome) by **January 10**.

Christmas Decorating

We will be decorating the church for our Christmas services on Tuesday morning, **December 23** between **9:30 & 11:30 AM**.



We would love to fill the place with poinsettias, holly, greenery - particularly pine and fir branches, and flowers. If you would like to donate (or even *lend*) a plant, please bring it to the Church anytime before Tuesday, Dec 23. Contributions towards flowers purchased are always warmly welcomed. If everyone put in a dollar or two, we could easily share the costs and provide a really beautiful setting for our services. Any donations can be left with Kathy Fyfe or Gillian Fosdick in the church office. Cheques should be payable to St. Philip's Altar Guild.

Christmas Hamper

We are creating a Christmas Hamper for a family in need. A young mum, her partner and one year old son have very little. We would like to set the Pageant as the collection date – **Saturday, December 20th** for food and diapers for this family.

Victoria Children's Choir - 2 concerts:

Two young members of our parish are involved in the Victoria Children's Choir: **Alexandra Haupt** and **Caitlin Troughton**. They invite you to join them for one, or both=☺ of the following concerts:

Family Christmas Concert -- this afternoon Sunday, December 7 @ 3:00 at St. John the Divine

seasonal world music, lullabies, a visit by you-know-who, lots of singing together and even some holiday baking.

Admission by donation of new, warm socks, gloves scarves and hats to benefit the *Our Place* community.

Victoria Children's Choir Classical Christmas

This concert will be celebrating "Haydn year" with his Mass for St. Nicholas. Join them for carols and lullabies from around the world. **Monday, December 15** at Christ Church Cathedral 7:00 PM
Doors open at 6:30 Festival Seating. Tickets \$15.

Meals for Parents of Newborns

We'll be providing 2 weeks of meals for Irene & Matthew & Julian & James Bird, beginning today - December 7. Norma Gray is the master List Keeper. Speak to Norma at 592-0835 or t.n.gray@shaw.ca if you can prepare a meal on of the evenings. Thanks a bunch!

Wednesday Contemplative Prayer

Our last service for the year - Wednesday, December 17. We begin again on January 7, 2009. Plan now to set aside time each week (at 10:00 AM on Wednesday mornings) for this service of Centering Prayer. After the reading of a passage of Scripture – participants enter a time of silent prayer that encourages the practice of surrender to God. Join us – here at St. Philip's, every Wednesday, at 10:00 AM.

Thursday Mid-week EUCHARIST

Our last mid-week Eucharist will be Thursday, December 18. We begin a new season on January 8, 2009. Join us at 10:00 AM for Eucharist and then stay for a great Bible Study every Thursday morning at 10:30. Everyone is welcome!