



Notices for November 27th, 2022 - Advent 1

Readings for this Sunday: Habakkuk 1:1-7;2:1-4; 3:3b-6;17-19 - Faith as a Way of Life
Next Sunday's Readings: Esther 4:1-17

Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am
Advent Procession 7:30pm

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, December 18, 4:30pm - 9 Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve, December 24

4:30pm - Interactive Family service
9pm - Traditional Candle light service

Christmas Day, December 25

10:30am - Holy Eucharist (please note, though this is Sunday there will be no 8am service)

ADVENT PROCESSION

This Sunday, Nov. 27, 7:30pm

The season of Advent provides a time of preparation for Christmas. At Christ Church this time of preparation begins with Advent Procession – a service which moves from darkness to light, from west to east, representing the hope in the coming of Christ, the Light of the world. Our service begins in darkness with an anthem in which Christ's coming is announced "from afar". As the service unfolds, the light increases during the reading of lessons and the singing of anthems and hymns until the choir stands on the chancel steps at the east end, the lights are fully lit, and the service finishes with everyone singing "O come, O come, Emmanuel".

**There will be a Senior's lunch on WEDNESDAY
November 30th, commencing with a Eucharist in the
church at 11:00 AM. The August lunch was so successful
in part due to the lovely Hannah Pagenkopf and our
Music Director Margie Newman who will join us again**

with Christmas carols and hymns. Please contact the office if you require a ride.

Date Change

Prophecy Presence: The Hebrew Prophets at Advent A pre-Advent Bible Study with Chelsea Mak Now on Dec. 1

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” Advent echoes with the aching affirmation: “the Christ came, the Christ comes, and the Christ will come again.” Indeed, the Revised Common Lectionary, like the hymn, offers up the words of the Hebrew prophets as the cry of the Advent Season. But who were the Hebrew prophets? And how did their words come to be tied so closely with the Christ of Christianity, Jesus of Nazareth?

As the Advent season approaches, come join Chelsea Mak on **December 1 at either 10:30 AM or 7:00 PM** for a conversation about the prophetic tradition in the Old Testament and its reverberations in the Christian calendar today.

Chelsea Mak is a doctoral candidate in Hebrew Bible at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Her dissertation, “‘Therefore the Land Mourns:’ The Ecological Body in 8th Century Israelite Religion,” explores how the religious ecology of Israelite religion is revealed in the mutually constitutive relationship between the body and land as found in text and material culture. By attending to a multiplicity of narratives in dialectical encounter, those of the land and the prophetic texts of Hosea, Amos, and Micah, the project further illuminates the stakes of Israelite religious practices as situated within the political economy of the 8th century BCE. Chelsea is the series editor for the Politics of Scripture, a blog on the Political Theology Network.

Outreach Update

Advent Season of Giving 2022

The Outreach Network at Christ Church has initiated many Advent Giving Projects over the past years with the help of an energetic and generous team of elves, that would be you - the parishioners! This year we are focused on assisting Glenbrook Public School, Highbanks Society and Sonshine Family Services.

* IMPORTANT UPDATE.

We have been recently given a family to sponsor through Sonshine Family Services.

The family consists of a mom and a 20 month old son.

Solange will send out an online "Sign up" list. Please refer to this wish list when making purchases and then mark your donation to our Sonshine family so we can keep things organized.

Glenbrook School (CBE K-6): We have helped Glenbrook School in the past and their needs are ongoing. The very diverse school population includes Yazidi and Ukrainian refugees, many of whom have arrived without fathers. The school also is home to many other immigrant families from a vast number of different countries.

Glenbrook School is requesting donations of;

Sweatpants - sizes 4-8

Running shoes in larger sizes for boys and girls (Sizes 8-10 adult)

\$25 and \$50 Grocery certificates

Highbanks Society: Highbanks provides housing to pregnant or parenting women between the ages of 16-24 years. The mothers are expected to attend school full time while living at Highbanks. They are a local organization that owns the building that the Moms and children live in. They have great supports in place for the moms and they work toward transitioning them to having their own apartments.

Diapers - sizes 5 and 6 are in high demand

\$25 and \$50 Grocery certificates

Disposable wipes

Digital Thermometers

Subject: Re: Citizenship Ceremony

" The Abou- Akel family from Syria will be taking their oath of citizenship on Thursday, November 24 at 1:30 PM by zoom.

We at Christ Church have supported this family in various ways over the past 5 years, so this is an exciting time for us as well.

This family will be joining us in our service at Christ Church on December 4 at 10:30 AM and will be serving us some of their delectable treats at coffee hour afterwards as their way of thanking Christ Church.

Please take a minute to welcome our newest Canadians with your own personal message.

Between November 24 and Friday December 2, there will be a basket in the Loggia with some blank cards for you to write on. Please do this before December 2nd.

They will be stitched together on a banner which we will send home with them on Dec 4th.

Together we continue to make Canada a welcoming place for all.



**Christ Church Preschool Christmas 2022
Tea, Wine and Spirits Fundraiser**



Christ Church Preschool

2022 Christmas Fundraiser Tea, Wine and Spirits

- 9 Teas Available in Art, Class Picture or Custom Order Tins
- 4 Packs of Wine (Prosecco, Red and French selections)
- 4 Pack of Spirits



November 1st – November 25th



Sponsored by: **The Naked Leaf**
Magnum Wine & Spirits and
Britannia Wine Merchants

ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL MIDNIGHT TONIGHT.

Specially selected tea, wine and spirits are available at a discount to you with proceeds going to support our Preschool.

Click on the order link below to see the teas, wines and spirits that are available at a great price with proceeds going to support our Preschool.

TO ORDER TEA, WINE and SPIRITS

Please click on the **[ORDER LINK](#)** to see what's available and to complete your order online.

Once your order is submitted, you will receive an email INVOICE usually by end of day. The email confirms your order and gives you the total amount owing. **You can drop off a cheque for that amount at the church office or pay by e-transfer to ccpsfinance@christchurchcalgary.org.**

The orders will be ready to pick up in the Crump Room on Sunday December 11th.

Next Baptism January 8 - the Feast of the Baptism of Christ

If you or someone you love wants to be baptised, contact Brandon for details. (brandon@christchurchcalgary.org)

Baptism prep class: Monday, Dec. 12, 7:30pm

Weekly Events at Christ Church

Wednesdays 11am - Lectio Divina & Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Wednesdays 1pm - Seniors' Bridge & Other Games

Wednesdays 5pm - Meditation

Thursdays 10:30am - Bible Study

GENERAL SYNOD

Volunteer Coordinators Needed

The Diocese of Calgary is hosting the national General Synod this coming June. We are in need of three Volunteer Coordinators for the following:

1. Transportation Coordinator: This person will arrange for buses to bring delegates to the Uof C on day of arrival and take them back to the airport on day of departure.
 2. Registration Desk and Information: This person will gather volunteers, organize volunteers to hand out registration packets, schedule them for those jobs and general hospitality.
 3. Final Banquet Coordinator: This person will organize the final meal for the Anglican component of General Synod.
- If you are willing, or know of someone that might be a good fit, please have them contact [The Ven. Dr. Pilar Gateman](#).
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News from the Christ Church Bell Ringers

When the bells rang out on November 11 in 1918 they announced the end of World War I. The sound of bells ringing provides a soundtrack to historic moments, a call-out for celebrations and they toll in empathy for grief.

Last Friday, November 11, the bell ringers of Christ Church attached leather dampers on the clappers of each bell on one side only. Listeners could hear the familiar bright descending scale followed by their solemn echo. The tenor with its deep sound was heard striking on its own for eleven times before a two minute silence at 11am. The end of the silence was marked with one more solemn blow by the the tenor, upon which all bells started ringing again.

The bells remained muffled for Sunday service in commemoration of those who gave their lives for our freedom.

Picture: the leather muffles (left) and a muffled clapper (right)

On a happy note, the Christ Church Guild of Bellringers was gifted with a new named sequence composed by young parishioner Patrick. On Sunday, November 13, Eric Bumstead (conductor) called the eight bells into "Patricks". In musical terms "Patricks" sounds: c-D-E-G-A-B-F-C (c being higher, and C lower pitch). Thank you, Patrick, for your enthusiasm and creative composition.

2023 Calendars are in. You can pick one up at the office for \$5

CHRISTMAS MARKET SPONSORED BY THE ACW OF ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

Christmas Market

The FCJ Centre

Upcoming Programs and Retreats

Vespers: Uncommon Prayers for Uncommon People. More information can be found [here](#).

December 15 – Marian prayers, prayer beads

January 11 – Silentio, contemplative prayer

February 8 – Taizé, musical prayers

March 8 – Stations of the cross, praying and walking with Jesus

April 12 – Mandalas, drawing prayers

May 10 – Labyrinth, walking prayer

June 14 – Eco Divina – praying in nature

The Wisdom of Trees - November 4: What trees can teach us about life and faith. A weekend retreat at the FCJ Centre.

The Many Names of Mary - December 2: An invitation to sacred womanhood.



Ways to Give

There are several options for you to send your gifts :

Giving envelopes: contact us to obtain yours

Annual Pledge Form: contact us or visit christchurchcalgary.org

eTransfer to: treasurer@christchurchcalgary.org

Please note: No password or security question is required

Add your name and any designation for your donation in the Memo/Notes area when

when you create the eTransfer.

Credit/Debit Online with <https://pushpay.com/g/christchurchcalgary>
Text the message 'Pushpay' to phone #77977

Thank you for your support!!!

Flower Memorials

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God and with gratitude and appreciation for family and friends by the Grant family



The flowers in the Chapel are offered to the glory of God and in remembrance and thanksgiving for our family, given by Bruce and Bonnie McMillan



The Power of Prayer

Forward Day by Day

Prayer books for November/December/January~Now available to be picked up at the office.

Additional prayer resources can be found on Forward Movement's website: [https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/forward day by day.php?d=29&m=4&y=2020](https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/forward%20day%20by%20day.php?d=29&m=4&y=2020)

The Parish Prayer Chain

Have a friend who needs someone to pray for them? Our prayer chain does this daily, and welcomes requests for confidential prayer. Contact Lois Lepp, Alicia Hampshire or Rev. Brandon.

Praying with PWRDF

Every Thursday morning 11 am Mtn time. Meet and hear from some of our partners around the world, staff members and folk from churches across the country.

Email Kim Umbach to join. kumbach@pwrdf.org

Prayer Shawls - "Tangible Evidence of Prayer" (ref: "The Prayer Shawl Ministry")

Each of our shawls , handmade by the members of this ministry includes the prayers of the shawl maker as it is made, receives a special blessing, then is available to be given to offer peace, and comfort to someone in need. Shawls are always available here. Please contact Cynthia at the office: 403-243-4680, or Barbara Robinson: barberobinson@gmail.com if you know of someone for whom a shawl would be helpful.



Anyone can be added to our email list... they just need to ask!

Know a friend who'd appreciate getting these emails?

Just forward this to them, and...

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