




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 the 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 17, 2017

Third Sunday in Advent

This third week of Advent is the Sunday traditionally devoted to joy. Throughout this Advent season, we have been considering the theme of homecoming. We will bring these two themes together this week, asking ourselves what we would need to do to make joy our true home. How is this possible? Joy is one of those emotions that cannot be commanded. It's like an aloof cat, standing apart until it feels ready to come and visit. When it does, and sets our hearts at ease with purring, what joy there is in this simple act! (For those who prefer dogs to cats, or neither: just imagine the purring, please.) Our service today is designed to awaken and celebrate joy, inviting joy to reside in our hearts and our homes, not just be an occasional visitor. Welcome home: joy makes its true home in us.

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO HAVE MINISTERED TO US TODAY!

Service Leaders:

WRUC Ministry Team

Music for Arriving: Belles of Wild Rose, Solo: Diane MacKenzie, Val Giorgini; Bells: Linda Ellis, Holly-Jean Kadonaga

Advent Candles:

Geoff & Michael Messier

Scripture Reader: Bill Boyle

Minute for Mission:

Carolynne Bouey-Shank

Family Time: Dora DiLullo-Patten

Special Music: Collin Smith

Music for Leaving:

The Belles of Wild Rose



ORDER OF SERVICE

↑ please stand in body or spirit

GATHERING AND CREATING SACRED SPACE

MUSIC FOR ARRIVING

Joy to the World: (G.F. Handel and L. Mason, arr M.L. Thompson)

Angels We Have Heard on High (Traditional French Carol, arr F.L. Callahan)

We Three Kings (J. Hopkins Jr., arr M.L. Thompson)

A Christmas Antiphonal (words and music- Hal Hopson)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

↑ SINGING TOGETHER

People, Look East **VU 9**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

FAMILY TIME

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

LISTENING, SHARING, AND PRAYING

CHOIR ANTHEM

Look Toward Christmas (words by Shirley Erena Murray, music by Ron Klusmeier)

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 61:1 NRSV)

Luke 1:46-55 (NRSV)

↑ SINGING TOGETHER

There Was a Child in Galilee **MV 134**

MESSAGE

Inviting Joy to Make a Home

MOMENT OF SILENCE FOLLOWING MESSAGE

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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

CARING AND SHARING THROUGH OUR GIFTS

December Prayer (Menzel, Afanasieff, Midnight)

↑ THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERING

What Can I Do? **191 MV**

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY (Announcements)

↑ SINGING TOGETHER

You Shall Go Out with Joy **VU 884**

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

MUSIC FOR LEAVING

Hark the Herald Angels Sing (Mendelssohn, arr L. Larson)

Silent Night (F. Gruber, arr F.L. Callahan)

We Wish You a Merry Christmas (English Carol. arr D.E. Wagner)

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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 17

Sunday Service 10 am
Third Sunday in Advent
Join us after for coffee
When the Holidays Hurt Service 7 pm

MONDAY DECEMBER 18

Staff meeting 9:30 am
Board Budget Meeting 7 pm

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 20

Wonderful Wellness Wednesdays
Theme: Social Wellness
barbara@wildroseunited.ca

Guided Meditation
Wednesdays | 11:30 am - 2 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
Ted Talk: Robert Waldinger
What Makes a Good Life? Lessons from the longest Study on Happiness.
Awakenings Series 7 pm
Community Christmas Sing-a-

long and Social. A children's craft table will be provided. Families with younger children may want to leave at the break for refreshments at 8 pm.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 21

Healing Touch
Thursdays | 10:30 am
Choir Practice
Thursdays | 7 pm

SATURDAY DECEMBER 23

Celebrate Life Recovery Service
Saturdays | 5 pm

SUNDAY DECEMBER 24

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

SUNDAY 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 are doing a games lesson about Jesus' birth. We will also be creating an art project.

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

Announcements - the Worship Committee would like to remind people that announcements should be directed to Judy Bergeson or Allison Bobenic. If you feel compelled to make an announcement please be brief - i.e., 30 seconds at the maximum.

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*

Visitor Parking - We are able to offer 14 street parking spots for visitors for when street parking is restricted. Please provide your car license plate number to the office or to reception.

Food, Recycle and Landfill Program - your Property & Facilities team has set-up our food composting program. Please look for the appropriate bins for food, recycling, and landfill, placed around the church.

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 Dub - I want to thank all of you for helping make our Cookie Walk a fun success. Thank you to the youth and my grandsons for helping me set up, greet our guests and clean up! I am surrounded by awesome elves! Our TEXMEX Christmas Party was a blast with light sabers, laughter and a Ghost & Mr. Chicken! The Force is strong with us! Join me after church to dive deep into the sermon.



WELLNESS HUB

Great News!

We have received \$20,000 from 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.

Did you know?

The Calgary Foothills Primary Care Network now has a **registered dietitian** and **community social worker** accessible at Wild Rose United Church as part of our new initiative to improve community access to health care. To request an appointment, talk to your family doctor or self-refer by calling the program coordinator at **1-855-79-CFPCN** (23726)

Healing Pathways (Healing Touch) is now being offered on Thursday mornings by appointment through Spiritual Health. Request an appointment at Barbara@wildroseunited.ca or on your communication card. Barbara Grant and Jeannette Carlson are the healing touch practitioners.

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
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