

St. Barnabas Anglican Church

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We warmly welcome all visitors this morning. If you are new to St. Barnabas or would like to participate more fully, please complete the yellow form on the back of the pews and put it on the collection plate.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 7, 2008

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Book of Common Prayer p. 67
Collect, Epistle and Gospel *(the readings are printed below)*

Presiding: The Rev. Jagdutt Singh
Lay Assistant: Victor Baird
Sidesman: Shelagh Gregory

Following the worship please join us for refreshments in the Lower Hall.

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**10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child**  
Liturgy from *The Book of Common Prayer*, hymns from *Common Praise*

**Processional Hymn No. 106**

"There's a Voice in the Wilderness" (Ascension)  
*(All stand as the Choir begins the Hymn)*

Lighting of the Advent Candles *(please see p. 2 of insert)*

**Hymn** **Celebrate Emmanuel** (Refrain)  
Ring those bells, lift your voice,  
let creation's heart rejoice.  
God will come; with us dwell.  
Celebrate Emmanuel!

The Liturgy Begins p. 67ff.

The Prayer of the Day Almighty God, 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.

**Choir Anthem:** "Where is the Savior"

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*The First Reading* **Isaiah 40:1-11** Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup> See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to the Church.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*(silence, we take a short moment to reflect on God's Word)*

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13** *(said responsively by the verse)* LORD, you were favourable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. <sup>2</sup> **You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.** <sup>8</sup> Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. <sup>9</sup> **Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.** <sup>10</sup> Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;

righteousness and peace will kiss each other. <sup>11</sup> **Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.** <sup>12</sup> The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase. <sup>13</sup> **Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.**

*Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-15a* <sup>8</sup> But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. <sup>10</sup> But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. <sup>11</sup> Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>12</sup> waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? <sup>13</sup> But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. <sup>14</sup> Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; <sup>15</sup> and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader: Hear what the spirit is saying to the Church.

**People: Thanks be to God.**  
(silence)

#### **Gradual Hymn No. 101**

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

(Crüger)

Gospel Lesson: **Mark 1:1-8** The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" <sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of

his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*(silence, we take a short moment to reflect on God's Word)*

The Nicene Creed *(said)* p. 71

Homily: The Rev. Jagdutt Singh

**Offertory Hymn No. 103**

"On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry" (Winchester New)

Biddings

The Invitation and Confession p. 76f.

**Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child**

*The celebrant greets the people, saying,*

The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

*The celebrant addresses the congregation in these or similar words.*

Dear friends in Christ, we have come to thank God our creator for the gift of this child Jacob Keith Culshaw; therefore let us join with his family in this song of praise.

**Psalm 103 1–4, 13, 17, 18, 22**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities; He redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving kindness;

As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him. The merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him, and his righteousness on children's children; On those who keep his covenant and remember his commandments and do them.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*The celebrant then says,*

Let us pray. God, giver of life, we thank you for the gift of Jacob. Confirm our joy by your presence; give us quiet strength and patient wisdom as we seek to nurture him in all that is good, true, just, and pure, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The parents of the child may say together,*

God our creator and redeemer, thank you for the gift of Jacob entrusted to our care for a time. May we be patient and understanding, ready to guide and forgive, that in our love Jacob may know your love, and learn to love your world and the whole family of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The celebrant may add one or more of the following prayers.*

**Thanksgiving after Delivery**

Gracious God, creator and sustainer of human life, we praise you that you have called Amanda to share in your creative acts in the great mystery of childbirth. We give you thanks that she has been brought safely through the time of pregnancy and labour. Grant that she may know your joy in bringing new life into this world which you love, in the name of him who was born of a woman, Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

**Amen.**

**For the Family**

Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who shared in Nazareth the life of an earthly home, dwell in the home of these your servants, give them grace to serve others as you have served, and grant that by deed and word they may be witnesses of your saving love to those among whom they live, for the sake of your holy name. **Amen.**

*The celebrant and people together may say,*

**God, giver of all life, we thank you for calling us to share in your work of creation, and especially for giving us this child Jacob. Help us to show him such faith and love that he may daily grow in grace and live to serve you and your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The celebrant may then bless the family.*

The Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**  
The Lord make his face shine on you  
and be gracious to you. **Amen.**  
The Lord look upon you with favour  
and grant you peace. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving and Consecration p. 79-83

**Communion Hymns:**

**No. 117** "Lo, How, a Rose E'er Blooming" (Es ist ein' Ros)  
**No. 110** "Sleepers, Wake! A Voice Astounds Us" (Wachet Auf)  
**No. 116** "Your Kingdom Come" (Irish)

The Liturgy concludes p. 85f.

**Recessional Hymn No. 114**

"Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending" (Helmsley)  
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Liturgical Ministers

Presiding:	The Rev. Jagdutt Singh
Organist:	Margaret Kosa St. Barnabas Choir
Sunday School Coord.:	Alethea Power
Readers:	Isobel Attrell and Elaine Cole
Lay Assistant:	Cheryl Shiels
Crucifer & Server:	Kaitlin Marasco
Sidespeople:	Mark Cluett's Team
Altar Guild:	Joan Wilson, Janet Beattie, and Marj Norris.

PARISH INTERCESSIONS

LET US PRAY FOR CHRIST'S HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH:

We pray for Kolhapur (North India).

In our Diocesan prayer calendar we pray for Holy Trinity, Rocky Mountain House and for their priest, The Rev. Chris Nojonen.

We pray for our companion Diocese, the Windward Isles.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S HEALING GIFTS:

Eva David, Doris Ford, The Rev. Mervin Wolfleg, The Rev. Canon John Flagler, Chyrine (COR-REEN) Thompson, Donald Sawatzky, Taylor James, Elizabeth Hardcastle, Elizabeth Finlayson, Robert Darwent, Margaret Baird, Willy, Doris Piper, Darrell, Jim Watts, Mark, Linda, Matthew and Laura Curran, Eddie and Joan Norris, John Mallinson, Coralie Arthur, Larry Hewitt, Veronica White, Russell des Cognets, Parvati Narain, Jean Spencer, Cathy King, Mandy Leet, Paul and Daphne Bennett, Kiera Peters, Suzanne Roberts, Grace Hart, Mark Dickinson, Bernie Baird, Hari and Kamla Singh, Sharon Crockett, Reta Lee, Cam Fahrner, Benjamin, Claire Flynn, Ed Yates, Neil McKenzie, Fran Wilshaw, Greg Johnston, Beverly Roberts, Terry Penelhum, Gwen Coupland, Don Alexander, and Karen K.

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**A big thank you to Ernie Bagstad who has kindly volunteered to pick up the Christmas trees this week. Pat and Alice**

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Thank you to everyone at St. Barnabas for their kindness and consideration. Ed and Eileen Carter

UPCOMING AT ST. BARNABAS

Wednesday, December 10 **Soup and Scripture** at 6 pm.
Thursday, December 11 **Eucharist** at 10 am followed by Bible Study.
Theology for all of us from 1:30 to 3 pm in the Undercroft room.
Choir Practice at 7:30 pm – everyone is welcome.
Sunday, December 14 **The Third Sunday of Advent - Christmas Pageant**
Eucharist: 8:30 am – Pageant at 10:15 am



Would you like some help wrapping your Christmas presents this year? Some Christmas "elves" are doing wrapping for the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund on **Sunday, December 21**. Simply bring your present to church and give them to Alethea before the 10:15 service and we'll have them ready for you by the time you've finished your coffee after church. For those of you who attend the 8:30 service, need your presents wrapped a little earlier, would have difficulty getting it to church undetected, or have exceptionally large orders, please contact Alethea (403-383-2885) to arrange a Saturday, December 20 drop-off. Gift wrapping will cost \$1.50 a present for small presents, \$3.00 for medium sized presents, and \$5 for large presents.

The next **youth group meeting** will be a **Christmas Party** at Christ Church from 6-9pm on December 13th. Free pizza and fellowship. Please RSVP to Alethea (403-383-2885).



Participants are needed to play roles in our annual **Christmas pageant** on Sunday, December 14th at 10:15 am. No acting experience is necessary. Readers for the lessons are also required. This is a well loved, long standing tradition and its success depends on the efforts of volunteers. If you are able to lend your support to this initiative, please contact Dianne Quinton at (403) 201-1187. Thank you.



SOUP AND SCRIPTURE – Every Wednesday during Advent (Dec. 10th and 17th) Jagdutt will be hosting a soup and scripture night. Please come to the parish hall at 6 pm and join us for a bowl of soup and fellowship. We will then move to the Chapel for a time of reflection and the opportunity to share in the Eucharist.

On Friday January 9th, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. we will be hosting a **dinner and silent auction** in the Lower Hall. This is an event open to all Church members, as well as friends and family! It will be a night of fun, fundraising and fellowship. We will need volunteers and silent auction items. Please contact Joe or Rebecca Jacobs @ 403 234 0262 or 403 617 9123 for more information, to volunteer, or to purchase tickets. Tickets are available for \$15.00 per person.

An Undercroft Outreach Update

Three campaigns are planned for 2009. The winter campaign will benefit **Inn From the Cold**; items will be collected in January. The spring initiative is for **The Women's Shelter**; items will be collected in May. Fall will see us collecting for the **St. Barnabas Food Bank** and **Rector's resources**; the collection will be in September.

For the **Women's Shelter** we will be collecting toiletries. We request that if you are travelling between now and May, please remember to bring home the hotel provided toiletries (unopened). Thank you.

Holy Companions: Praying with the Celtic Saints led by The Rev. Dr. Norman Knowles at St. Paul's Anglican Church – 7 Sunmills Green SE at 7:30pm Sundays - You are invited to journey this Advent with four holy men and women from the Celtic tradition. Journey along with these holy companions and explore how the lives they lived long ago can shed light on 21st century living. Discover how their spiritual practices inspired their writings and teachings and help us become aware of human needs and God's gracious presence in the face of those needs. Three Sundays are left - December 7 - St. Brigit of Kildare: Soul Friendship, December 14 - St. Cuthbert of Lindisfarne: Holy Gentleness and December 21 - St. Hilda of Whitby: Encouragement.

COSAD Several people have inquired as to how they can make personal donations to COSAD. You can do so on the web site www.cosad.org or, if you wish to have a tax receipt you can donate the money to St Barnabas and clearly label that it is designated for COSAD.

Christmas ideas; it costs \$100 to supply a goat. The goat contract signed when a goat is given includes a clause stating that the parents will use profit to send their children to school and not keep them home to care for the goat. It costs \$100 per year to send a child to primary school, \$20 school fees and \$80 for a uniform and school supplies.

We have received the following letter from Smart:

Dear St. Barnabas Trinity Women,

Warm Greetings and Blessings to you!

On behalf of COSAD friends and especially on behalf of the Bukoba people in Tanzania and on my own behalf I am writing to express our profound gratitude and many thanks for your generosity, love and support.

I thank you so much for your full scholarship to sponsor a nurse under COSAD's CHAI (Community Health Awareness Initiative). Your support is a huge contribution and will result into a huge everlasting impact with broad benefit.

In December we will begin selection of the candidate for August 2009 intake. We will be sending you regular progress reports on "St. Barnabas Trinity Women Nursing Scholarship".

Lastly but not least, we request that we continue to partner and work together for the sake of God's glory and wellbeing of God's people. I also take this opportunity to invite you to Bukoba Tanzania. Karibu!

Thank you Very Much,

God Bless you all.

Smart Baitani,
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St. Stephen's Church in Calgary is pleased to present: **The Jubilee Circle: a model for Small Group leadership with Donald Grayston, founder of the Jubilee Program in Spiritual Formation and Direction, January 16-17, 2009.**

As more and more churches realize the value of small groups for spiritual formation, they also struggle to find a model that is structured, engaging, yet also adaptable to local settings. The Jubilee Circle is such a model. Pioneered by the Jubilee Program for Spiritual Formation and Direction, and honed by over twenty years of experience, this model offers a simple approach that affirms individuals in their spiritual journey while also calling them deeper in their relationship with God and God's world. The model provides a way of connecting church members and seekers alike as they share their questions and their wisdom, listen to the movement of the Spirit in their midst, and build empowering bonds of fellowship with one another.

The weekend workshop consists of a Friday evening session from 7 to 9 and a Saturday session from 9 to 3. The cost for each participant is only \$20 (for food and refreshments). For more information about the Jubilee Program please consult their website at:

<http://www.jubileeassociates.ca/>. For more information about the Jubilee Circle workshop at St. Stephen's, or to register, please contact St. Stephen's Church at: st.stephens.anglican@shaw.ca; or call the office at: 403/244-4879.

Mount St. Francis Retreat Centre is excited to announce our annual Greccio Christmas Celebration taking place here on Tuesday, December 16th at 7:30pm. All are welcome to come out and enjoy our live, outdoor, re-enactment of the Nativity, complete with real, live farm animals and actors. There also will be Christmas Carolling along with a live band and hot chocolate and Christmas cookies as well. There is no cost for this event, however we will be accepting donations on behalf of the local food bank. No pre-registration is required but please feel free to phone us here for more information: 403-932-2012.