

The First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2009



8:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Common Prayer*)

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher
 Lay Reader: Al Both
 Lector: Wendy Both

10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Alternative Services*)
 Celebrant: The Reverend Helen Belcher
 Preacher: The Venerable Richard LeSueur
 Lay Readers: David Gravells and David McKeown
Nursery is open at this service

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: Come Thou Long-expected Jesus

Come, thou long expected Jesus
 born to set thy people free;
 from our fears and sins release
 us,
 let us find our rest in Thee.

Born thy people to deliver,
 born a child and yet a King,
 born to reign in us forever,
 now thy gracious kingdom bring.

Israel's strength and consolation,
 hope of all the earth thou art;
 dear desire of every nation,
 joy of every longing heart.

By thine own eternal Spirit
 rule in all our hearts alone;
 by thine all sufficient merit,
 raise us to thy glorious throne.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God
 and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

There is one body and one Spirit,

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

One God and Father of all.

The Children are invited to gather around the Advent wreath.

Advent Responsory:

O Lord, prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ among us,
**May we journey toward Christ like the Magi, seeking the
 mystery of God with us.**

Like Mary, may we open our hearts to you in humility and trust,
That the life of Christ may be born in us again.

O Christ, we look with hope to the glory of your dawning.
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE:

The people who languished in darkness have seen a great light. Those who walked in a place of deep darkness, on them light has shone. We light this candle to remind us of the hope of all people who look to God in hope for justice, for peace, for redemption.

(The first candle is lit.)

Let us pray:

Father, you awaken in us the desire for the coming of your Son Jesus. May he kindle in us the light of his love, and bring the kingdom of peace and justice you promise for the whole earth. Amen.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly, and fulfil our heart's desire.

Children's Song: *One Candle*

One Candle for hope to tell of His birth.
 One Candle for peace he brought to the earth.
 One candle for joy, one candle for love.
 For Jesus who came from Heaven above.

Almighty God, *(Collect of the Day)*
**give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
 and put on the armour of light,
 now in the time of this mortal life
 in which your Son Jesus Christ
 came to us in great humility,
 that on the last day,
 when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
 to judge both the living and the dead,
 we may rise to the life immortal;
 through him who lives and reigns
 with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Margaret Cull

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader: **Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.**

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25: 1–9

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust

Do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

**Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.**

Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD,
and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to
your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O LORD!**

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

Gradual Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times once gave the law,
In cloud and majesty and awe.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
who orders all things mightily;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and teach us in her ways to go.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel!
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Rod of Jesse's stem,
 from every foe deliver them
 that trust your mighty power to save,
 And give them victory o'er the grave.
 Refrain

O come, O Dayspring, from on high
 and cheer us by your drawing nigh:
 disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 and death's dark shadow put to flight.
 Refrain

O come, O Key of David, come,
 and open wide our heavenly home;
 make safe the way that leads on high,
 and close the path to misery.
 Refrain

O come, Desire of nations, bind
 In one the hearts of all humankind;
 O bid our bitter conflict cease,
 And be for us our Prince of Peace.
 Refrain

Gospel: Luke 21:25–36

Reader: **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke**

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Jesus said, 25 "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. 26 People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. 27 Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. 28 Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." 29 Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; 30 as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. 31 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. 32 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 34 Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Reader: **The Gospel of Christ**

Response: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Homily

Holy Baptism (see insert)

Offertory Hymn: Come and Journey with a Saviour

Come and journey with a Saviour
who has called us from our birth,
who has washed us in the waters,
and who loved us on the earth.

Refrain

Come and journey, come and
journey
with a Saviour who has come.
We are all God's sons and
daughters;
in the Spirit we are one.

Come and journey, journey inward,
come and seek him deep within,
where he meets us in our living,
in our striving and our sin.

Refrain

Come and journey, journey outward,
telling others of his name,

Refrain

telling others of his glory,
of his cross and of the shame.

Come and journey, journey outward,
where that cross calls us to care,
where injustice and where hunger
and the poor call us to share.

Refrain

Come and journey, journey upward.
Sing his praises, offer prayer.
In the storm and in the stillness
find his presence everywhere.

Refrain

Come and journey, journey onward;
all our gifts we now shall bring
to the building of a city
that is holy, Christ its King.

Refrain

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer Over the Gifts (*together*)

God of love and power,
your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of
eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
(the Eucharistic Prayer continues)

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

(the Eucharistic Prayer continues and ends) **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ,
We being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.
 The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Communion

All are welcome to join in the sacred feast of Holy Communion. If you would prefer to come forward for a blessing, please do so. All are invited to draw near the table of the Lord.

Bishop Hoskin has written to all parishes in the Diocese requesting that we no longer carry on the practice of dipping our Communion wafers "intincting" into the Communion cup. Dioceses across the country are stopping this practice. To receive Communion in "one kind," that is, the bread alone, is to fully Commune. One may wish to receive the consecrated wafer and then simply fold one's arms to indicate a preference not to receive from the chalice.

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Priest God for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. Amen.

The Blessing
Announcements

Recessional Hymn: There's a Voice in the Wilderness

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places,
where the Lord our God may go!

But the word O God, is faithful,
your arm , O Lord is strong;
you stand in the midst of nations,
and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,
and fold the lambs to your breast;
in pastures of peace you'll lead them,
and give to the weary rest.

O Zion, give voice to good tidings,
ascend to the highest and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people
the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish,
the flowers they shall decay,
the power and pomp of nations
Shall pass like a dream away.

There's a voice in the wilderness crying,
a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway,
a highway for our God!
the valleys shall be exalted,
the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places,
where the Lord our God may go!

Dismissal Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia

In Baptism today we welcome into the household of God,
Sophie Katherine Davison, daughter of Kevin and Jennifer Davison and granddaughter
of Jim and Wendy Anton;
Cassandra Kiara Sontag, daughter of Warren and Rhonda Sontag, and
Ila Blair Bartlett, daughter of Blair and Susan Bartlett.

Flowers are given this morning to the glory of God by:

- Joan and Doug Dunn in loving memory of family and friends.

Sharon Dalton is warden on duty today.

Prayers

- In our Worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the church of West Texas ,their
Bishop the Rt. Rev. Gary Lillibridge and the Suffragan Bishop The Rt. Rev. David Mitchell
Reed.

- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. John the Divine, Siksika and their clergy The Rev. Margaret Waterchif and Larry Waterchif, Lay Pastor and St. Barnabas, Tsuu T'ina and their clergy, The Rev. Roy Darcus.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for S. Paul, Calliaqua with St. John, Belair.
- In our own parish let us ask for God's healing love to uphold and sustain all who are in any kind of need, especially: the family of Nan Fowler, Michael Smith, Peggy Peckover, Rachael Brisbin, Rachael Patrick, Paulette Sinkinson, Doreen Thomson and family, Claire White and her parents, Marguerite Dimmer, Peggy Brookes, Bunny Hale, The Rev. Kerry Bourke, Ken Willis, Annis Siddall, Laurie Houghton-Evans, Norman Knowles, Tony Luca, Elma, Blaine Bonner, Mariam Jacobs, Pat Clayton, Emily Sharpe, Teresa & Geoff Dawe, Win Ferrie, Eileen Williams, Eapen Mathew, Garnet Wallace, Andrew Howe, Elric Hicks. Let us also pray for Yphande Jean, our Church-school sponsored child in Haiti.
- We remember Margery Crabb who passed away November 24th. A memorial service will be held at Holy Cross Anglican Church on Monday, November 30th at 1:00 pm.

H1N1 – taking care. You will notice that our worship books and hymnals have been removed from the pews (on a temporary basis) and that all things necessary for worship are printed in the bulletin. Five new hand-sanitizer dispensers have been installed outside each of the washrooms. A Committee for Flu Recommendations has been formed in the parish; the members are The Reverend Helen Belcher; Dr. Asha Paul, Family physician and Regional Co-ordinator of the South Calgary Health Region and Elaine Montgomery, is a registered nurse specializing in public health.

A New Look at Stephen Ministry

Classes will be held on **Tuesday** mornings commencing **January 5th**, 2010. This course is not only for those wanting to Care for a Care Receiver but will help **YOU to** deal with difficulties that arise with family members and friends. You will learn how to handle a variety of critical situations with confidence and Christian care. Talk to Rev. Helen Belcher at the church or Al or Wendy Both (403-281-5657) if you need more details or information. Encourage a friend to come along with you.

SPIRIT ZONE (Children's Programs)

- **Nursery** –The nursery located on the lower level is now available during the 10 am service.
- Do you like working with children? Teachers are always needed for the fall term. Joan can help you to job-shadow for a few weeks with an experienced teacher. Please contact Joan if you would like to participate in this very important ministry.
- Rehearsals for the Christmas Pageant will take place each Sunday after the 10 am service. Everyone please meet in the lower hall and a snack will be provided.
- Thank you to the generous parishioners of St. Peter's who donated wrapped candy, toiletries, etc. to stuff socks and bags for C.U.P.S.

O Give Thanks

- To all those who helped in all ways with Advent Adventure on Saturday, November 28th. A special thank you The Rev. Julienne Hendrickson who led us in worship.
- To everyone who organized the Prayer Vigil held at St. Peter's on Saturday, November 28th.

Family Business To the end of October

Total Revenues	\$ 297,000
Total Expenses	\$ 350,000
Net Current Deficit	< 36,000 > (offset by \$17,000 Diocesan Grant)

Thank you for your generous and faithful commitment to uphold the ministries and life of St. Peter's.

“Food For Thought” Continuing on Thursday's with Richard LeSueur, following the 9:30am mid-week Communion service, a series of discussions based around Paul's great letter to the Philippians. Come for Communion at 9:30, or just come at 10am for some snacks, a cup of coffee and an hour of discussion, discovery and reflection. Each week in the series will stand on its own so that consecutive participation is not necessary. Pass the word and invite your friends.

Christian Meditation Christmas break. The last group sessions for 2009 will be on Monday, December 7th and Wednesday, December 9th. We will reconvene on Monday, January 4th at 7:00 PM and Wednesday, January 6th at 3:00 PM.

A Hunger For Healing: 12 Steps for Christians – a study group with a purpose. Are you searching for a way to strengthen your faith, understand yourself and grow spiritually? God has used the healing power of the 12-step programs to restore health and offer healing to countless individuals. God has conveyed this healing message through people who know what it is to be broken by life and mended by God. We are a support group using a book called 'A Hunger for Healing' by W. Keith Miller. We meet at St. Peter's every Wednesday from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm (participants bring a bag lunch). If there is enough interest, an evening group would be started. For more information please call Betty Nadurak at 403-686-1110 or Gwen Smith at 403-238-0105.

CHRISTMAS BAKING – If you can contribute some of your Christmas baking to our seniors and shut-ins, please call Pam Hodgson at 720-2145 or Penny Remmer at 403-238-2724. You can drop off baking on Sunday, December 13th. We will be packing tins and delivering them on Monday, December 14. Any help would be appreciated. ***Thank you!***

ACW will be holding a Christmas Turkey Dinner on Monday, December 7th at 6:30 pm. A maximum of 100 tickets will be available. Tickets will be on sale beginning Sunday, November 15th. Adults - \$13.00; Children 6-12 yrs. - \$7.00; Children 3-5 yrs - \$3.00. Profits will be used to subsidize anniversary celebrations in 2010. Tickets will *not* be sold at the door.

Joy to the World Service will be held at St. Gerard's Church, 8944 Elbow Drive S.W. on Sunday, December 13th at 7:30 p.m. St. Peter's Choir will be participating in this service. All are welcome.

Operation Doll Knit is looking for knitters who would like to knit small dolls to be handed out to children in Malawi who are orphans that have AIDS and are visiting medial clinics of Dr. Chris Brooks. For more information check the poster on the bulletin board or call Mary at 403-257-0802.

Fellowship of The Least Coin – please collect and bring your pennies to church on Sundays. There will be a jar in the Narthex for collection. Please see notice in the upcoming Fisherman's Catch and see how much good one penny can do!

St. Martin's has invited speakers from various world religious communities to speak about their faith and traditions. Knox Presbyterian is hosting this series and all are encouraged, including youth and young people, to join in. These talks will take place at Knox Presbyterian Church, 3704 – 37 St. SW. Doors open at 7:00pm with light refreshments, talks to begin at 7:30pm.

Wed. Dec 2: Hinduism All are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

LINEN REQUIRED: The Chancel Guild is requesting donations of plain, white **linen** products such as tablecloths, new linen handkerchiefs, napkins etc. (not patterned damask). We would like to cut these down to make purificators, corporals, and credence cloths for use in our services. Please contact Deena Janzen (271-0278).

Upper Room (Daily Meditation Booklet) - Time to renew your subscription for next year. The cost is \$7.25/year. Please contact Dorothy Bagley at 403-253-1750 to order. contact Dave Cormack (403-255-5867) or me to have your items posted. Vera Apletree (403-255-2406).

Offering Cards for those using Auto-Debit You will find a small basket on the table at the entrance to the church with cards which can be placed in the offering plate by those using auto-debit. A way of signifying your gift to the glory of God and to support the life and ministry of St. Peter's. Many thanks.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Sunday	2:00 pm	St. Peter's Players Practice
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Monday	7:00 pm	Christian Meditation
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Prayer Group
	7:30 pm	St. Peter's Players Practice
	7:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday	11:30 am	Hunger For Healing
	3:00 pm	Christian Meditation
Thursday	9:30 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		'Food For Thought' with Richard
	7:00 pm	EFM (Education for Ministry)
	7:30 pm	Diocesan Lay Readers Meeting
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
	Friday	9:30 am
		Inn From the Cold
7:00 pm		Youth Group
7:30 pm		St. Peter's Players Practice

Christmas Worship

Sunday, December 13

- 10:00 am Children's Christmas Pageant and Carols
7:30 pm "Joy to the World" Ecumenical Community Service

Sunday, December 20

- 7:00 pm Choral Festival of Lessons and Carols

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 4:30 pm Family Christmas Carols & Children's Talk
7:30 pm Festive Christmas Eve Liturgy & homily
10:30 pm Festive Christmas Eve Liturgy & homily with Brass Quintet

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 10:00 am Christmas Eucharist

"O Come Let us Adore, Christ the Lord"