

Advent 3
December 12, 2010
Children's Pageant



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

Celebrant and Preacher: The Reverend Helen Belcher
Lay Reader: Al Both
Lector: Elaine Montgomery
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion (*Book of Alternative Services*)
Celebrant: The Reverend Helen Belcher
Deacon: The Reverend Julianne Hendrickson
Lay Readers: Shelagh Innes and Connie Kadey

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: #108 Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding

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.

God of power and mercy, *(Collect of the Day)*
**you call us once again
to celebrate the coming of your Son.
Remove those things which hinder love of you,
that when he comes,
he may find us waiting in awe and wonder
for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Third Sunday of Advent: Joy

Voice 1: **Mary praised our mighty God who entrusted her with a sacred role. Great things God has done!**

Voice 2: **The world will never be the same again.**

Voice 1: **The powerful will be toppled from their thrones. The hungry will be lifted up and fed good things.**

Voice 2: **Every time a child is born, the world changes for someone. Our lives also changed when a surprised young woman carried the One who became our Saviour. On this third Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of joy.**

The candle of Joy is lit.

Let us pray together:

Living God, fill us with Mary's trust and readiness to accept your purpose. May we rejoice with joy as we say: Come, Lord Jesus.

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The Symbols of Christmas

The Christmas Tree Kaitlyn Parsons
The Star of Bethlehem Samara Evans

Hymn **#120 O Little Town of Bethlehem**

The Christmas Angel Jensen MacLean
The Christmas Present Hudson Baker
The Christmas Holly Thomas Swartzenburger

Hymn **#119 Silent Night**

The Candy Cane Brooklyn Barootes
The Virgin Mary Emma Grenier
Baby Jesus Robert Johnson

Hymn **#154 Joy to the World**

Prayers of the People
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Peace

Offertory Hymn: #146 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

Prayer Over the Gifts
God of hope, **renew in us the joy of your salvation and make us a living sacrifice to you,**
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer #5 page 204
The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread
God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.
**Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

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.

Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, **may this Eucharist free us from our sins, fill us with unending joy, and prepare us for the birthday of our Saviour. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who is Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: #95 O Come, Divine Messiah

Dismissal Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the Risen Lord. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia

Richard Bird is warden on duty today.

Prayers

- In our worldwide Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain and their clergy, The Rt. Rev. Carlos Lopex-Lozano.
- In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle we pray for St. Cyprian, Lacombe and their clergy, The Rev. Dr. Lee Sinclair; The Church of the Epiphany, Rimbey and their clergy, The Rev. David Holmes and Holy Trinity and their clergy, The Rev. Dr. Chris Nojonen.
- In our Companion Diocese in the Windward Islands we pray for St. Matthew, Biabou with St. Sylvan and St. Mari and their clergy, The Rev. Clive Thomas.
- 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: Denis Grady, Bonnie Sinclair, Fred Harshman. Pat McNamara, The Reverend Maurice Buck, Dennis Moore, Edith Cowan, Virginia Goodman, Marguerite Dimmer, Peggy Peckover, Paulette Sinkinson, Peggy Brookes, Bunny Hale, Ken Willis, Annis Siddall, Tony Luca, Elma, Blaine Bonner, Mariam Jacobs, Pat Clayton, Emily Sharpe, 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.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with Gerry and Howie Dawe and their family on the death of their sister-in-law, Betty Dawe on Wednesday, December 8, 2010.

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

- Marg and Malcolm McKay in loving memory of our fathers, Morris Raymond McKay and William James Robinson.
- Elizabeth and Bob Andrews in loving memory of their parents; Robert and Eileen Thompson, Ralph and Muriel Andrews and brother, Donald Andrews.
- Yvonne and Gerald Kendall in memory of loved ones and in thanksgiving.
- Doreen Thomson, mother and son, Dustin, in loving memory of Christy Ruttan.

The Bishop's Advent pastoral letter has been posted in the Narthex. Please feel free to take a copy!

Clergy/Staff Christmas Gift Fund: Envelopes are available in the pews and at the back of the church for anyone wishing to contribute to the gift fund for St. Peter's clergy and staff. Gifts should be made out to St. Peter's and the total received over the next three weeks will be distributed among the staff. These gifts are not tax receiptable.

Stewardship response: Target giving indications received so far are favourable and support the 5% overall regular envelope giving increase required to eliminate our deficit. Anyone who hasn't yet submitted a target giving form for 2011 is encouraged to do so to facilitate finalization of the budget.

Vestry and Warden Vacancies: Suggestions are welcomed for consideration by the nominating committee for the roles of deputy people's warden, Christian education chair, welcoming chair and fellowship chair. If you are interested in one of these roles, or know of someone who might be, please contact one of the wardens. If you are interested but would like more information we would be happy to provide it.

Parish Profile: The final draft of the parish profile is available for parishioners to review. Please contact any of the Canonical Committee members. The profile is still in draft form and intended to stay within the parish. Members of the Canonical Committee are: *Alan Flanders, Rita Leigh, Clyde Elford, Lynn McKeown, Raju Paul and Carol Kyle.*

SPIRIT ZONE (Children's Programs)

- **Nursery** –The nursery located on the lower level is available during the 10 am service.
- We are revamping our Sunday School. Watch for an exciting fresh approach to learning about God's word.
- Please note that there will be no Sunday School classes on December 26th and January 2nd.
- **Cookies and candy canes will be served to all following the 10 am service today.**

A New Look at Stephen Ministry

Classes will commence at St Peter's Anglican Church on **Monday** evenings commencing **January 3rd, 2011**. This course is not only for those wanting to Care for a Care Receiver but **will help YOU to deal with personal and health difficulties that arise with family members and friends**. You will learn how to handle a variety of critical situations with confidence and Christian care. Encourage a friend to come along with you. Please talk to Rev. Helen Belcher or Rev. Christine Conkin at St Peter's Church or Wendy Both (403-281-5657) if you need more details or information. Materials for the course need to be ordered this coming week, if possible. Application forms are available on the counter near the staircase going to the Lower Hall.

Upcoming Events:

- **“Food For Thought”** Following the 9:30am mid-week Eucharist beginning on November 18 - December 16, we will be looking at the ‘Promises of God’. Coffee and snacks will be served. There will be no services on December 23 or 30. We will resume again on January 6, 2011.
- **X-tra!** A small group of adults 30-45 years old, looking “beyond or for more than what is expected”. We meet Monday nights and this fall our programming includes Bible study, service to those in need and social nights with dinner and a movie where we discuss God in our midst. Come and join us for one or all of our meetings! We are currently meeting at 364 Ashley Crescent SE. Please contact Jenn at jenn@flandersfamily.net or 403-305-4366 if you are interested in being a part of X-tra so we can make sure you get our e-mails.
- **CHRISTMAS BAKING** – If you can contribute some of your Christmas baking to our seniors and shut-ins, please call Pam Hodgson at 720-2145. You can drop off baking today, Sunday, December 12th. We will be packing tins and delivering them on Monday, December 13 at 9:30 am. Any help with packing and delivering would be appreciated.
Thank you!
- **Joy To The World:** This is a reminder to bring your grapes, cheese and/or baking (preferably on non-returnable plates) to Cormack Hall **today**, Sunday, December 12. If you are bringing squares, please bring them “cut” (not “uncut” as indicated on some cards). Thank you all for helping to host this year’s “Joy To The World” reception. Deena Janzen.
- **Heritage Park Evensong** –December 18th from 3:00-4:00 pm.
- **Christian Meditation.** We will be taking a break over the Christmas season. Our last sessions for 2010 will be Monday, December 6th and Wednesday, December 8th. We will meet again on Monday, January 10th and Wednesday, January 12th. If anyone would like to borrow CD's to use over the Christmas holidays, please let me know. Rosemary Bishop 403-254-9606.
- Soup and Sanctuary will continue on a drop in basis Wednesday 15 and 22 from 4:30 – 6:30.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS - On November 21st, we start collecting for Christmas hampers for those needing help in our parish and beyond. To avoid last minute panic and shortages, we ask that all donations be in by December 12th, which will give us time to buy any needed items. Once again, we are not asking for perishables, as we will buy them the day before delivery to ensure maximum freshness and provide savings through bulk buying. Monetary donations to buy perishables and other needed items are welcome and charitable receipts will be provided. On December 19th we need about 10 to 12 drivers to deliver the hampers - signup sheets will be posted on November 21st, November 28th, and December 5th or contact Claire White, Barb Leinweber or Angela Bane.

“My Fair Lady” by St. Peter’s Players – Tickets for next spring’s play are now available. You can purchase a ‘Gift Offering Letter’ that you can use as a present to pass on for a couple of tickets or to purchase your tickets, please call Vera Apeltree at 403-255-2406. The dates of the

play are as follows: February 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26 and March 4, 5; 2011. Dinner will be served on selected days.

North to the Bay – Bishop Gary and Marie Woolsey will be leading a tour to Churchill, Manitoba November 1-7, 2011. Experience the north during polar bear season. An information evening will be held at Knox Presbyterian Church, 3704-37th Street S.W. at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, December 14th. For more information, contact Bishop Gary at 403-251-9569.

To the Clergy, ACW's and Congregations of the Diocese. You may have read in the October Sower of our planned trip to the companion diocese of the Windward Islands to facilitate a Leaders' Training Conference this January 27-29. This is being given in response to the request of the St. Vincent ACWA's. (ACW). We will be providing general sessions on a Friday for men, women and youth leaders and Saturday sessions for the ACWA's only. We have now been asked to also provide the workshop to the neighboring diocese of the North Eastern Caribbean, in St. Kitts the following weekend. I will be taking 5-7 lay women with me to present and help at this conference. At this time of giving, we are asking you to consider this mission in your Christmas giving plans. We will be needing funding for help with some of the airfares, food and materials and some accommodation.

Donations may be made to your parish and then forwarded to the diocese for deposit in the companion diocese account. Taxable receipts are available and can be provided from your parish. Mark your contribution clearly for the companion diocese fund. Your Sister In Christ. Rev. Betty Piwowar - 403 678 5191 (O) 403 678 4502 (H) Bpiwowar@telusplanet.net

It's Hard To Be Merry... at Christmas if there is so much sadness in your heart. So St. Stephen's and St. Laurence Anglican Churches will offer a special service on **Wednesday, December 15 at 6 p.m.** at [St. Laurence Anglican Church](#), 5940 Lakeview Drive SW. This quiet, reflective service with carols and hymns, Scripture readings, and a meditation will focus on personal loss. Following that, you are invited to stay for dinner, the meal provided by the people of St. Laurence and St. Stephen's. There's no need to sign up... just come.

Soul Food: Music and storytelling for a new age. Join us for inspired gatherings that lift the heavy heart, enlighten the mind and revive the spirit. **Soul Food for the Winter Solstice: A Story of Light and Love.** Presented in partnership with [The Centre for Inspired Living](#). **Sunday, December 19, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.** at St. Stephen's Anglican Church 1121 14 Ave. SW Calgary.

Did you enjoy the cheese at the Fall Fair? We would like to order some cheese again in time for Christmas so we do need an idea of which cheeses you would like to purchase. Choices are White or yellow Aged Cheddar, medium Cheddar, Aged or Medium Gouda. Please call Sheila Leigh 403-281-1376 if you have preferences or large orders.

The Change Fund - *Please bring your loose change to the Church rolled or unrolled. It will be used for the Chancel Renewal Project. The Sunday School put in the first .35 cents. Let's watch this penny fund grow.*

Offering Envelopes are now in your mailbox in the narthex. Please check the mailbox list for your mailbox number and if you do not have one and wish to have one, please contact the office at 403-252-0393 or Cathy Bird at bird_cathy@hotmail.com.

To check out St. Peter's Website – www.stpeterscalgary.ca
We now have wireless access in the Church – [stpeterswireless](http://stpeterswireless.com) – password
peterswireless
Phone 403-252-0393

THIS WEEK AT ST. PETER'S

Monday	7:00 pm	X-tra! Call Jenn 403-305-4366
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Vestry
Wednesday	11:30 am	Hunger For Healing
	2:00 pm	Fellowship Tea and Service
Thursday	9:30 am	Chapel Service @ Food For Thought to follow
	7:00 pm	EFM
	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	9:30 am	Yoga
	7:00 pm	Youth Group
Saturday	9:30 am	Early Risers
	3:00 pm	Heritage Park Evensong



Special Christmas Services



Sunday, December 12

7:30 pm “Joy to the World” Ecumenical Community Service at St. Gerard’s

Sunday, December 19

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”