

DECEMBER 14, 2008

ADVENT III

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST

Harry Erkes

9:00 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

Praise Music		Youth Band
Kyrie		
Collect	p. 270	
Lighting of Advent Candles		
First Lesson	1 Thess 5:16-24	p. 961 Jenn Vidal
Gradual Hymn # 65	<i>Hark the glad sound!</i>	
Gospel	John 1:6-8,19-28	p. 862 Ruth McGhee
<i>Presentation during the Sermon time</i>		<i>Youth Group</i>
Apostle's Creed	p. 189	
Prayers of the People		Christopher Page
Confession, Absolution, Peace	p. 191	
Offertory Hymn # 691	<i>In the bleak mid-winter</i>	
<i>Doxology</i>		
Eucharistic Prayer		Christopher Page
"Our Father"		
The Communion		
Announcements & Birthday Bag		
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, at the side of the altar.



Third Sunday In Advent

The season of Advent includes the four weeks leading up to Christmas and began on 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.

Reader 1

Long ago God told the people of Israel to rejoice because he was always with them! Now Jesus brings us hope and peace, and as we follow him we share the joy of living in his love.

ALL: Come Lord Jesus, come!

Joy
Joy Joy

Reader 2 Jesus said:

"I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. Today we light three candles, as we remember the hope, peace and joy that Jesus brings into our hearts.

ALL: Come Lord Jesus, come!

ALL: Sing the 'Candle song' on overhead screen

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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



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PRAYERS for the week of December 14, 2008

Pray that we may each be filled with the grace to open and receive the Light of the world, the King of Peace, in our hearts and in the world.

Pray for the guidance of God's peaceful Spirit for all those in positions of political authority. Pray that we may be strengthened to 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 for his sabbatical,

- for Bruce Bryant- Scot and the Diocesan staff.

In the cycle of prayer for the parishes, lift up St. Andrew's Cowichan Station and their rector, Dawn Braithwaite.

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 Mandalay, Bishops Noel Nay Lin & Philip Aung Khnin Thein.

Missions

In our cycle of prayers for the mission and ministry of this parish, lift up the work of the Primates World Relief & Development Fund. Bless Ricki de Castro and the Toronto Office Admin.

Bless and give thanks for all the people and the creative energy pouring into the making of our Christmas Pageant. Bless the lambs and angels, bless the painters and singers, bless the organizers and directors, costume makers and stage hands.

For our SPECIAL NEEDS and CONCERNS

Lynn Pipes

Hank Potts

Sharon Adams

Cliff Migneault

Fred Munn

Rolly Ferris

Bernie Stables

Bob Cole

Christmas Service Times

Christmas Pageant

Saturday, December 20 at 4:30 PM

"Papa Panov's Special Christmas"



Sunday, December 21 – Advent IV

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

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

* One service only * 10:00 AM

The Prepared One

Notice that the word favor doesn't mean anything about you. Favor says something about the one who is doing the favoring. So it's really not saying anything about Mary. It's saying something about God's election of Mary. She is one who is the absolutely perfect receiver, and refuses to play the "Lord, I am not worthy" card that had become normative in most biblical theophanies. She just says, "Let it be done unto me (Luke 1:33).

God does not love you because you are good, you are good because God loves. from [*Things Hidden: Scripture as Spirituality*](#), p 178

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**.

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.

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!

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 PM Doors open at 6:30 Festival Seating. Tickets \$15.

*Sanctuary Flowers are given today by
Sherry Armstrong
In loving memory of my Mother & Father*



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 STORIES

We have had a new collection of Christopher's Annual Christmas Stories printed. Copies will be distributed in the age appropriate Sunday School classes. If you would like to purchase a copy, they are available at the church office for \$5.00.

TWO Christmas HAMPERS

We would like to create TWO Hampers this Christmas season. Both are for Victoria families in great need: one is a young mum, with her partner and one year old son. The second family on our hearts have 2 small children, a little girl of 4yrs and a 2 yrs old boy. We would like to set the Pageant as the collection date - **Saturday, December 20th** for food, diapers or Christmas treats for these families.