

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

# JANUARY 1, 2023 NEW YEAR'S DAY

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



**northminster**  
UNITED 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**

### **CROSSING THE THRESHOLD**

*... lighting the candles of hope, peace, joy, love, and the Christ Candle*

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

### **PRAYER**

**ALL:** Living God, Christ Mystery, Spirit of New Beginnings,  
we give you thanks for this commitment to help one another.  
As we take in the renewed life you offer,  
may we be a reflection of your light,  
expanding the sacred doing of our community  
to the alleviation of suffering wherever it is found. Amen.

**SONG** O Come All Ye Faithful

VU #60 (vs 1)

**SCRIPTURE**     Isaiah 63: 7-9 (NRSV)

**THE WORD IN MUSIC**

**“Jesus, Our Brother”**

Words by Robert Davis

Music French Carol 12th century

**“A Wendat Carol”**

Words by D.L. Seaborn

Music French folksong 16th century

**“Good King Wenceslas”**

Words by John Mason Neale

Music Spring Carol Tempus adest floridum 13th century

**“All Poor Ones and Humble”**

Words by Katharine Emily Roberts

Music Welsh Carol

**“Do You Hear What I Hear?”**

Words by Noel Regney

Music by Gloria Shayne

**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.

**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**      *Sarah's favorite Christmas songs*

## **THANKS TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP EXPERIENCE**

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Music Team: Sarah Corrigan and Brent Tucker  
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