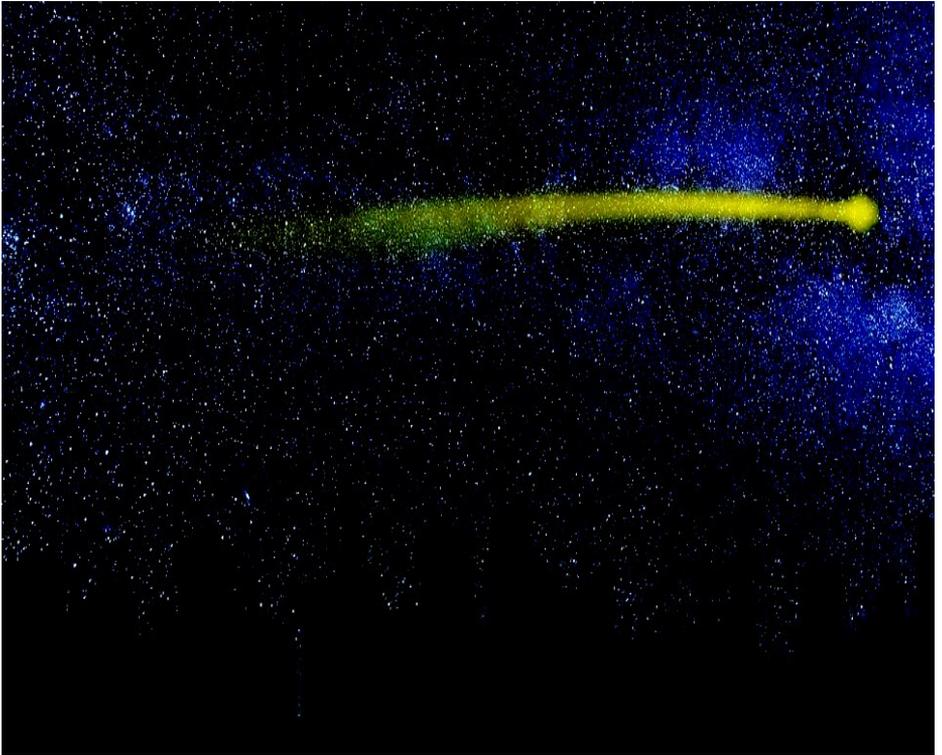


**ST. DAVID'S UNITED
CHURCH
SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019**



A Praying Community

*Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives in an Affirming and
Inclusive community*

WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, January 6, 2019

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We gather as a Christ-infused Community of Faith

Regardless of your age, stage, gender, sexual identity, or how great or small you feel your faith is we each bring something of ourselves to this place. Come as you are -- and be.

Prior to the service the Creation and Affirming candles were lit to affirm that all humanity and creation must be respected and valued. The Treaty 7/Metis Region 3 candle was lit to show respect for the land and to affirm our continued commitment to live into right relations with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

SEED FOR MEDITATION

For my part I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream.

- Vincent Van Gogh

As the prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.

PRELUDE

Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern

Settings by Johann Pachelbel & J.S. Bach

NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY AND GREETING

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Like the light of the star the Magi followed, may this light call us to seek Christ, may this light inspire us to share our gifts, may this light brighten our lives with love. **Amen**

ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

A shining light has led us far –

We have found the child of peace.

Ancient songs have strengthened our spirits –

We have seen the child of love.

A gift of new life has dispelled our fears –

We have held the child of hope.

The cradle of straw has found our hearts –
We shall journey with this child of joy.

GATHERING PRAYER

O shining light, we give thanks for the light of this day, for the light of eternal love, for the light of the journey to justice and peace, and for the light of your grace in our lives. Shine through us, we pray, that the light of joy may spread through the world. Amen.

HYMN

The First Nowell

vs. 1,3-6 VU #91

- 1 The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
in fields where they lay akeeping their sheep
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.
- 3 And by the light of that same star
three wise men came from country far;
to seek for a king was their intent,
and to follow the star wherever it went. R
- 4 This star drew nigh to the northwest;
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
and there it did both stop and stay,
right over the place where Jesus lay. R
- 5 Then entered in those wise men three,
full reverently upon their knee,
and offered there in his presence
their gold and myrrh and frankincense. R
- 6 Then let us all with one accord
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
and with his blood our life hath bought. R

FAITH CHAT

. . .to hear the wisdom of God.

READINGS

Psalm 72 - a paraphrase from Psalms for Praying;
Following the Star: Matthew 2: 1-12

REFLECTION**HYMN**

Will You Come and See the Light

VU #96

- 1 Will you come and see the light from the stable door?
It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star,
it will show you who you are;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 2 Will you step into the light that can free the slave?
It will stand for what is right, it will heal and save.
By the pyramids of greed
there's a longing to be freed;
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 3 Will you tell about the light in the prison cell?
Though it's shackled out of sight, it is shining well.
When the truth is cut and bruised,
and the innocent abused,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 4 Will you join the hope, alight in the young girl's eyes,
of the mighty put to flight by a baby's cries?
When the lowest and the least
are the foremost at the feast,
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?
- 5 Will you travel by the light of the babe new born?
In the candle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn,
and the darkness all about
is too dim to put it out:
will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

*We respond. . .***INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS**

**Loving God, as Magi approached the child Jesus,
we follow a star of hope,
we come with awe and wonder,
we bring gifts—ourselves, our time, and our commitment.
May these gifts bring light in our world. Amen**

OFFERTORY

Walk in Light

Karen Marrolli

RECEPTION OF OFFERING/DEDICATION HYMN

v. 3 VU #74

- 3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of Kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him. R

MEDITATIONS OF THE HEART & THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE PRAYER OF JESUS

HYMN

A Light is Gleaming

VU #82

A light is gleaming, spreading its arms
throughout the night, living in the light.
Come share its gladness, God's radiant love
is burning bright, living in the light.

- 1 When light comes pouring into the darkest place,
it hurts our eyes to see the glow.
Sometimes a word of hope reminds us of our fears,
our memories and tears. R
- 2 When night is round us and every shadow grows,
a star is there to light our way.
It tells a story of Jesus who came near to say:
'God's light will ever stay.' R
- 3 And Jesus showed us a brighter path to walk.
He showed us things we hadn't seen.
Now we, like Jesus, can help creation shine,
and this will be a sign: R
- 4 So let us live in the brightness God has giv'n,
and let us rise to see the dawn.
We trust that God is here asparkle and ablaze,
- warming all our days. R

...and are blessed.

BLESSING

SUNG BENEDICTION Hope Shines as a Solitary Star

MV #220

Hope shines as the solitary star,
faith is the inner light.
You and I together mirror the Light of Lights,
and illumine the pathway home.

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major

David N. Johnson

**GROWING AND DEEPENING OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES THROUGH
WORSHIP AND NURTURE**

January 13 - 10:00

ACTS Study Presents "The Book of Joy"

**Please pick up your weekly & monthly
offering envelopes at the back of the
sanctuary.**

BAPTISM SUNDAY CELEBRATION

– January 27, 2019

On Sunday, January 27 we are planning to have a worship service honouring and celebrating the sacrament of baptism. In preparation for this exciting event we are inviting people to consider if they would like to be baptized on that Sunday morning. This will be a baptism service celebrated by the entire community.

If you would like to be baptised or have children baptized or would like to reaffirm your faith, please contact Peggy McDonagh, Alison Demeter or the office.

WELCOME TO ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH

We hope that your heart is touched, your faith inspired, and your spiritual life deepened in this gathering time and worship experience. If you are visiting for the first time please know that you are welcome, you are valued, and you enhance this sacred place by your presence.

If you wish to know more about St. David's, please fill in a "Response Card" found at the back of the Sanctuary and place it in the box or the offering plate.

Thank you for making this a scent free environment. It is a joy to have you with us today, please be welcomed and embraced. Please join us following worship in the TM room for conversation, coffee/tea and fellowship. Washrooms are opposite the front entrance and in the basement.

The Rainbow Room Nursery is available for infants to pre-school age, downstairs at the end of Robertson Hall.

OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Voices United hymn book, at the back of the church, or from an usher. If you would like to have contribution envelopes, please contact the office. Tax receipts are issued at the end of the year for all identified donations and offerings. If you give through PAR, PAR cards are available from the ushers to be placed on the offering plate as a symbol of your offering given through PAR.

PRAYER CONCERNS The prayer chain is committed to praying for you in times of crisis for a period of 30 days. Please contact the office or one of the ministers.

FLOWERS enhance our church services each Sunday. Remember loved or joyous occasions all year with donations to the flower fund. Dedications are placed in the worship folder.

If anyone has celebrations or events, they wish to have acknowledged in the worship folder or newsletter, please contact the office administrator at the church office at 403 284-2276 or admin@sduc.ca no later than Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

PASTORAL CARE *If you have any pastoral concerns about yourself or others please contact Peggy McDonagh or Debbie Stockdale at the church office. If you know someone who is in long term care, in hospital or needs a visit, please contact the office.*

We need your help ... in a congregation the size of St. David's it can be difficult to know who has not been present in worship for some time. If you are aware of someone you have not seen for a while, please contact the office or contact the people and let them know that they are missed. As a congregation, we all must be aware of one another and acknowledge those absent to ensure everyone feels cared for and valued. Let us all do our part to keep connected.

THANKS TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Greeters.....January Sacred Service Team
 UshersJanuary Sacred Service Team
 Counters.....Colin Outtrim, Bertha Hancock
 Projection.....PSALT Team
 Sunday Receptionist.....Margaret Pellicci
 Reader.....Bill Way
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ST. DAVID'S WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. Jan. 6	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Faith Quest – Robertson Hall Refreshments – TM Room
Mon. Jan. 7	12:30 pm 1:30 pm 5:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Best Beginnings – Robertson Hall Prayer Shawl Meeting – TM Room Sparks – TM Room Brownies – Robertson Hall Girl Guides – Robertson Hall Angel Voices - Sanctuary
Tues. Jan. 8	6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room
Wed. Jan. 9	9:30 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Qigong – Robertson Hall LaCoccinelle Board Meeting - Lacombe Adult Recreational Choir - Sanctuary
Thurs. Jan. 10	7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Chamber Choir Practice - Sanctuary Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Fri. Jan. 11	3:00 pm 4:00 pm	Funeral – Sanctuary & Robertson Hall Anthony Edmunds Music Lessons – Lacombe
Sat. Jan. 12	7:00 am 5:30 pm 6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo – Sanctuary & TM Room Shalom – TM Room Drama Rehearsal - Sanctuary True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. Jan. 13	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Faith Quest – Robertson Hall Refreshments – TM Room

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