

St David's United Church December 1 Newsletter

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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.

Heaven and Nature Sing!

300 Years of

JOY

to the World

St. David's Week at a Glance

Sun. Dec 1	8:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	November SS Breakfast – Rob. Hall Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Church School – Robertson Hall Refreshments – TM Room
Mon. Dec 2	12:30 pm 1:45 pm 5:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:30 pm	Best Beginnings – Robertson Hall Memorial Service – TM Room Sparks – TM Room Brownies/Girl Guides – Robertson Hall Angel Voices - Sanctuary
Tues. Dec 3	6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM
Wed. Dec 4	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Qigong – TM Room Healing Touch – Robertson Hall
Thurs. Dec 5	6:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Qigong – TM Room Chamber Choir Practice - Sanctuary Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Fri. Dec 6	1:00 pm 1:30 pm 4:00 pm 6:00 pm	Kids U Christmas Concert – Rob. Hall & Sanctuary Campus Ministry – TM Room Anthony Edmunds Music Lessons – TM Room Friendship Club Christmas Dinner – Off Site
Sat. Dec 7	7:00 am	Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM
Sun. Dec 8	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:30 am 3:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Church School – Robertson Hall Refreshments – TM Room SS Brunch – Rob. Hall Iglesia Ni Cristo - Sanctuary

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

St. David's Friendship Club 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 for their specific needs).

Sunday December 22nd

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

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



LET'S LEND A HAND

As a New Year begins we endeavor to become a more caring and connected church community. If you are aware of a member who is ill or needs assistance, please inform the church office so that we may offer our support.

Also, if you know someone in our congregation who has difficulty getting to church, perhaps you could offer them a ride on Sunday. Due to insurance reasons St. David's is unable to establish a more formal ride sharing service, so it's up to us to lend a hand!

Your assistance is greatly appreciated!
St David's Pastoral Care Committee

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.

♪ Here We Go A Wassailing ♪

On December 31st at 10:00 a.m. we invite you to fill your cups with some warm wassail to sip on while we gather in the sanctuary for an informal Christmas worship experience!

All are welcome to bring a short (1-3 minute) anecdote, story, poem or song to share, a favorite Christmas carol request from the hymn book, or to simply come and receive what the morning has to offer.

If you are able to help out by bringing a batch of wassail in a crock pot that morning, we would be very grateful and would love to provide you with a recipe! Please contact Peggy or Chantal to answer any questions you may have.

The wassail recipe will be available on December 15 & 22.

We hope this will be a warm, beautiful Christmas worship that highlights all that makes this season special, touching, and meaningful and we look forward to receiving all who come "a wassailing" on Sunday, December 29 at 10:00 a.m.

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 foyer of the Church.

Next deadline: February 2, 2020

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.

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