

ORDER OF SERVICE – NOVEMBER 17, 2024 - 10:00 AM – 26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Presiding : Pastor Bart and Preaching Reverend Sue p

Music Team: Adeline, Kristen, Robin, Elaine, Olha, Zach, Mel , Parker & Christopher

Welcome to worship!

If you are a visitor today, please pick up a gift bag and learn more about our programs at the Welcome Table at the back of the narthex. Grab a coffee and mingle following the service. A family friendly area is available in the Gateway to sit with other parents or to allow your children to enjoy some snacks following the worship service and Sunday school. If your children require a quiet place during the service, feel free to take them to the narthex near the fireplace area or into the Gateway Room where we have few quiet toys for them to enjoy.

If you are a visitor, we welcome you to come forward for communion. If your children have gone through communion instruction, they are welcome as well. If they are not taking communion, please bring them forward for a blessing. If you would like personal prayer this morning, you are invited to meet with our prayer team in the narthex either before or after you have taken communion. Individual prayer is also available following the service.

Today's worship service, including our children's time is live streamed and recorded for future viewing on St. Peter's YouTube channel. Sitting further back out of the filming area is an option.

Prelude Hymn: Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us. How high the mountain I could not climb.
In desperation I turned to heaven and spoke Your name into the night.
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished, the end is written. Jesus Christ my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace?
The God of ages stepped down from glory to wear my sin and bear my shame.
The cross has spoken; I am forgiven. The King of kings calls me His own.
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever. Jesus Christ, my living hope.

CHORUS

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free! Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!
You have broken every chain. There's salvation in Your name.
Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Then came the morning that sealed the promise, Your buried body began to breathe.
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion declared the grave has no claim on me.

CHORUS

Jesus Christ, my living hope. Oh God, You are my living hope.

Opening Hymn: Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior, and life more abundant and free!

CHORUS

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face;
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting He passed, and we follow Him there;
Over us sin no more hath dominion for more than conquerors we are!

CHORUS

His Word shall not fail you He promised; Believe Him and all will be well
Then go to a world that is dying his perfect salvation to tell

CHORUS

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LIGHTING THE CANDLES • WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER

All: Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we invite your presence into our worship this morning and consecrate this time to you. Be glorified in the preaching, in the singing, our praying and our meditation on your word. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, beseeching Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus, to forgive the iniquity of our sin.

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[Silence for reflection]

P: Most merciful God...

All: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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 loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. Amen

THE GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All: and also with you.

THE KYRIE (LBW p57-58)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord

C: Lord have mercy

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord

C: Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY: 26th Sunday after Pentecost

Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgement, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S STORY: Reverend Sue

CHILDREN'S SONG: Lord I lift your Name on High

Lord, I lift Your name on high; Lord, I love to sing Your praises.
I'm so glad You're in my life; I'm so glad You came to save us.

CHORUS

You came from heaven to earth to show the way,
From the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

(REPEAT ALL)

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FIRST READING: Daniel 12:1-3 NIV

12 “At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

PSALM 16 NIV

¹ Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing."

³ I say of the holy people who are in the land, "They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."

⁴ Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.

⁵ LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

⁷ I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

⁸ I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 10:11-25 NIV

¹¹ Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: ¹⁶ "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord.

I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."

¹⁷ Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more."

¹⁸ And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

ALLELUIA (Spoken)

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 12:41-13:13 NIV

⁴¹ Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. ⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

13 As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!” ² “Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus.

“Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.” ³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ “Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?”

⁵ Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶ Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹ “You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰ And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹ Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. ¹² “Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ¹³ Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

PRE-SERMON SONG: Faith of our Fathers- LBW #500 (all 3 verses)

SERMON: Reverend Sue

OFFERTORY HYMN: It is Well with My Soul/When Peace Like a River Hymnal- #785

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed His own blood for my soul.
It is well it is well with my soul, it is well, with my soul.

He lives oh, the bliss of this glorious thought; my sin not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
It is well it is well with my soul, it is well, with my soul.

Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well it is well with my soul
It is well it is well with my soul, it is well, with my soul.

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888
Music: Phillip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Blessed are you.

All: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your Goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of Him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

P: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy, God of pow'r and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

(repeat)

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might

Heaven and earth are full of your glory,

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION (LBW p. 110)

LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father, who art in Heaven...

Lamb of God (LBW p. 92) (Spoken)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; Grant us peace.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONGS: Holy Spirit

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.
No thing can compare; You're our living hope. Your Presence.

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone, In Your Presence, Lord.

CHORUS

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here; Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for, to be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.
No thing can compare; You're our living hope. Your Presence.

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone, In Your Presence, Lord.

CHORUS

Your Presence, Lord, Your Presence Lord.
Your Presence. Oh God, how we love Your Presence, Lord.

Let us become more aware of Your Presence;
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord) x2

CHORUS

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here; Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for, to be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.

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Fire of God

VERSE 1

Fire of God, Fire of God, Come rest upon our heads
Fire of God, Fire of God, Come rest upon our heads
Let your fire fall on us, Let your fire fall
Let your fire fall on us, Let your Glory come

Jesus, Jesus, Come down inside our hearts
Jesus, Jesus, Come down inside our hearts
Let your fire fall on us, Let your fire fall
Let your fire fall on us, Let your glory come

(REPEAT VERSE 1)

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COMMUNION BLESSING

NUNC DIMITTIS (LBW p.73)

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please see below for details)

CLOSING HYMN: TAKE MY HAND, PRECIOUS LORD

Lord take my hand and lead me on let me stand
I am tired I am weak I am worn
Through the storm through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand precious Lord lead me home

When my way grows drear precious Lord linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand precious Lord lead me home

When the darkness appears and the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand guide my feet and hold my hand
Take my hand precious Lord lead me home

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THE SENDING

P: Go in Peace.
C: Serve the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH OPEN OFFICE HOURS:

Pastor Rick: Mon, 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Tim Bauer: Mon & Tues, 1 PM - 3:30 PM
Pastor Bart: Wed, 1-4 PM
Staff Meeting: Wed, 10:30 AM to Noon

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE:

Nov 17 Sun, 10:00 AM Worship, Coffee
Nov 17 Sun, 10:00 AM Sunday School Christmas Play Practice
Nov 17 Sun, 11:30 AM Christmas Kids Toonie Gift Sale (Basement)
Nov 17 Sun, 10:00 AM Shoeboxes to sorting centre
Nov 19 Tues, 9:00 AM Prayer Group – Diana Leading
Nov 20 Wed, 1:30 PM Good Vibes Memory Choir
Nov 20 Wed, 7:00 PM The Bible Project – Darrell Leading – Gateway Room
Nov 21 Thur, 10:00 AM Genesis Bible Study with Pastor Paul (Downstairs)
Nov 22 Fri, 3:30-5PM Weekly Church Cleaning
Nov 22-23 Caring Ministry Workshop (see details below)
Nov 24 Sun, 10:00 AM Worship, Coffee
Nov 24 Sun, 10:00 AM Sunday School Christmas Play Practice

Month of November 2024 Remaining

Nov 25 Mon, 7:00 PM God's Word is Our Foundation Evan at Kumlin Ranch
Nov 26 Tues, 7:00 PM We Who Wrestle with God – The Cabin – Pastor Rick Leading
Nov 27 Wed, 9:30 AM *Hammer of God*, Small Group Study Gary Leading
Nov 27 Wed, 1:30 PM Good Vibes Memory Choir
Nov 20 Wed, 7:00 PM The Bible Project – Darrell Leading – Gateway Room
Nov 28 Thur, 10:00 AM Genesis Bible Study with Pastor Paul (Downstairs)
Nov 29 Fri, 6: PM Ladies Advent Supper.
Nov 30 Sat, 9:00 AM Pop-Up Choir Practice for Advent by Candlelight on Dec 1, 7 PM
Dec 1 Sun, 10:00 AM Worship, Coffee
Dec 1 Sun, 10:00 AM Sunday School Christmas Play Practice

PRAYER FOR ST. PETER'S:

Please remember to keep praying for the church, our pastors, leaders, members and their families.

CHRISTMAS KIDS TOONIE GIFT SALE – November 17

Fundraiser: Kids Helping Kids! An opportunity for our children and youth to support the work of a ministry in Uganda, Africa that supports children in need. It's a Christmas shopping experience: our children and youth can buy Christmas gifts for their family members and friends. All the gifts have been donated and will be sold for a toonie each, with the proceeds going to support Father of Hope Outreach Ministries in Uganda. Make sure your children and youth bring some toonies!

CARE MINISTRY RETREAT – Friday, Nov. 22, 6–8PM & Saturday Nov. 23, 9AM-3PM

What does it mean to do uniquely Christian caregiving? Pastor Rick will be leading a training event to equip lay people to be involved in care ministry at St. Peter's. If you would like to attend as a learner, that would be fine too. The skills learned will help you in your family, work and in communication with your neighbors. Please pray and think about your involvement in this area and let Pastor Rick know if you will be attending. Please bring your own bag lunch for Saturday. Contact Tim in the office or Pastor Rick directly. ***Only 3 spots remaining so get your name in quickly so you don't miss out.***

CARE MINISTRY COMMISSIONING SERVICE – November 24 @ 10:00 AM worship service

Join us on November 24th as we share our new care ministry model. At our service we will introduce and commission our care ministry team and volunteers. Each individual has have gone through Pastor Rick's level 1 caregiving training. We are so thankful and blessed to have these caring folks available to spend time with those in our congregation and beyond.

Youth Group Saturday November 23, 6-8 pm @ Cochrane Light Up

Followed by Bowling at Cochrane Lanes

MEMBERSHIP SUNDAY/VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION – December 1

Join us for a special time as we welcome new members into the St. Peter's church family. We will also take some time to recognize the many volunteers who faithfully share their gifts and time in serving God and each other. Join us for lunch to follow.

This is a potluck, and we love those dishes from our St. Peter's chefs. There's a sign-up sheet at the back to bring a casserole, a salad, or a dessert if you're able. On Dec 1, simply bring your potluck item downstairs before the service. Please note that there will NOT be coffee upstairs after the service that day, but coffee WILL be available downstairs with lunch. At St. Peter's, it seems there's always more than enough food whenever there's a potluck! Everyone is invited to join.

WOMEN'S ADVENT SUPPER

To all Ladies

The annual Advent Dinner will be held on Friday , November 29th starting at 6pm.

This event is a pot luck supper to be followed with music and stories.

Keep your calendars free and hope to see lots of you on Nov. 29th!

For info call Robin at 403-870-3202.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

You will be receiving our new membership directory on December 1, the First Sunday in Advent. Last minute additions are being worked on. Please take some time to check the information in the draft directories at the back of the church. We want to be sure we get the correct information. Thanks to George and Wendi Forster for coordinating this event and for Gary and Elaine Buss for all the many phone calls and extra efforts in helping get this done. And of course, Tim who works so hard behind the scenes.

ADVENT PROJECT 2024 – Meeting God

The theme of the Advent devotions this year is *Meeting God*. We will explore ways in which God reached out to people throughout scripture and ultimately revealed himself to us in Jesus. Along with this theme is the printing of our new church directory. Many of you have told your stories over the years, and we are gathering them together online in a "living directory" to go along with your new picture.

During Advent, we will post a link to all these stories so we can introduce ourselves once again to the new members of our congregation. The devotion book follows the daily video, featuring newer members of the congregation. It is our hope that you will participate in this project and help us create a legacy for years to come.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT – December 1, 7:00 PM

Don't miss out on this wonderful evening as we begin Advent. This year, special guest choristers from Bow Valley Baptist Church will join the St. Peter's choir. Through lessons and carols, we will focus our attention on the incarnation of Jesus as we approach Christmas. If you would like to sing with the choir, please contact Erica (epharebergh@shaw.ca). You are invited to come to Bow Valley Baptist Church on Thursday, Nov. 28, 7pm for a joint rehearsal (meet and greet 😊) and then to St. Peter's on Saturday, November 30, from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. **Lunch will be provided.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT – December 15, 10:00 AM

We enjoy getting to know one other through our stories. The Sunday School and Pre Sunday School children of St. Peter's are preparing to share some stories with you.

Come. Meet us at the stable.

St. Peter's Sunday School Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 15th at the 10 am Service

GOOD VIBES MEMORY CHOIR – Every Wednesday from 1:30-3 PM

Whether you or your loved one has memory loss or not, singing in a choir improves brain health. There is NO CHARGE for this choir. This is an opportunity to reach out to people with (or without) dementia and let them know that our church community cares about them and their family members. Rehearsals have already started but we continue to reach out to those who need a special community to belong to, a place where they can be understood. For more information, please go to: www.goodvibesmemorychoir.com OR email Erica at goodvibesmemorychoir@gmail.com.

GOOD VIBES MEMORY CHOIR CONCERT – December 15, 3 PM at St. Peter's

Please come and support the Good Vibes Memory Choir in its inaugural concert: *That's What Friends Are For*. Enjoy songs about friendship from various eras. We know you'll want to sing along, tap your toes or be taken back to memories of days gone by. No tickets necessary, but donations are welcome. Please invite people you know who are experiencing memory loss. This is a wonderful opportunity to get people connected with a vibrant community of singers and volunteers.