

10AM FAMILY EUCHARIST

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2019

# Peace



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent



St. Hilda's By the Sea Anglican Church  
Open Doors · Open Hearts · Open Minds

**Celebrant & Preacher:** The Rev Ayoob Adwar

**Deacon:** The Ven Bruce Morris

**Musicians:** Katherine Hume & St. Hilda's Choir

**Reader:** Janet McIntosh

**Prayers:** Maggie Scott

**Lay Administrator:** Veronica Shillitto

**Sacristan:** Janet McIntosh

**Crucifer:** Marisa Alps

**Greeters/Ushers:**

Jill Halliwell, Morrie Sacks, Meg Stevens

**Altar Guild:** Win Wright, Corrinne Newman

**Altar Flowers:** In loving memory of Ernie & Marie Montgomery from Carl, Katherine, Aria, Leif & Allegra Montgomery.

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

Whoever you are, and wherever you find yourself in your journey of faith, you will find a place at our table at St. Hilda's Anglican Church. Come as you are. There are many ways and there is no one particular way to be a part of this vibrant community. Join us today with an open mind, and be prepared to discover a home for your spirit that is inclusive, incarnational, and joyful.

### WHO WE ARE

St. Hilda, situated on the unceded territory of the *shishálh* Nation, is a member of the Anglican Church of Canada & the worldwide Anglican Communion. As a community, we welcome & celebrate human diversity - including spirituality, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, & abilities. We aim to create a space where people of any faith or none can question & discover the sacred in life through openness, struggle, laughter & prayer, lived out through a common commitment to be in solidarity with the poor & marginalized, & to cherish creation.

### CHILDREN

Children are welcomed to gather for a Children's Commissioning at the beginning of the service and then can go to Sunday School. They return in time for Communion—the Lord's supper (grape juice is available for communing). A Quiet Room is available for parents with young children by the Sanctuary entrance.

### HOLY COMMUNION

ALL are welcome to come forward and receive communion, the divine life of Jesus which comes to us in gifts of bread and wine. Come as you are. Instructions for newcomers joining this meal for the first time are printed in the bulletin.

### ♿ ACCESSIBILITY

Parking for people with disabilities are available next to the Meditation Labyrinth. You are welcome to bring your walker or wheelchair into the sanctuary. There are also large print bulletins available in the entry.

### Readings for December 15, Third Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Isaiah 35:1-10.....Reader: Eric Paetkau

2nd Reading: James 5:7-10.....Reader: David Moul

Canticle 18 (Luke 1:47-55) Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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## ✠ The Gathering of Community ✠

### Prelude

### Introduction & Welcome

*All rise as able as the Sanctuary party processes in.*

♪ **89 Processional Hymn** ..... *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* vs. 1-4, 7

### Greeting

*Celebrant* In this time and place,  
we gather on the ancestral territory of the shishálh Nation.

**PEOPLE** **From many places and peoples  
we come to this house of prayer.**

*Celebrant* In this time and place,  
we await the coming of Emmanuel, God with us.

**PEOPLE** **Maranatha, come Christ come.**

*Celebrant* In this time and place, together, one people of God.

**PEOPLE** **In the name of God,  
Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### Lighting of the Advent Candle..... *Leif Montgomery*

*Leader* The first Advent candle represents our call to hope.  
Today we light the second Advent candle,  
which represents our call to peace.  
In its lighting we make space within ourselves  
to hear and engage with the voices  
of those we might otherwise miss,  
but with whom we are connected by our common humanity.  
We remember the voice of the prophets  
calling us to be bearers of peace in a troubled world.

**PEOPLE** **O God of Peace,  
you are at work in many places, making life better for all.  
Peace means people have a chance to fully live.  
Help us to be peacemakers,  
so that the world may know your Peace**

### Children's Commissioning & Song

*Children are invited to gather in front of the altar to receive a prayer of commissioning to Sunday School. As the children leave, those sitting on the aisle are invited to form an arch for the children to walk through as they head out for Sunday School as we sing: (Tune: Away in a Manger)*

**A candle is burning, a candle of peace,  
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:  
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;  
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Almighty God,

**ALL** who sent your servant John the Baptist  
to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah,  
inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,  
to turn our disobedient hearts to you,  
that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge,  
we may stand with confidence before his glory;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*All are seated*

## ✠ The Proclamation of the Word of God ✠

**First Reading:** Isaiah 11:1-10..... Janet McIntosh

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19** ..... High voices on **bold**; Low voices on light



- <sup>1</sup> Give the king your jus-<sup>1</sup>tice, O God, \***  
**and your righteousness to <sup>1</sup>the king's son;**
- <sup>2</sup> that he may rule your <sup>1</sup>people righteously \***  
**and the <sup>1</sup>poor with justice;**
- <sup>3</sup> that the mountains may bring prosperity <sup>1</sup>to the people, \***  
**and the little <sup>1</sup>hills bring righteousness.**
- <sup>4</sup> He shall defend the needy a-<sup>1</sup>mong the people, \***  
**rescuing the poor and crushing <sup>1</sup>the op-pressor.**
- <sup>5</sup> He shall live as long as the sun and <sup>1</sup>moon endure, \***  
**from one generation <sup>1</sup>to a-nother.**
- <sup>6</sup> He shall come down like rain up-<sup>1</sup>on the mown field, \***  
**like showers that wat-<sup>1</sup>er the earth.**
- <sup>7</sup> In his time shall the <sup>1</sup>righteous flourish; \***  
**there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall <sup>1</sup>be no more.**
- <sup>18</sup> Blessed are you, Lord God, the <sup>1</sup>God of Israel, \***  
**for you alone do <sup>1</sup>wondrous deeds!**

**ALL 2<sup>nd</sup> 19 And blessed be your glorious <sup>1</sup>name for ever \***  
**and may all the earth be filled with your glory. A-<sup>1</sup>men. Amen.**

Glory to God, Source <sup>1</sup>of all being, \*  
Eternal Word and <sup>1</sup>Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the begin- <sup>1</sup>ning is now\*  
and shall be for e- <sup>1</sup>ver. Amen.

**Second Reading:** Romans 15:4-13 ..... Janet McIntosh  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. **Thanks be to God.**

🎵 **106 Gradual Hymn** ..... *There's a Voice in the Wilderness* vs 1-2

*All remain standing as able*

**The Gospel** Matthew 3:1-12

Deacon May God be with you

**PEOPLE And also with you**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**PEOPLE Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*After reading*

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

**PEOPLE Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

🎵 **106 Gradual Hymn** ..... *There's a Voice in the Wilderness* vs 3-4

**Sermon** ..... Fr Ayoob Adwar

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**We believe in God the Father,  
infinite in wisdom, power and love,  
whose mercy is over all His works,  
and whose will is ever directed to our good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
fully God and fully human,  
the gift of the Father's unfailing grace,  
the ground of our hope and the promise of our deliverance  
from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit  
as the Divine Presence in our lives,  
whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance  
of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself  
in the service of love as set forth  
in the example of our blessed Lord,  
to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

*Please stand, sit or kneel according to your praying custom. Names upheld in the prayers can be found on the Parish List on the back page. You are also welcome to name your loved one(s) aloud or silently in your heart.*

## Confession and Absolution

*Celebrant* Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;  
God welcomes sinners  
and invites them to the table.  
Let us confess our sins  
confident in God's forgiveness.

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* Most merciful God  
**PEOPLE we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not love you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**PEOPLE Amen.**

**The Peace** *Please rise as able as we share the peace of the Lord.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**PEOPLE And also with you.**

## ✠ The Holy Communion ✠

### The Offertory

*During the hymn, the bread and wine are presented alongside with the offering of money, given on the plate or through the Pre-Authorized Donation Program, to symbolize the offering of ourselves and of the whole creation to God in thanksgiving for the many blessings we experience. You are invited to place your hand on the Offertory plate as it comes past as a sign of gratitude for God's blessings.*

🎵 **Offertory Hymn**.....Come and Find the Quiet Centre

1. Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:

clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

2. Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, face to face, making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun, raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.
3. In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain, let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain: there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care, in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

### Prayer over the Gifts

*Celebrant* God our strength,

**PEOPLE** we are nothing without you.

**Receive all we offer you this day  
as you sustain us with your mercy;  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Eucharistic Prayer 3 BAS p. 198

*"Eucharist" means "thanksgiving". This is a ritual meal to re-enact the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his friends to remind them of his sacrificial love for humanity and the whole creation. All stand as able.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**PEOPLE** And also with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**PEOPLE** We lift them to God.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**PEOPLE** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* Blessed are you, gracious God...

...who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

### Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of power and might,  
heav'n and earth are full, full of your glo -  
ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the

*cont'd* → 7

high - est. Bless-ed is the One who comes, who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -  
 san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant* We give thanks to you, Lord our God...

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**PEOPLE** we remember his death,  
 we proclaim his resurrection,  
 we await his coming in glory;

*Celebrant* and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...

...all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
 now and for ever.

**PEOPLE**

A - men, a - men.

## 744 The Lord's Prayer

### The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant* God of promise,  
 you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

**ALL** Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

### Agnus Dei (Lamb of God)

Lamb of God you take a-way the sins of the world.  
 Lord have mer-cy up - on us. Lamb of God you take a-way the  
 sins of the world. Lord have mer - cy up - on us.



## The Invitation

### Receiving Communion

*If you know the brokenness of life, its fractures within and its division without, then you have participated in the broken body of Christ and you are invited to share in the breaking of bread.*

*If you desire to know the love of God that overcomes indifference and despair, if you desire the reconciliation that overcomes estrangement and alienation, then you are invited to share the cup of the new covenant.*

*The bread is received in the open palm. It is usual Anglican practice to drink the wine from the common cup. Wine and unfermented grape juice are served. If you would prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer or grape juice, please inform the person administering the bread or wine when they approach you. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, you are welcome to come forward and place your hands across your chest.*

**Choir Anthem**.....When the Wind of Winter Blows  
Words: Ruth Duck Music: Lori True

### Prayer After Communion

Celebrant Faithful God,

**ALL we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet.  
Help us always to hear the prophet's call  
to turn our hearts to you;  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

### Family Thanksgiving & Announcements

*All are invited to share if they know of any birthdays, anniversaries or other celebrations. We have a parish tradition of saying the following prayer by sharing eye-contact with those around us.*

*All stand as able.*

Celebrant Glory to God,

**PEOPLE Whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### Visit from St. Nicholas

**The Blessing**

🎵 **91 Recessional Hymn** ..... *People, Look East! The Time is Near*

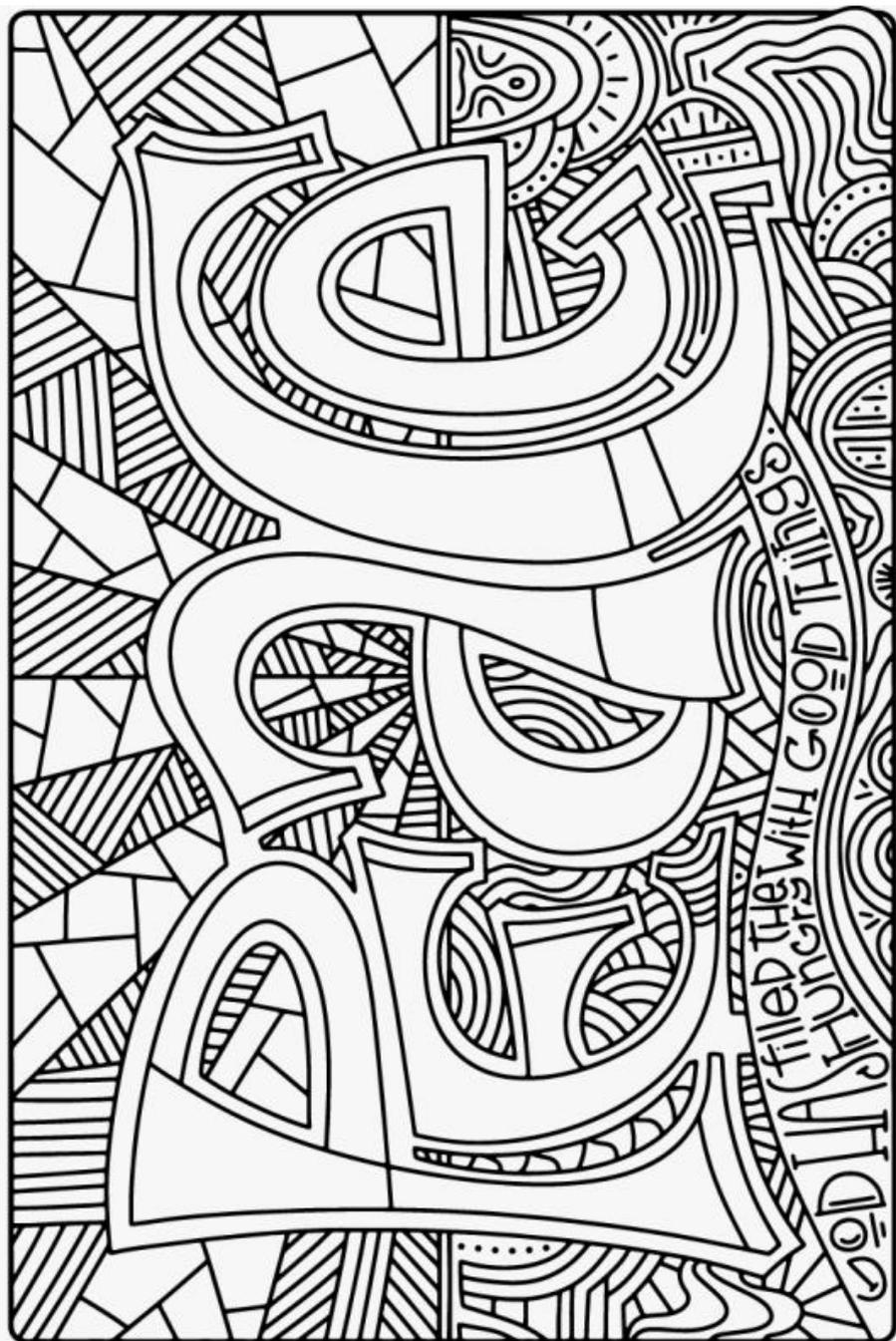
**Dismissal**

**PEOPLE Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

If leaving during postlude, please do so quietly.





## Parish Events and Notices

**Offering Plate Directions:** During the offering hymn, the bread and wine are presented alongside with the offering of money. People give in many different ways - on Sundays some give their money weekly or monthly or as they can or they give through the Pre-Authorized Donation Program. However, the offering plate symbolizes more than just the giving of our money - it also symbolizes our thankfulness for the many blessings we experience and the many ways that we give to the church. With that understanding, you are invited to place your hand on the offertory plate as it comes past as a sign of gratitude for God's blessings.

**Holly Needed:** Every Advent, the Sunday School sells holly to raise money for its activities and gives some back to church. Bev's tree didn't produce any berries this year. If you have holly to spare and can provide some, please contact Bev Dall.

**Amnesty Writing Event:** Monday December 9 between 5-7 pm in Sanctuary International Human Rights Day is December 10. On this day world-wide, Amnesty International is promoting a *Write for Rights* day. People all over the world will be writing letters on behalf of human rights advocates.

St. Hilda's Social Justice Umbrella and Parishioners Pics are organising a letter writing event here on the day prior, Monday, December 9 between 5& 7 pm. We will have case information for several human rights activists, letter writing materials and letter writing guides.

**Advent Films Peace: *Cry Freedom*:** Monday December 9 at 7:00 pm  
*Cry Freedom* is a stirring true story about two men from different worlds who are drawn together in a struggle against the racist regime in South Africa. Denzel Washington is charismatic as the soft-spoken leader Stephen Biko, whose advocacy of black consciousness and nonviolence inspires his people to new heights of self-esteem. Kevin Kline puts in a top-drawer performance as Donald Woods, a white liberal newspaper editor who becomes Biko's friend and biographer. Joining forces to fight apartheid in their country, they each must pay a high price for their belief in human dignity, equality and freedom — Biko with his life, Woods with persecution and finally self-exile from his homeland. Through the story of these two courageous men, director Richard Attenborough conveys the costs in human suffering of apartheid with its harsh policies of house arrest, imprisonment and death. At the same time, Attenborough makes his own moral stand with the film. In a profoundly moving ending, he recreates the tragedy which occurred in Soweto township in 1976 and then presents a roll call of individuals who have died mysteriously in South African prisons. The effect is a searing indictment against the inhumanity of the architects and functionaries of apartheid.

**Christmas Hampers:** Your suggestions of recipients (names and ages of children) for this year must reach the Hamper Team by Tuesday December 17. The hamper shoppers will be busy providing a boost to some family celebrations earlier in the month of December so we need your special contributions soon. Please mark on your giving envelope or give your cash contribution to Margy Grant or Meg Stevens.

**St. Hilda's Choir** invites singers to join us for the Advent and Christmas season. Rehearsal times are Thursdays at 1pm. Contact Katherine for details.

**Ndandini Knapsacks:** Knapsacks will be collected this morning during the service. Fill in card if wanting tax receipt. St. Hilda's helps to provide scholarships for students to go to school.

**Ndandini Scholarship Annual Fundraising Campaign:** May you be blessed in your support of our Ndandini students and families in Kenya. In addition to the Knapsack campaign underway, you may make personal donations via your offering envelope, or give a 'gift of education' as a Christmas gift to your family and friends. For those donating as a Christmas gift, Ndandini Scholarship Christmas Gift Cards are available in the narthex to let your recipient know about the gift you have given on their behalf. Please mark your offering donation 'Ndandini'.

**St. Hilda Cookbooks:** If you are still thinking of buying one for yourself or for a gift, don't wait as there are only a limited number left in the Church office.

**Christmas Jazz Vespers** Sunday December 15 at 4:00 pm at St. Hilda's with *KESTRA* (Steve Giltrow, guitar; Ken Grunenberg, saxophone; Regan Haydu, drums; Ward Tinney, bass). Join us for live jazz music, readings and Christmas carols. Freewill offering accepted.

**Winter Solstice Meditation:** Saturday December 21 at 7:00 pm in Sanctuary

*Now is the darkest and longest night of the year.*

*Now is the time of rest and restoration.*

*Now is the time to praise the darkness.*

*on Earth and within our bodies and in our life cycles.*

*In balance with the light,*

*there is daily night and it is blessing and right.*

*Now is the darkest and longest night of the year.*

*Now is the time of rest and restoration.*

*Now is the time to praise the darkness.*

An evening of readings, music and meditation

**Thanks to All!** Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Bake & Craft Sale last weekend.

## **WIDER CHURCH EVENTS**

**St. John's Christmas Cookie Caper:** Saturday December 14 from 9am to 12 noon. Fill a provided container with a variety of Christmas cookies for \$15

## **WIDER COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Messiah Choir Concerts:** Friday December 20 at 7 pm & Saturday December 21 at 2 pm at St. John's United Church. See poster in breezeway for more info.

**Suncoast Phoenix Choir:** Friday December 13 at 7 pm at St. Hilda's

## Week At-a-Glance at St. Hilda's

|                 |          |                                      |                |
|-----------------|----------|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Advent 2</b> | 8:30 am  | Traditional Eucharist                | Sanctuary      |
| <b>Sun 08</b>   | 10:00 am | Family Eucharist & Sunday School     | Sanctuary      |
|                 | 11:45 am | St. Nicholas Dinner                  |                |
| <b>Mon 09</b>   | 5:00 pm  | Amnesty <i>Write to Right</i> Event  | Sanctuary      |
|                 | 7:00 pm  | Advent Film PEACE                    | Sanctuary      |
| <b>Tues 10</b>  | 2:00 pm  | Communion Service                    | Shorncliffe    |
| <b>Wed 11</b>   | 2:00 pm  | Prayer Shawl Ministry (604-885-1994) | Offsite        |
| <b>Thurs 12</b> | 1:00 pm  | St. Hilda's Choir Rehearsal          | Sanctuary      |
| <b>Fri 13</b>   | 10:00 am | Men's Gathering                      | Lighthouse Pub |
| <b>Advent 3</b> | 8:30 am  | Traditional Eucharist                | Sanctuary      |
| <b>Sun 15</b>   | 10:00 am | Family Eucharist & Sunday School     | Sanctuary      |
|                 | 4:00 pm  | Jazz Christmas Vespers               | Sanctuary      |



*Advent & Christmas Season  
at St. Hilda's*

Monday December 9 **Advent Film Peace** at 7 pm

SUNDAY December 15 **Jazz Christmas Vespers** at 4 pm

Monday December 16 **Advent Film Joy** at 7 pm

Saturday December 21 **Winter Solstice Meditation** at 7 pm

SUNDAY December 22 **Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
4 pm Drum Circle

Monday December 23 **Advent Film Love** at 7 pm

**Christmas Eve** Tuesday December 24  
4 pm Christmas Family Drop-in Pageant & Holy Communion  
No rehearsal & costumes provided — come at 3:30 pm.  
10 pm Contemplative Candlelight Eucharist

**Christmas Day** Wednesday December 25  
10 am Holy Eucharist

SUNDAY December 29 **First Sunday after Christmas**  
10 am Festival of Lessons & Carols with Eucharist

SUNDAY January 5 **Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord**  
8:30 am Traditional Eucharist from *Book of Common Prayer*  
10 am Family Eucharist

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| <b>PARISH PRAYER FOR THE WEEK</b> |   |
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| <b>Anglican Communion</b>         | Pray for the work of the Mothers' Union around the world<br>Sheran Harper - Worldwide President, Bev Jullien - Chief Executive  |
| <b>Diocese &amp; Partners</b>     | The Anglican CanAsian Ministry (ACAM) Group<br>Deanery of Richmond-Delta - The RevPaul Woerhle, Regional Dean<br><br>Holy Trinity Mission in Bantey (twinning with St. Hilda's)<br>Companion Diocese: Bishop Brent Alawas, & the Clergy & People of the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines<br>BC Synod of the ELCIC, Bishop Gregory Mohr |
| <b>Local Agencies</b>             | Police-based Victim Services  |
| <b>Local Churches</b>             | St. Bart's Anglican   |
| <b>Justice Umbrella</b>           | Kenya: students of Kyaithani Cluster Primary Schools<br>siyaya Reconciliation Movement  |
| <b>Prayer Requests</b>            | Becky Decksheimer<br>Jill & Rik Diespecker<br>Henry: peace and comfort<br>Leslie: battling cancer<br>Nancy Moote & family: strength while undergoing chemo  |
| <b>Parish Families</b>            | Isobel Johnstone, Patricia Keene, Linda & Tom Kern,<br>Mary Knight, Vi Labrosse, Marjorie Lanskail  |

*Prayer requests are listed for 4 weeks - to extend, please contact the office.*