

*St. David's and Northminster
United Churches welcome you!*

DECEMBER 11TH, 2022

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*We gather in faith as a
Christ-Infused Church*

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Northminster and St David's United Churches are partnering together to support our ongoing ministries in northwest Calgary. Join us on this journey as we share in worship, music, community outreach, and programs for all ages. Welcome home!

We invite you to use this time during the prelude to quietly prepare your hearts and minds for worship.

PRELUDE *Sarah's Favorite Christmas Songs*

WORDS OF WELCOME

reflecting the sacred

The shiny additions to our Advent and Christmas visuals remind us that we are called to reflect the sacred each and every day. All creation has always been imbued with the Creator's brilliance. This season, we will remember the call to shine with this holy light.

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD – *lighting the candles of hope, peace, and joy*

We pray for Joy this day.
We open to see the Sacred reflected in all things.
We open to see each moment
as a gift of holy presence.
This is the gift of the Christ Mystery.
lighting the way to joy.

PRAYER

**ALL: Living God, Christ Mystery, Spirit of Joy,
we give you thanks for this physical and online space for gathering.
As we take in the joy you offer,**

may we be a reflection of your light,
expanding the sacred space of “right here”
into the sacred place of “everywhere.” Amen.

SONG O Come All Ye Faithful

VU #60 (vs 1)

refracting the sacred

As light passes through a medium, it can be redirected in ways that make its brilliance more visible, as in a prism. May we see the world and our own lives and loved ones shining with the sacred nature of all things

ANTHEM Hodie, Christus Natus Est setting by Healey Willan
Translation: Today Christ is born. The Savior hath appeared: on earth the
choirs of angels sing. Arch-angels together rejoice. The righteous rejoice
together, saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia.

CONVERSATION TIME

SONG Wonderful Gift © Linnea Good

(children and youth leave for kidZone)

ANTHEM O Come, O Come, Emmanuel arr. Stephen Chatman

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 35:1-10 Luke 1: 46b-55 (NRSV)

REFLECTION

SONG To A Maid Whose Name Was Mary VU #14

refilling the sacred

We are wells of the sacred. God's presence is poured into creation in a never-ending flow of love. We enter a time of prayer that invites us to be refilled in ways that can help us pour out our love throughout the week.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING In the Bleak Midwinter VU #55 (vs 3)
What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man, I would do my part.
Yet, what I can I give him, give my heart.

reframing the sacred

This Advent season, we are “reframing” the way we recognize the sacred reflected all around and through us, illuminating new ways of being the Christ, tangibly present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

When you see lights twinkle,
when you catch a reflection in a mirror,
when you notice the sunlight dancing on a surface
or a nightlight glowing in the darkness,
let these be signs that the Christ Light is revealed
again and again in and through this world.

Know that your brilliant presence
is pouring more joy into a weary world.
God loved us by becoming us.
This means you are already
reflecting the sacred.

In the name of the Creator, Christ, and Spirit of Joy. Amen.

BLESSING SONG *Away In A Manger*
Be near me Lord Jesus I ask you to stay,
Close by me forever and love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with you there.

VU #69 (vs 3)

POSTLUDE *Variations sur “In Dulci Jubilo”*

Denis Bedard

THANKS TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Worship Leadership: Rev Nancy Nourse and Rev. Eva Stanley
Music Team: Sarah Corrigan and Brent Tucker
Choir: Chamber Choir
Scripture Reader: Kim Haydu
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and Sacred Service Teams