

December 31, 2017

First Sunday after Christmas

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

Gloria

Collect of the Day p. 276

Congregation sit; children to the front

Silence

Children's Time Shannon Carmichael

First Lesson Galatians 4:4-7 p. 947 Alice Jourmel

Gradual Hymn Good King Wenceslas

Children go down to Sunday School during this hymn

Gospel Luke 2:22-40 p. 832 Kathy Fyfe

Sermon Christopher Page

Silence

Prayers

Confession & Absolution

Peace

Offertory Hymn 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Doxology

Eucharistic Prayer Christopher Page

"Our Father"

THE COMMUNION

Chalice Bearers Clayton and Evelyn Savage

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 Choral Eucharist Christopher Page

Announcements & Birthday Bag

Processional Hymn 139 The First Nowell (v. 1, 2, 3, 4)

Gathering of the Community p. 230

Gloria

Collect p. 276

First Reading Galatians 4:4-7 p. 947 Marilyn Berry

Gradual Hymn 136 While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Gospel Luke 2:22-40 p. 832 Christopher Page

Sermon Christopher Page

Nicene Creed p. 234

Prayers of the People

Confession, Absolution, Peace

Offertory Hymn 125 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Doxology

Eucharistic Prayer "A" p. 241 Christopher Page

Communion Hymn 132 Of Eternal Love Begotten

Prayer & Blessing p. 247

Recessional Hymn 140 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (v. 1, 2, 5)

Dismissal: Go now in peace

Go now in peace

May the love of Christ surround us

Everywhere everywhere

We may go

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.

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11:15 Organist & Choir Director

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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 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays
Morning Prayer 1st & 3rd 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, **Resumes Jan 11:** Eucharist at 10AM; Bible Study at 10:30AM

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



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Prayers for the week of December 31, 2017

As we reflect on the year past, and the year to come, we are thankful for the gifts of hope, peace, joy and love we have been blessed with during Advent. And we are grateful for the arrival of Jesus in the world and in our awareness. He is our Lord and our companion as we work to perceive the Kingdom of Heaven on our one Earth.

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

We remember to you all in harm's way from the fires in southern California and the fire fighters as they battle exhaustion as well as the enormous blazes.

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 pray for those who have died in the bus and train accidents this week, for their families and for all those injured in the Amtrack Cascade train derailment and in the Mexican Tour bus crash.

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

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. Columba in Port Hardy & St. John in Port Alice, and their rector, Alastair Hunting

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

**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

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 Jourmel in the church office (emails especially welcome) by **January 8, 2018.**

Thursday Communion and Book Study will resume on January 11, 2018.

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.

We will discuss any:

- Questions/ comments you may have about our life in ministry together at St. Philip
- Ways St. Philip might strengthen our ability to encourage you in your spiritual life and ministry
- Ways you would like to see our community life and ministry together deepened
- Ways you might feel called to contribute in ministry to our life together

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.

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.**

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.

Church Office will reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2018 at 9:30am.

Dear St. Philip Family,

December 15, 2017

I know Christopher has already sent a note of gratitude to you all but I wanted to add my own note of deep gratefulness for our wonderful celebration of thirty years in ministry together at St. Philip.

I am sitting here in our cozy cabin at Point-No-Point enjoying the amazing view, drinking my afternoon tea, reading a wonderful book, and feeling the warmth of the wood burning fireplace. Christopher is sitting beside me doing much the same. We both are feeling exceedingly blessed by this amazing gift of time away in the midst of the busyness we typically find at this time of year. It did not take long for us to fully adapt to the stillness and beauty of this place. We have enjoyed both stunning sunsets and stormy seas, walked to the north and walked to the south and have not been in the car since we arrived 2 days ago. And today we savoured a most delicious meal in the little dining room on the property.

I continue to hold the wonderful memories of the celebration of our 30 years together as a church family. What a rich and amazing legacy we share and I am grateful for all of you, those I have known for years and others who are newer to me. Being able to share in the lives of so many other spiritual seekers is a gift for which I am deeply grateful.

Our celebration together on Oct 29 sensitively and wonderfully reflected our deep and meaningful ties as a community; the many written good wishes, the very generous gift including our stay at Point-No-Point, the music written and sung, the flowers, the shared worship and meal with the combined congregations, the compilation of Christopher's blog, and most recently the lovely photo collection of the celebration itself. I am especially thankful to all who helped organize the event as well to each person who is a part of this amazing spiritual family we call St. Philip.

*With affection and a grateful heart,
Heather*

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