

**December 17, 2017**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

*As we gather in worship, we acknowledge that we meet on the ancestral unceded lands of the Songhees and Esquimalt peoples.*

**8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION Christopher Page**

**9:00 AM FAMILY COMMUNION Christopher Page**

**Praise Music**

**Trisagion**

Collect of the Day p. 270

*Congregation sit; children to the front*

*Silence*

**Advent Candle Lighting & Song** *see pink insert*

First Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 p. 961 Sharon Richmond

**Gradual Hymn** *Wonderful Counsellor*

*Children go down to Sunday School during this hymn*

Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28 p. 862 Bruce Richmond

Sermon Christopher Page

*Silence*

Prayers Mitch Hammond

Confession & Absolution, Peace

**Offertory Hymn** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

*Doxology*

Eucharistic Prayer Christopher Page

“Our Father”

THE COMMUNION

*Chalice Bearers*

*Mike and Bonnie Pipes*

Doxology Prayer

Announcements & Birthday Bag

Dismissal

**Closing Song**

### Offering

It is Anglican custom to receive a financial offering in our worship, as an expression of gratitude to God. Please do not feel compelled to participate in this offering. Your presence alone is gift enough.

**11:15 AM Morning Prayer**

**Bruce Fyfe**

Announcements & Birthday Bag

**Processional Hymn 88** *Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus*

Exhortation – Confession – Absolution

*Venite* Verses 1-7

First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 p. 961 Barbara Fosdick

*Te Deum*

Second Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28 p. 862 Pat Kilner

*Benedictus*

The Creed, Suffrages, Collects p. 270 (BAS)

Sermon Christopher Page

**Offertory Hymn 122** *In the Bleak Midwinter (v. 1 & 4 – congregation; v. 2 & 3 – soloists)*

*Doxology*

Prayer & Blessing

**Recessional Hymn 89** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1, 2, 3, 7)*

*Dismissal: Go now in peace / Go now in peace*

*May the love of Christ surround us*

*Everywhere everywhere / We may go*

**Hearing Loop Installed: Switch hearing aid to T-Coil or ask an usher for a wireless headset.**

**Thursday Communion and Book Study** will resume in 2018. No 8:30 am sit Wednesday 13 Dec or Thursday 14 Dec.

### Welcome!

We want you to feel welcome at St. Philip. All are encouraged to come forward to receive the bread and wine. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please keep your head and hands down. If you are more comfortable not drinking from the cup, you may keep your head down and let it pass or after receiving the bread return to your pew. You may receive a gluten free wafer if you tell the person distributing the bread. Prayer Ministers are available during Communion at the 9:00 am service, at the side of the altar.

Please join us for coffee after the 9am service. Thank you to our coffee hosts this morning: Evelyn and Clayton Savage.

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**Service Times**

**Sunday morning** (3 services):

- 8:00 AM Holy Communion
- 9:00 AM Family Eucharist & Sunday School
- 11:15 AM Choral Eucharist 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
Morning Prayer 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

**Midweek:**

- Silent Prayer 20 min 'sit' 8:30 AM Monday thru Thursdays
- Tuesday: Contemplative Prayer – 2 sittings of 20 min at 7:00 PM
- Thursday: Eucharist at 10:00 AM; Bible Study at 10:30 AM

**Welcome to**  
**St. Philip Anglican Church**  
*'a spacious welcoming place'*



**Among you stands one  
whom you do not know  
(John 1:26)**

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## Prayers for the week of December 17, 2017

We light our candle for joy. Your Joy, O Lord, is our strength. Come. Come, Lord of all Joy, live in our hearts, this day and all of our days.

We pray for peace in our hearts, in our community, in the world. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

We remember to you the people of North Korea, and all those working to negotiate peace.

We lift up to you all in southern California as so many continue to feel the impact of the fires. Some evacuation orders have been rescinded but thousands have displaced, their homes destroyed, and fire fighters battle exhaustion as well as enormous blazes.

We pray for the just and proper use of your creation. We lift up to you all those touched in recent months by other fires, by hurricanes, tornados, floods and earthquakes. Lord, renew in us a sense of reverence for this earth and our connectedness to the web of life.

God of compassion, we remember to you all those who seek refuge and ask comfort for those who grieve, peace to those who have been touched by violence.

We remember the people of Yemen, of Libya, South Sudan, the Rohingya.

We lift up Bouchra, Abdul, Mohamed, Sihem and Badr.

We lift up our relationship with the First Nations Peoples of this land and pray for the continuing work of reconciliation and healing between the people of our cultures. We commemorate the missing and murdered Aboriginal women whose lives have been harmed or lost to gender-based violence.

**For the church:** In our diocese, we pray for Bishop Logan. In the cycle of prayer for the parishes, we lift up the people of St. Peter, Campbell River & St. Saviour-by-the Sea, Cortes Island and their rector, Philip Zimmerman.

**For all who are in sickness, sorrow, or any kind of danger:** May your Spirit touch these loved ones with an awareness of your presence and your peace:

Lou-Ann Edgar	David Geddes
Paul Beardmore	Heather Mayne

**We are planning a new ST. PHILIP PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY** for next spring, May 2018. We want to include you! Mark the dates when photos will be taken: Monday, May 7 through Sunday, May 13 - Appointment slots will be available: 1:30 to 8:30 PM Mon - to Friday, 10 AM to 5:00 PM on Saturday, Sunday 2:00 pm to 8:00 PM. **In preparation please make sure we have you on our contact list and that the information we have is correct.**

### Canes needed at Our Place

Each day more seniors are coming to Our Place. With the cost of food, medicines, electricity and rent continuing to rise at an alarming rate, seniors living on modest fixed pensions can no longer continue to afford to pay for basic necessities. The aging of the Our Place community also means we are getting more requests for canes; currently we do not have any to give to those struggling with their mobility. If anyone has a cane they no longer need, please drop them off at the Our Place Spiritual Care Office 919 Pandora Ave. Your generosity will allow us to provide the mobility aid needed by one of our family members the next time they ask us for a cane.

### Remember When...January 10th, 1:30pm

January brings a new year, yet old wisdom...Come join us as we gather around a table for refreshments, conversation, and sharing the stories we have to tell. For more information, contact Karen Fenimore, karenf@stphilipvictoria.ca, 250-477-7257.

### Tom Jackson's Christmas 150 - The Huron Carole

Come celebrate all things Christmas at Tom Jackson's Christmas 150 on December 18th! The Huron Carole, renamed Christmas 150 this year in honour of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, is a wonderful annual musical benefit hosted by master storyteller Tom Jackson. Doors open at 6:00 pm with a silent auction, with the show beginning at 7:00 pm. All proceeds from the evening will be donated to The Mustard Seed Street Church. Please join us at the Centennial United Church (612 David Street). Tickets are available to purchase at the Mustard Seed Street Church, online, or at the door. General admission: \$35  
Group ticket – 6 or more: \$30 each  
Student ticket: \$25 with Student I.D.

**HAVE YOU JOINED US RECENTLY –  
OR CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE ?**

Please help us keep our directory up to date

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply:**

- I am a newcomer & would like to be on the parish list (and receive parish emails)
- I would like to change my address
- I would like to have a conversation about St. Philip Church
- I would like to have **Offering envelopes** (*tax receipts are issued at year end*)
- I would like financial information about Direct Deposit giving, planned giving, or leaving a bequest in my will

**Opportunities for Conversation about St. Philip**

In preparation for our St. Philip Annual Congregational Meeting to be held on Tuesday 30 January, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., Christopher would like to meet with any persons interested in chatting about our life and ministry together. There are three opportunities to gather at the church for conversation with Christopher in the new year: Monday 15 January 7:00 p.m. downstairs at the church, or upstairs on Wednesday 17 January at either 10:00 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch and Supper:** Not long after Christmas we head into Lent. The Tuesday before Lent is Shrove Tuesday, this year February 13. Traditionally, we have served pancake lunch and supper on Shrove Tuesday at the church. This year, two of the main power houses behind this undertaking will be away. So, if we are going to have pancakes on Shrove Tuesday at St. Philip we need someone willing to coordinate. Please speak to Christopher if this seems to call your name.

**SILENT CHRISTMAS PRAYER LABYRINTH**

You are welcome to journey on our self-guided Christmas Prayer Labyrinth and prepare your heart in advance of Christmas. Make space in your days, your heart, and your steps to encounter the God who is Emmanuel. Drop-in to walk and pray at Victoria Alliance Church (1792 Townley Street) on: Mon, December 18, 6-8pm; Tue, December 19, 11am -1pm; Wed, December 20, 11am-1pm; and Thurs, December 21, 6-8pm. [www.victoriaalliance.ca](http://www.victoriaalliance.ca).

**Longest Night Service at St. Luke Cedar Hill:** Do you find the lead up to Christmas difficult? This time of year can be hard for many of us because of loss or changes in our lives. Come and enter gently into a quiet holy time. Sunday 17 December || 7:00- 8:00PM.

This Longest Night Service, a service of Light in the Midst of Darkness, is open to everyone. You are invited to share in this time of remembrance and hope. **Karen Fenimore will be attending...**if you would like to go and would like a ride, please contact her at [karenf@stphilipvictoria.ca](mailto:karenf@stphilipvictoria.ca) or 250-477-7257.

**New Year's Eve Taize at St. Philip:** Everyone is invited to this simple candle-lit Taizé service with chant, prayer, word and silence, on Sunday, December 31, 2017, 9:00 - 10:00 PM.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** We will be decorating the church for our Christmas services on Saturday 23 December between 9:00 & 11:00 AM. We welcome donations of poinsettias, holly, and greenery – particularly pine and fir branches – and also assistance if you wish to come and help out. If you would like to donate (or even lend) a poinsettia , please bring it to the Church anytime up until December 23. Contributions towards flowers purchased will be gratefully received at all services Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.



## DECEMBER 2017 AT ST. PHILIP

### JAZZ FOR CHRISTMAS

Sunday, 3 December 7:30 pm

### SUNDAY, 10 DECEMBER

ADVENT II Worship Services  
8:00 am & 9:00 am  
and at 11:15, our Service of  
LESSON & CAROLS

### TUESDAY, 12 DECEMBER

Christmas LUNCH - 12 Noon

### SATURDAY, 16 DECEMBER

Christmas PAGEANT - 4:00 pm

### SUNDAY, 17 DECEMBER

ADVENT III Worship Services  
8:00, 9:00, 11:15

*Church Office closed December 23 to January 1*

*December 7, last Thursday Eucharist and book study till January 11, 2018*

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### SUNDAY, 24 DECEMBER

ADVENT IV 10:30 AM

### CHRISTMAS EVE

Family Service 5:00 pm  
CHRISTMAS EVE Service 8:00 pm

### MONDAY, 25 DECEMBER

Christmas morning service 10:30 am

### SUNDAY, 31 DECEMBER

Worship Services: 8:00, 9:00 & 11:15

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

TAIZE: 9:00 pm

**Love With Us Stairwell Gallery Installation:** The Christmas story is one of love coming to us in everyday circumstances, in a form we might not expect or one we take for granted.

The idea for this community art project is for us to share an object that represents our experience of God's love in our everyday lives, perhaps something that we have treasured, or something we may have thought ordinary. One of the ways to think about it is like offering back to God a little gift in time for Christmas.

By the act of curation (gathering objects with intent, design and narrative) we will install a display that turns those everyday objects into an art display about love being with us.

Look around your homes, through your journals, photo albums and gardens, on your walks, or shopping trips and listen to what might be "speaking" to you. You might already have an idea, or an idea might emerge about an object that you had never even considered being precious, or you might even want to make something.

**Size is limited to 15" by 15"**, but if you have a large thing in mind considering sharing a representation of it such as a photo or drawing. **Bring them by December 17** so we can install in time for Christmas Eve!

**Deadline for Annual Reports:** In preparation for our Annual Meeting we publish a record of our year together. All staff, volunteer and ministry coordinators and mission representatives should write a report and give it to Alice Journel in the church office (emails especially welcome) by **January 8, 2018**.

### **Our Place Society & CBC presents 'A Christmas Carol'**

Thurs 14 December || First Metropolitan Church, 932 Balmoral St.  
Tickets: \$17.50 Adults/\$5.00 Children – Purchase at [www.ourplace.society.com](http://www.ourplace.society.com), at the Front Desk at Our Place, or at the door. CBC readers include Bob Macdonald, Gregor Craigie, and Arthur Black!

**If you would like offering envelopes for 2018**, please fill out the 'Have you joined us recently?' form, select the appropriate box, and place it in the offering plate, or contact the office (250.592.6823 or [office@stphilipvictoria.ca](mailto:office@stphilipvictoria.ca)) by Wed 20 December. The 2018 envelopes will be available in the narthex Sunday 31 December.

The season of Advent includes the four weeks leading up to Christmas and began last Sunday, December 3. Instead of the **Gloria** we will be singing a **Trisagion** at the start of our Advent Eucharist services, and during the Children's Time we will light the candles on our **Advent Wreath**.

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.

## Advent III - Joy

*This week our reading helpers Jerome and Molly from the Chan family.*

**Reader 1:** Long ago, God told the people of Israel to rejoice, because he was always with them.

Jesus said: "I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you."

**Reader 2:** Today we light three candles, as we remember the hope, peace and joy that Jesus brings into our hearts.

**Candle lighters light the first, second and third candles.**

### All Sing Our Wreath Lighting Song:

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| 1. Light one candle for Hope,<br>One bright candle for Hope.<br>He brings hope to every heart,<br>He comes, he comes.    | 3. Light one candle for Joy,<br>One bright candle for Joy.<br>Every nation shall find salvation<br>In Bethlehem's baby boy. |
| 2. Light one candle for Peace,<br>One bright candle for Peace.<br>He brings peace to every heart,<br>He comes, he comes. | 4. Light three candles today,<br>Three bright candles today.<br>Hope and joy and peace to all,<br>He comes, he comes.       |

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**Socks, Socks, Socks:** Cathy is grateful for the gift of socks collected at St. Philip to be used in foot care for people on the streets through Our Place. They have all been put to good use and she could use many more. So please, if you are able, keep the socks coming!

In the venerable tradition of "Why should the devil get all the good tunes" from the song writing collaboration of Conway and Page, and with apologies to Coots and Gillespie (1934) we sing again this morning: "Jesus Christ Is Always The Way". Reminder that, when we sing "Jesus Christ Is Always The Way", we are affirming that Jesus is the embodiment of love, light, truth, and goodness. These qualities are always the way to embody God's presence and to live in tune with our true nature:

### Jesus Christ is Always The Way

It's time to love God, it's time to be kind  
It's time to shine light, I'm telling you why  
Jesus Christ is always the way.

He's opening hearts and making them true  
Gonna seek out the pure child in you  
Jesus Christ is always the way.

He sees what's good and true in us, and seeks to find the love  
He sends into the world below the gift from up above – so.

It's time to love God, it's time to be kind  
It's time to shine light, I'm telling you why  
Jesus Christ is always the way; Jesus Christ is always the way.

*Conway & Page, December 2017*

As we journey together through this season of giving and gratitude, please keep in mind that at St. Philip we hope to end 2017 with a financial picture that encourages us to budget for 2018 with a spirit of boldness and vision for the witness and ministry we share.

**Advent Reflections:** For the 23 days of Advent including Christmas day, Christopher will reflect on one of the first 23 sayings from the document known as "The Gospel of Thomas." These short reflections can be viewed at: <https://inaspaciousplace.wordpress.com>. A booklet containing each saying with an introduction is available on the table in the entranceway this morning.