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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

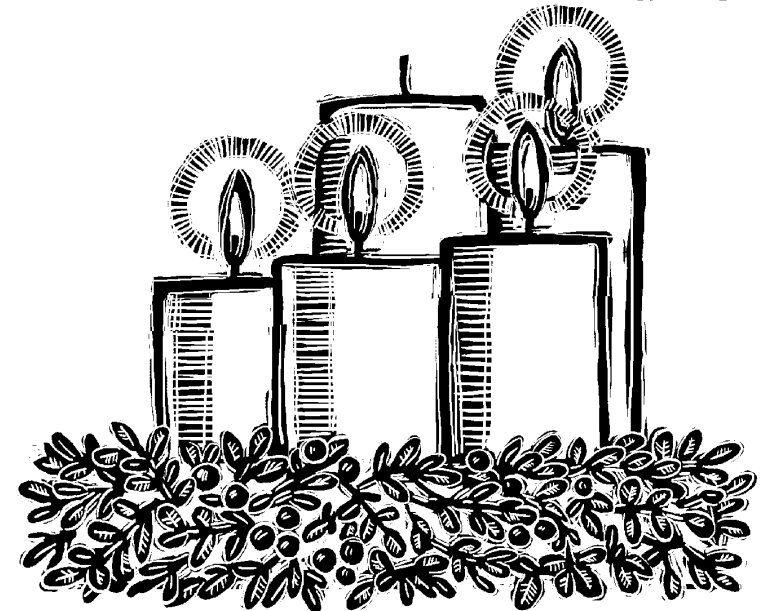
Thursday Eucharist and Bible Study 10:00 AM Thursdays

Welcome to

St. Philip's Anglican Church ADVENT IV- DECEMBER 21, 2008



Fourth Sunday in Advent



DECEMBER 21, 2008

ADVENT IV

8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST Christopher Page

9:00 AM BAPTISM & FAMILY EUCHARIST

Praise Music

Collect of the Day p. 272
Lighting of the Advent Candles

Presentation & Examination of the Baptism Candidates

Prayers for the Candidates
The Baptism p. 156
The Giving of the Light

Gradual *From the Waters of Creation*

Gospel reading Luke 1:26-38 p. 831 Rowena Hendriks

Presentation during the Sermon time Youth Group

Prayers of the People Christopher Page

Offertory Hymn # 319 (Vs 1,3,5) *It Came Upon midnight Clear*
Doxology

Eucharistic Prayer Christopher Page

The Lord's Prayer

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, on the Gospel side of the altar.

11:15 AM Choral Eucharist BAS

Announcements & Birthday Bag

Processional Hymn # 73 *Thy Kingdom come*

Summary of the Law & Kyrie p. 231

Collect p. 272

First Reading Romans 16:25-27 p. 926 Ted Lowther

Gradual Hymn #65 *Hark the Glad sound*

Gospel Luke 1:26-38 p. 831 Chad Laidlaw

Sermon Christopher Page

Prayers of the People

Confession, Absolution, Peace

Offertory Hymn # 61 *Jesus Came the Heavens Adoring*

Doxology

Eucharistic Prayer "A" p. 241 Harry Eerkes

Communion Hymn

Prayer & Blessing p. 247

Recessional Hymn # 60 *Lo He Comes*

*We welcome into the family of Christ
through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism*

James Matthew Victor Bird

Madeleine Grace Rowand



*Sanctuary Flowers are given today by
by Rob & Elizabeth Holloway
in celebration of Madeleine Grace Rowand's Baptism*

TRUE SURRENDER

Luke 1:38

38 Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

1. How might I expect Mary to respond to the news Gabriel has brought?
2. What is my first instinct when my life seems to be out of control?
3. What are the effects of my choosing to go with my first instinct when life seems to be chaotic?
4. How would you describe Mary's response to Gabriel's announcement?
5. What does it feel like for me to surrender to a circumstance that might not be entirely according to my choosing?
6. What usually happens when I am able to surrender?
7. Richard Rohr says we usually think of surrender as "losing" but actually surrender is "accessing a deeper, broader sense of the self." What does this "deeper, broader sense of the self" feel like?
8. What helps me trust this "deeper, broader sense of the self"?
9. How can we as a community encourage one another to stay connected to that "deeper, broader sense of the self" that exists within each of us?
10. What will a community look like where the members are all strongly connected to that "deeper, broader sense of the self"?

December 15, 2008

Gabriel's Announcement



It would not have been my first choice to receive this heavenly visitor. I am not accustomed to mystical visions. I am a practical woman; voices speaking in the night are strange to me. Angels are not part of the normal routine of my daily experience.

Why would a heavenly messenger come to me? I am a poor young woman, not someone any person of importance would bother to visit.

My name is Mary. This angel-visitor came to me the night after Joseph and I became engaged. It had started out as such a happy day, the excitement of knowing my life was committed to this man, our families celebrating together. In a small village, an engagement is always big news. For us it is as if we had become married already. The bond of engagement cannot be broken without great shame and deep pain. ...

To read more: see <http://inaspaciousplace.blogspot.com/>

PRAYERS for the week of December 21, 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- Scott and the Diocesan staff.

In the cycle of prayer for the parishes, lift up the people of the parish of St. Margaret of Scotland, Galiano Island & St. Mary Magdalene of Mayne Island and their clergy, Rob & Ellen Willingham.

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 Sittwe, Bishops Barnabas Theaung Hawi & Francis Sein Aung.

For our SPECIAL NEEDS and CONCERNS

Lynn Pipes

Hank Potts

Sharon Adams

Cliff Migneault

Rolly Ferris

Bob Cole

People in the western world have been trained in power and performance but not imperfection, detachment, letting go and least of all surrender.

Surrender, to western people, sounds like losing when it's actually *accessing* a deeper, broader sense of the self which is already content and abundant.

Once you move to that level of deeper contentment and deeper abundance you simply can't be drawn easily into these scarcity models—I'm not enough, this is not enough—you are overwhelmed by enoughness!
from Richard Rohr [*The Little Way*](#)

LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES



Fourth Sunday In Advent

Reader 1

Long ago God spoke to the people of Israel through the prophet Micah. He promised a Messiah who would transform the lives of all people. Today we celebrate the **love** that is Jesus, the Messiah who was born in Bethlehem so many years ago.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come

Reader 2

Jesus said: "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love."

LOVE

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come

Reader 1

Today we light four Advent candles, and we remember the hope, peace, joy and love that Jesus brings into our hearts.

ALL: Come, Lord Jesus, come

Candle lighter lights the four Advent candles.

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.**

Cafe Philosophy

Cafe Philosophy takes place every Wednesday, 7:00 - 9:15 PM at the Solstice Café, 529 Pandora Avenue

COVER: \$5 + one menu item (drink, food or beans to go)

(\$3 + purchase with student ID) Please support Solstice Cafe!

For Cafe Philosophy anytime, phone (250) 385-CAFE (2233) or visit <http://www.cafe-philosophy.com>

They have a guest moderator through December. Wayne Codling is a meditation teacher in the Soto Zen tradition of Shunryu Suzuki-roshi. Wayne Codling and Michael Picard maintain the website www.zendog.ca. Check out their podcasts.

Proposed topics for 2009:

January 7, 2009	Governments and Markets: Bailouts
January 14, 2009	Money and Debt
January 21, 2009	Energy Geopolitics: Canada and the World
January 28, 2009	Canadian Sovereignty in the Arctic

12th birthday of Café Philosophy 518th session

Our Place Grain Ministry Update

THANK YOU! December 14 was 'Dried Fruit Sunday.' Despite the challenging weather, we are sending 70 pounds of dried fruit to the kitchen at *Our Place*, the downtown Victoria Ministry to some of the most needy individuals in our city. Since the Grain Ministry started in June, Our Place kitchen has gone from serving 400 meals a day to 700 meals a day in December. The need is great and this ministry is a significant expression. Our request to you for December contributions included warm clothing requested by Our Place. St. Philip's also contributed

- Winter Jackets 31
- Scarves 14
- Underwear 6 pair
- Pants 50 pair
- Books 8 boxes total 140 pounds
- Coffee Mugs 28
- Games/Toys/Art Supplies 30 misc.
- Gloves (pairs) 19
- Socks 75 pair
- Shirts/Sweatshirts/Sweaters 86
- Hats/Caps 23
- Blankets/Sleeping Bag 4

What a tremendous gift during this cold spell. January 11 the Grain of the Month is BARLEY. Questions or comments, please talk to Grain coordinator Peter Van Rheenen pkvanrhe@island.net

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

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!

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.