



wild rose
united church

YOU MATTER

Welcome to Worship at Wild Rose. We hope your worship experience will feed you and challenge you on your faith journey.



We are an **affirming ministry** within the United Church of Canada. We have committed to celebrate God's diversity and welcome all people.

No matter your race, gender, sexuality or preference or how you identify, you are welcome here.

Our Mission Statement: Like Jesus, we seek to live our lives as a part of a vibrant faith community, worshipping God, growing spiritually, embracing all people, ministering in love and offering hope, while working for peace and justice in our world.

NEWCOMERS

Please fill out a Communication Card. This is our first opportunity to be in touch with you so that we can start to get to know one another.

COFFEE TIME

Are you new to Wild Rose? Please join us in the Wild Rose Hall following each service to learn about the church, engagement, and volunteer opportunities.



All-gender, wheelchair-accessible washrooms are located in the church foyer.



People with mobility limitations can access an elevator located inside the 1 Street doors (flags).

CHILDREN/ YOUTH

Our staffed **nursery** (babies up to 3 years) is located through the door at the front right of the Sanctuary. There is a rocking chair at the back of the Sanctuary. Children ages 4 through grade 6 leave for their **Kids' Zone programs** after the Family Time. **Youth** are invited to attend the service followed by a 30-minute youth session with Traci.

December 3, 2017

First Sunday in Advent

Many of us treasure coming home for the holidays: sometimes to a literal place, sometimes to a place of memory, sometimes to familiar settings and rituals we have embraced. What about when coming home is a frightening prospect? Or what about, as with the 125 people displaced this week from Kensington Manor right here in Calgary, we suddenly find that there is no place to come home to? Or when home becomes a death-trap, as for the 71 victims of the terrible Grenfell Tower fire in London?

Coming home is the theme of our Advent series, one that we happily acknowledge has been inspired by the United Methodists in the U.S.A. Coming home is also about making room: for hope, for rituals. For God-breaking-into the world. For Jesus. As the Rev. Bret Stuart Myers has written, "We are called to have faith and to prepare for the coming of Christ in our world. But [m]ay we unlearn the rules of our society as we welcome in your ways of loveliness and grace. Remove from our way the boulders of apathy, the briars of self-centeredness, and the quagmires of acquisitiveness. Inspire us to imagine your better world, and to live in the way that would make it real; as did the Prince of Peace whose coming we honor."

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE MINISTERED TO US TODAY!

Service Leaders: WRUC Ministry Team

Family Time: Traci Hubbard

Advent Candles: Dora DiLullo-Patten & Isabella and Sophia Haynes

Scripture Reader: Kim & Glen Bell

Special Music: Laurie Matiation on the French Horn

WILD ROSE CONTACT LIST

Minister

Spiritual Health Practitioner

Associate Minister

Director of Recovery Ministry

Ordination Intern

Music Director

Accompanist

Office Administrator

Communications

Kids' Zone Leader

Youth Minister

Ministry & Personnel Chair

Official Board Chair

Nursery Supervisor



ORDER OF SERVICE

↑ please stand in body or spirit

GATHERING AND CREATING SACRED SPACE

MUSIC FOR ARRIVING Dan on the KARN organ

Hark, the Glad Sound (Chesterfield, arr. Lang)

The Advent of Our God (Franconia, arr. Lang)

Lift Up Your Heads (Freylinghausen, arr. Johnson)

The Golden Carol (Trad. English, arr. Wilson)

Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying (Nicolai /Bach /arr. Price)

PROCESSIONAL DRAMA

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

↑ SINGING TOGETHER

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel **VU 1** (vs 1 and 5)

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

FAMILY TIME

Children go to the Kids' Zone; youth remain in the service

↑ SINGING TOGETHER

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus **VU 2** (vs 1, 3 and 4)

LISTENING, SHARING, AND PRAYING

CHOIR ANTHEM

This Silent Night (Words Joseph Mohr, Music - Joanne Sherman, Choral setting - Mark Patterson)

French Horn: Laurie Matiation

SCRIPTURES

Mark 13:24-37 (CEV)

MESSAGE

Come Down Home

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOLLOWING MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER sung version, **VU 959**

CARING AND SHARING THROUGH OUR GIFTS

Romance (Gliere)

↑ THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING

What Can I Do? **191 MV**

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY (Announcements)

↑ SINGING TOGETHER

Down to Earth, as a Dove **VU 42**

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

MUSIC FOR LEAVING

Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying (Wachet Auf, arr. Manz)



Wild Rose United Church is proud to live as neighbours on a land rich with Indigenous history. We are grateful to be Treaty 7 people, knowing we are called to live with respect for each other and this beautiful diverse land. May we live up to the best principles and practices behind our mutual promises.

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3

Sunday Service 10 am
First Sunday in Advent
Join us after for coffee
Family Christmas Concert 7 pm

MONDAY DECEMBER 4

Staff meeting 9:30 am
Worship Meeting 7 pm
Property & Facilities Meeting 7 pm

TUESDAY DECEMBER 5

Communication Meeting 10 am
Bible Study
Tuesdays | 1 pm
Belles of Wild Rose Practice
Tuesdays | 7 pm

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6

Breakfast Bags

First Wednesdays | 10 am
Wonderful Wellness Wednesdays
Theme: Social Wellness
barbara@wildroseunited.ca
Guided Meditation
Wednesdays | 11:30 am - 12 pm
Holy Sacrament
Wednesdays | 12:01 - 12:20 pm
Community Lunch
Wednesdays | 12:15 pm
Mindful Walking
Wednesdays | 1:15 - 2 pm
Community Learn 2 pm
Addictions: What you need to know. Speaker: Gary Gerber M. Div., RSW, CSAT
AwakeningsSeries 7 pm
Happiness Workshop Overview -

THURSDAY DECEMBER 7

Primary Care Network
Choir Practice
Thursdays | 7 pm

SATURDAY DECEMBER 9

Cookie Walk 11 am - 1 pm
Celebrate Life Recovery Service
Saturdays | 5 pm

SUNDAY DECEMBER 10

Sunday Service 10 am
Second Sunday in Advent
Family Potluck & Craft Party
11:30 am

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13

Community Learn 2 pm
Debriefing Physical, Intellectual, Emotional, and Social Wellness
Facilitated by Barbara Grant

SATURDAY DECEMBER 16

Celebrate Life Recovery Service
Saturdays | 5 pm

SUNDAY DECEMBER 17

Holidays Hurt Service 7 pm

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20

Awakenings Series 7 pm
Community Sing-a-long and Social

DECEMBER 24

Advent 4 Sunday Service 10 am
Family Service 7 pm
Candlelight & Communion 10 pm

DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve Sunday Service
10 am

For more information see website, newsletter, & Community Contact

VOLUNTEER & GET INVOLVED

Kids' Zone - this Sunday we will be working on art work that will be displayed during the play. *Caryn*

Winter Newsletter - is available online, or to pick up at the church.

Note from M&D - will be talking to staff in the next few months. We invite you to provide us with comments you would like to have shared with them - positive and constructive comments, as well as, any changes you might suggest. Talk to any of us or email MandP@wildroseunited.ca. *Judy Bergeson (Chair), Beverly Moore, Bev Walker, Verna Smith*

Family Christmas Concert - December 3, 7pm
Come out and enjoy our Wild Rose Family Christmas Concert. Hot apple cider will be available! *Carle Duguid*.

Cookie Walk - The "The 1st Annual Wild Rose United Christmas Cookie Walk" is on **Saturday, December 9th, 11am -1pm in Centennial Hall**. This event is also an outreach opportunity to our surrounding neighbours to come inside and enjoy some warm apple cider and meet Traci and our youth. For \$20 we will provide plastic containers for cookie selections. If you are contributing cookies, Please bring them on Sunday the 3rd or Monday thru Friday during office hours. Thank you, *Traci*

When the Holidays Hurt - December 17, 7 pm
This special service is for all those who find the Christmas season hard to bear, for whatever reasons. We will provide a safe and open space where we can express feelings of loss, regret, and anxiety...and look, as we would look on a bright star in the sky, for signs of hope again.

Hymn Sing - Wednesday, December 20, 7 pm. Come join us for an old fashioned Sing-a-long. A children's craft table is provided. Families with younger children may want to leave at the break for refreshments at 8 pm.

Hub's Rub - Join me after church to unpack Geoffrey's sermon and talk about our toboggan party at my house. Bring a bag lunch. *Traci*



Tobogganing Christmas Party

Sunday December 10th
Youth and Young Adults are invited to join Traci at her house from 3 to 7 pm for tobogganing, tacos, cookies & Hot Chocolate, and games.
RSVP with Traci via email and she will forward her address traci@wildroseunited.ca

WELLNESS HUB

Great News?

We have been successful in our grant application to the **EDGE Foundation** of the UCC to support our ongoing development of a Wellness Hub. A copy of the application is available for viewing in the church office. Details to follow.....

Did you know?

Light Therapy is a comfortable and simple way to help improve your health. It provides your body with natural energy to help overcome health issues. It can help with low energy, circulation problems, chronic pain, peripheral neuropathy, skin issues, cognitive issues, high stress, and more. Call **Cathy Ormon** to book a free Light Therapy Session (30 minutes total) 403-453-4452.

CAN YOU SEE YOURSELF HERE?

At Wild Rose we welcome your involvement! Here is a list of Ministry Groups and their contact information. Find a place to join in!

MUSIC

Choir
Sings at most Sunday Services
September through June.
carle.duguid@gmail.com

Praise Band

Plays the last Sunday each month
September through June.
mrkelln@gmail.com

Belles of Wild Rose

Plays on occasional Sundays.
Substitutes needed.
applepie2@shaw.ca

OUTREACH

Crescent Heights High School Projects
Makes **breakfast bags** for Crescent Heights High School
kowen2014@hotmail.com

Right Relations Team

Learn, support, and build respectful relationships with Aboriginal peoples.
rightrelations@wildroseunited.ca

Thank God Coffee Shop

Host pre-service coffee
daveormon@shaw.ca

Affirming Team

A group for LGBTQ events and support for individuals and their families.
shaw_lewis@hotmail.com

Refugee Team

joan@prairiesky.ab.ca
doradilullo@gmail.com

Lydia Quilters

Sewing & fellowship Wednesday daytime, new quilters welcome!
Kathleen 403 277-7920

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Hospitality

Coffee service after Sunday services, funeral receptions, etc.
Shirley 403-273-1164

Men's Breakfast

1st Saturday each month.
donbmci@shaw.ca

Kids' Zone

Volunteers occasionally needed
caryn@wildroseunited.ca

Bible Study

Weekly study - Minor Prophets
lee89.saxplayer@gmail.com

Family Time

Sunday morning story-time
ken@wildroseunited.ca