



ST. FAITH'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
A Place of Art and Soul

10:00 a.m. Sunday, December 1, 2024
First Sunday of Advent



SERVICE OF THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*

One: In this time and place, we gather on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh nations.

Many: **From many places and peoples, we come to this house of prayer.**

OPENING HYMN COME, THOUGH LONG-EXPECTED JESUS CP#88

THE GREETING*

One: Blessed is Christ who comes in the name of God.

Many: **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

KYRIE CONFESSION*

COMMON WORSHIP

One: A voice cries out in the wilderness, “Make straight the way of the Lord.” So let us listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence and faith.

One: Turn to us again, O God our saviour, and let your anger cease from us: Lord have mercy.

Many: **Lord have mercy.**

One: Show us your compassion, O Lord, and grant us your salvation: Christ have mercy.

Many: **Christ have mercy.**

One: Your salvation is near for those that fear you, that glory may dwell in our land: Lord have mercy.

Many: **Lord have mercy.**

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE*

COMMON WORSHIP

One: God of Abraham and Sarah, and all ancestors, you are our God too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of David. Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit to make his home among us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. Amen.

Many: **Lord Jesus, light of the world, born in David’s city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king: be born in our hearts at Christmas, be King of our lives today. Amen.**

THE COLLECT*

One: Let us pray.

Many: **Almighty God, 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.**

PSALM 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my
God, I put my trust in you; let me not
be humiliated, nor let my enemies
triumph over me.

**Let none who look to you be put to
shame; let the treacherous be
disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach
me your paths.

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

Remember, O Lord, your compassion
and love, *

for they are from everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth
and my transgressions; remember
me according to your love and for
the sake of your goodness,
O Lord.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his
way.

**He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

All the paths of the Lord are love and
faithfulness to those who keep his
covenant and his testimonies.

GRADUAL HYMN

LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING

CP#114

THE GOSPEL*

LUKE 21:25-36

One: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

Many: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "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. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and

know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 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, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. 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."

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ. **People:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

LABYRINTH WALK

You are invited to come forward and walk the labyrinth one at a time. Healing prayer is also available in the last row of the sanctuary during this time.

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH*

ST. HILDEGARD'S SANCTUARY

Many: We believe in God, the Source of Life, by whom every being in heaven and earth is created, named, and sustained.

We believe in God, the Living Word, who restores us to relationship and speaks to us through faith.

We believe in God, the Holy Spirit, who comforts, guides, and strengthens us to share the good news of grace.

THE LITANY*

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Please stand, sit, or kneel as is your custom for prayer.

THE PEACE

One: May the peace of God be always with you.

Many: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY HYMN

WAIT FOR THE LORD (x3)

CP #94

Donations can be made by placing it in the offertory plate or online at stfaiths.ca/give

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS*

One: Let us pray.

Many: 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.

COMMUNION*

COMMON WORSHIP, PRAYER G

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The celebrant continues, until...

One: You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

We sing from the Hymnal #722

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

The celebrant continues, until...

One: Christ is the bread of life.

Many: **When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.**

The celebrant continues, until...

One: ...By whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Almighty God, in songs of everlasting praise:

Many: **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

One: As Christ teaches us, we pray:

We sing from the insert...

Many: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your holy name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, in all the earth as in heaven. Your kingdom come, your will be done, in all the earth as in heaven, and give to us, give us this day our daily bread, O Lord we pray. Forgive our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us, and save us from the time of trial. Deliver us from evil. Yours is the kingdom, yours the power, yours is the glory now and ever. Our Father in heaven. Amen**

THE FRACTION*

One: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Many: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

One: Behold what you are.

Many: **May we become what we receive.**

COMMUNION

All who are drawn by Christ are welcome at this table. Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*

One: Let us pray.

Many: **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.**

Many: **Glory to God, 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.**

Many: **Amen.**

BLESSING*

COMMON WORSHIP

One: May God, the God of peace, make you perfect and holy, and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; and the blessing of God† our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life be with you always.

Many: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT

CP #96

DISMISSAL*

One: Go forth into the world, watching for the signs of Christ’s coming!

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ART OPENING – DECEMBER 6

You are cordially invited to the opening of our next art exhibit at St. Faith's, titled, "All Creatures Great and Small," featuring the artwork of Cat Aldred. Join us at 6pm on December 6 for an opportunity to view the artwork, listen to a presentation by the artist, and spend time in conversation with her. Light refreshments will be provided.

YOUTH GROUP – DECEMBER 13

Our next youth group gathering is December 13 and will be a field trip to the Christmas Market in North Vancouver. We'll start at the church at 6pm and set out on transit to the market. Due to the nature of this outing, our end time will be a little later than normal and we will contact parents as we start our way back to the church. All middle school and high school students are welcome to join us! For more information, please speak with Adam.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SING – DECEMBER 12

Join us for a fun and relaxing evening of Christmas carols here at the church. Choose your favourite holiday songs for us to sing together and enjoy a break from the hectic season with a joyful, family-friendly event. We begin at 6pm in the sanctuary.

CHRISTMAS AND ADVENT AT ST. FAITH'S

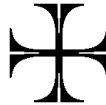
Our complete schedule of holiday events and services are now available on the church website at stfaiths.ca/Christmas. Be sure to check it out for times and details about all that is happening in our church this Advent and Christmas.

GIVING TREE WITH DIRECTIONS YOUTH SERVICES

We are collecting donations of items for Directions Youth Services this year through our Giving Tree. Pick up a gift tag to take with you for an idea of the sorts of things they need this season, and keep your eyes open for a full list which will be shared in our next enews. You can drop your unwrapped items off at the church during the week or on Sunday mornings throughout Advent.

THIS WEEK AT ST. FAITH'S

Wednesday, December 4 10:30am Bible Study
Friday, December 6 6pm Art Opening
Sunday, December 8 **Second Sunday of Advent**
8am Holy Eucharist, BCP
10am Holy Eucharist
5pm St. Hildegard's Sanctuary



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* Indicates places where it is appropriate to stand (or kneel), as you are able.

+ Indicates places where it is traditional to cross yourself, should you desire.