

St David's United Church

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Growing & Deepening our Lives in an Affirming and Inclusive Community

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HEAVEN & NATURE SING! ADVENT SERIES

This is an invitation for the congregation to join together on a community spiritual journey through Advent and Christmas providing a strong connection within community and a deeper knowing of our own individual spiritual lives.

"Joy to the World," a beloved Christmas classic, turns 300 this year. Composer Isaac Watt's interpretation of Psalm 98 invites us to sing a "new song" – and it is a powerful cosmic performance of all creation being renewed and freed. Rather than "joy" being yet another word for "happiness," we will discover that the depths of joy can be found especially in the midst of suffering, the work of justice, and the presence of compassion – all part of the coming of Jesus' renewing love to this world and a message the world still so desperately needs. Please join us this Advent and Christmas to reflect on and deepen the presence of joy in your life.



St. David's Week at a Glance

Sun. Nov 24	10:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Church School – Robertson Hall Refreshments – TM Room Avant-Garde Recital – TM & Sanctuary
Mon. Nov 25	9:00 am 12:30 pm 5:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Foundation Meeting – TM Room Best Beginnings – Robertson Hall Sparks – TM Room Brownies/Girl Guides – Robertson Hall ACTS Book Study – Tm Room Angel Voices - Sanctuary
Tues. Nov 26	6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Iglesias Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Council Meeting – Robertson Hall
Wed. Nov 27	9:30 am	Qigong – TM Room
Thurs. Nov 28	9:30 am 1:30 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	ACTS Bible Study – TM Room Pastoral Care Meeting – TM Room Qigong – TM Room Chamber Choir Practice - Sanctuary Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Fri. Nov 29	4:00 pm	Anthony Edmunds Music Lessons – Lacombe
Sat. Nov 30	7:00 am 2:00 pm	Iglesias Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Stoney McDougall Society – TM Room
Sun. Dec 1	8:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Nov SS Team Breakfast – Rob Hall Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Church School – Robertson Hall Refreshments – TM Room

The Church Office will be closed from December 20 at noon until January 2.

Offering envelopes will be available for pick up at the back of the sanctuary from December 1 to December 29. Please pick yours up when possible.

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

December 20, 2019 at 7:00 pm

A meditative service that honors the challenges of experiencing the Christmas season while living with difficult life events.

The Giving Tree



It's that time of the year again. This Advent season, we are supporting two organizations:

Miskanawah

&

Closer to Home

More information about each of the above programs can be found on an insert in your worship folder.

Starting **November 24**, please take a gift tag from the tree in the foyer. Each tag has a gift suggestion on it but any gift you offer is gratefully received. Place the gift and the **gift tag** in a bag and place it under the tree in the foyer.

In order to give us time to sort and deliver we request that all gifts be placed under the tree by **no later than December 18**. We deeply appreciate your continued generosity and compassion that will touch and bless the lives of others this Christmas.

Coffee & Muffin

In the foyer of St. David's from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm on December 12

Everybody welcome!!!!

Come and enjoy a muffin, coffee and some conversation.

Annual Christmas Brunch

December 15 at 11:30 am

Tickets can be purchased in the foyer after service.

Tickets are \$3.00 per child or \$5.00 per adult.

HEALING TOUCH:

December 4, 2019

There will be no Healing Touch on January 1.

Sunday December 15th

Carol Sing! Come 15 mins
prior to worship and request
your favorite carol

Sunday December 22nd

Lesson & Carols.
Pre-service Organ recital
9:40 AM -10:00 AM

St. David's Friendship Club Annual Christmas Dinner Dance

You are invited to join us for *FRIENDS CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS* at the Confederation Senior's Centre on December 6, 2019. Doors open at 6:00 PM and dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. There will be a group sing along of familiar Christmas Carols followed by dancing to the Badlanders Orchestra. Members of congregation and friends are welcome. Join us for a fun filled evening of food, fellowship and entertainment. Tickets will be for sale at the church on November 3, 17 and 24.

If you desire, Donations to the Calgary Food Bank will be accepted (preferable by cheque as they are able to bulk purchase



Memorial Poinsettias

If you wish to purchase a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, and help decorate our Sanctuary this holiday season, please fill out the form provided in the worship folder and drop off, along with your donation to the Poinsettia table in the lobby on November 17, November 24 and December 1 and December 8. All donations must be in by December 11 and the list of names will be mentioned in the December 16 and 23 Worship Folders.



Food Bank Donations

We will be collecting donations for the food bank on White Gift Sunday on

December 15, 2017.

The following items are in demand:

Baby formula with iron

canned soup

Baby food in jars

pull top soup

canned tomatoes

canned beans

canned meat & fish

pull top cans

mac & cheese

canned veggies

pull top meats

pasta

canned fruit

pasta sauce

oat bars

quinoa

rice

peanut butter

juice (1 L)

rolled oats

We ask that all donations be placed in a
WHITE BAG.

**Thank you for your
Christmas generosity.**

Gift Card Fundraiser

St. David's is entering into a new Fundraiser Venture with Fundscrip. Fundscrip allows you to purchase gift cards directly through St. David's and have them conveniently delivered to the Church!

How does it work?

1. Grab an order form from the table in the front hall.
2. Fill in the order form to purchase gift cards for popular retailers at face value. Spend \$25 and get a \$25 gift card in return.
3. For each gift card sold, a portion of the proceeds (ranging from 2-10%) come directly to St. David's.

It's really that simple! We get paid for the shopping that you already do!

More information is included on the order form available in the Church office or in the front

Take a break from the hectic season and unwind in the serene and prayerful setting of an **Advent Evening** Compline service. Sunday December 15th at 7:30 pm. Pre-service organ recital at 7:00 PM.

Under the Rainbow

Social gathering and support for LGBTQ2S+ and allies.

Various formats

3rd Wednesday of the month 7-9pm

Hosted at St. David's United Church located by the university



Calling All Singers

Anyone who is interested in joining the Choir for the 8 PM Christmas Eve service, please speak with Brent.

Come raise your voice in praise!

Christmas Eve Worship Services

4:30 pm
Family Service

8:00 pm
Candlelight Service

ACTS
Annual Winter Book
Sale
December 1

