

**ST. DAVID'S UNITED CHURCH**  
**January 7, 2018**  
**Epiphany Sunday**



*Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives in Inclusive and  
Affirming Community*

## **Welcome to St. David's United Church**

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**VALUE OF THE MONTH:** Inquisitiveness

**Sunday, January 7, 2018**

Presiding: Rev. Kelley Warner

*We gather as a Christ-Infused Community*

### **SEED OF MEDITATION**

"Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known." - *Carl Sagan*

"The grandest form of delusion is misconstruing the obvious. Persons with an open, inquisitive, and intuitive mind can detect hidden clues that aggressive, narrow-minded, and impatient rationalists fail to perceive." - *Kilroy J. Oldster*

**PRELUDE**      *Wie schon leuchtet der Morgenstern*      *J. Pachelbel*

### **WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE COMMUNITY**

May each one feel welcomed by the Christ Light shining in this place; may we recognize the star that shines within each heart present this day.

### **LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

In this season of Epiphany, we hear Jesus calling, "Follow me!"

Where are we called to go? How will we know the way?

How will we get there?

We light the Christ Candle to remind us  
that that the light of Christ will be with us,  
and the light of Christ will guide us. Amen

-*Fern Gibbard*

### **LIGHTING THE CREATION AND AFFIRMING CANDLES**

We light the creation and affirming candles to symbolize the illumination of our lives. Every person has been gifted with light: star, sun, moonlight - strong, subtle, and bright, sparkling; and so we give thanks for the light energy around and within us that connects us to creation and affirms the goodness and worthiness of our diverse humanity.

## LIGHTING THE VALUE CANDLE – Inquisitiveness

### ACKNOWLEDGING THE TRADITIONAL TERRITORY - Treaty 7 and Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III

*(Treaty 7 was signed in 1877 by Queen Victoria and the leadership of the Siksika (Blackfoot), Kainai (Blood), Piikani (Peigan), Stoney-Nakoda, and Tsuut'ina (Sarcee) First Nations.)*

We light the Treaty candle to show our respect for the land and affirm our continued commitment to live into right relations with our indigenous brothers and sisters.

### ENTRANCE INTO WORSHIP

God has called us to this place,  
where we can hear the stories  
that have formed us as a people,

**God has called us to add our names,  
to the long list of those who have followed.**

God has called us to hear the story,  
So that we can respond to the call.

**We are called .**

**We respond:**

**“Here I am; send me.”**

*- Beth W. Johnstone*

### OPENING HYMN

The First Nowell

VU#91 V. 1-4 & 6

- 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.  
          R        Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
                  born is the King of Israel.
- 2        They looked up and saw a star,  
          shining in the east, beyond them far;  
          and to the earth it gave great light,  
          and so it continued both day and night. R
- 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

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

### **GATHERING PRAYER**

We pray,  
God, shining in ancient hopes and modern passions.

**In your presence, we acknowledge our light, our hope.  
in the place of this community, we come  
bringing our stories and our life experiences,  
bringing our varied issues, and our differing visions of  
truth. Be in us as we find the star  
within our hearts and as we let it shine for one another.  
Amen.**

*...we hear the wisdom of God*

### **READINGS:**

Isaiah 60: 1-6; Matthew 2:9-12; Robert J. Nash; Three Faiths Carol

### **ANTHEM**

*Walk in Light*

*K.*

*Marrolli*

### **REFLECTION**

Following the Star

### **HYMN**

Will You Come and See the Light

VU#96

*...we respond*

### **INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS**

As the Wise Ones offered their gifts  
of gold, frankincense and myrrh,  
to the newborn child,

let us also offer and leave our gifts,

Take what we offer as a sign of our readiness.

**Bless us in our eagerness to answer your call into the world.**

**Bless us in our perseverance as we serve.**

**Bless us in our faithfulness as we seek your face in others.**

**Amen.**

### **OFFERTORY**

*Kings Of Orient*

*J.H.Hopkins/arr. D. Willcocks*

### **RECEPTION OF OFFERING**

**PRAYERS OF THE HEART & THE LORD'S PRAYER SUNG**

VU #959

**HYMN**

A Light is Gleaming

VU #82

R 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 as sparkle and ablaze,  
- warming all our days. R

*...and we are blessed.*

**BLESSING**

God chooses messengers and prophets in every age.  
God's work needs your prayers, your love, yourself.

**In faith, we hear and answer.**

**In hope and joy, we go to bear witness  
to the love that frees and heals.**

- Robin Wardaw

**POSTLUDE**

*Prince of Denmark's March*

J. Clarke

Growing and Deepening our Spiritual Lives  
through Worship & Nurture  
**January 14, 2018**

## 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. Easy Listener hearing devices are available from the ushers.

**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](mailto: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 Kelley Warner at the church office. If you know someone who is in long term care, in hospital or is in need of 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 have to 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  
 Ushers .....January Sacred Service Team  
 Counters.....Collin Outrim & Bertha Hancock  
 Scripture Reader .....John Wilkes  
 Projection.....PSALT Team  
 Sunday Receptionist.....Margaret Pellicci  
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## ST. DAVID'S ~ WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. Jan 7	10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Faith Quest – Robertson Hall Youth Group – Robertson Hall Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ – Sanctuary & TM Room
Mon. Jan 8	1:30 pm 5:30 pm 5:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Best Beginnings – Robertson Hall Sparks – TM Room Brownies – Robertson Hall Girl Guides – Robertson Hall Angel Voices - Sanctuary
Tues. Jan 9	6:00 pm	Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ – Sanctuary & TM Room
Wed. Jan 10	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Qigong – TM Room Adult Recreational Choir - Sanctuary
Thurs. Jan 11	7:00 am 7:00 pm 8:00 pm	Coffee & Muffin Day – Front Lobby til 2:00 pm Chamber Choir Practice - Sanctuary Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
Fri. Jan 12	4:00 pm	Anthony Edmunds Music Lessons - Lacombe
Sat. Jan 13	2:30 pm 5:00 pm 6:00 pm	Hordos Celtic Duo – Sanctuary Youth Group – TM Room True Light Church – Robertson Hall
Sun. Jan 14	10:00 am 10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Sunday Worship – Sanctuary Faith Quest – Robertson Hall Youth Group – Robertson Hall Refreshments – TM Room Iglesia Ni Cristo Church of Christ – Sanctuary & TM Room

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