



We are honoured to be worshipping on the traditional ancestral unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples and do not take this privilege and responsibility lightly. Richmond Presbyterian Church seeks to learn from Indigenous wisdom as to how we can live in right-relatedness with Creator, creation and all peoples.

December 21, 2021 | 7 pm
BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

A gentle service of healing and remembrance for those who have experienced grief and loss.

Prelude *Still, Still, Still* M Hayes

Called to Worship

One: In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

All: The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth.

One: In him was life, and that life was the light of all.

All: The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never overcome it.

One: Then your light will break forth like the dawn,

All: And your healing will spring up quickly;

One: The Lord will always be with you to save you,

All: God's presence will protect us on every side.

One: When you call the Lord will answer;

All: When we call for help, God will say, "I am here."

Hymn *#119, Hope is a star*

Prayer of Adoration and Confession and the Assurance of Pardon

Scripture Reading *Isaiah 9:2-6, Psalm 126, John 20:24-29*

Sermon
"God will do great things for us again"
The Rev. Victor Kim

Hymn *#314, God is love: come, heaven adoring*

Lighting of Advent Candles

One: We light the candle of Hope as we await the coming of Jesus, who is the source of hope.

All: We give thanks for the gift of hope in a time of despair.

One: We light the candle of Peace, knowing that Jesus is the Prince of Peace.

All: We give thanks for the gift of peace in times of uncertainty.

One: We light the candle of Joy, knowing that our comfort and help come from God.

All: We give thanks for the gift of joy in a time of sadness.

One: We light the candle of Love, knowing that God is Love revealed to us in Jesus Christ.

All: We give thanks for the gift of love in a time of loneliness.

One: We light the Christ Candle knowing that Jesus is the Light of the world

All: The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it.

If you are comfortable, please come forward at this time with your stone, symbolizing the weight of your burdens, and leave them at the table of our Lord, who will give us rest.

Prayers of the People

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,

Now and forever, Amen.

Hymn *#154, Silent night, Holy night*

Benediction

Postlude *Silent Night* R E Schram