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## **Notices December 7th, 2025 - Advent 2**

Readings for this Sunday: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Readings for next Sunday: Isaiah 35:1-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

**Sunday Services: 8am and 10.30am**

**9 Lessons and Carols| December 21st - 4.30pm**

**Family Service| December 24th - 4.30pm**

**Choral Eucharist| December 24th - 9pm**

**Christmas Morning Eucharist| December 25th - 10.30am**

### **Christmas Office hours**

**Wednesday December 24th - 9am to noon**

**Thursday December and Friday December 26th - Closed**

**Wednesday December 31st - 9am to noon**

**Thursday January 1st and Friday January 2nd - Closed**

### **Baptism Sunday | January 11, 2026**

Now is the time to register yourself or your children for baptisms in the new year. Contact Adam if you would like more information about baptism: [adam@christchurchcalgary.org](mailto:adam@christchurchcalgary.org)

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### **Weekly Events at Christ Church**

Wednesdays 11am - Lectio Divina & Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Wednesdays 5pm - Meditation

Wednesdays 1pm - Seniors Bridge - All are welcome

Thursdays 10.30am - Bible Study

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Thank You

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who helped in any way for the wonderful Seniors lunch last Wednesday.

The meal was delicious as always. This event provides a valuable opportunity for our seniors to socialize and enjoy fellowship in a warm, welcoming environment

Thank you again for always making this event so special.







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### **Coffee with the Saints | December 14, 9:30 - 10:15**

Join us for our first ever 'Coffee with the Saints' in between our 8 & 10:30 services. We will enjoy some coffee and Christmas treats, and hear a short talk on (the real!) St. Nick, followed by discussion. Speak to Adam for more details:  
[adam@christchurchcalgary.org](mailto:adam@christchurchcalgary.org)

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CHRIST CHURCH ELBOW PARK ENDOWMENT TRUST

***Matching Campaign UPDATE***



## **We are over 70% towards our Goal!**

We are happy to report we have over \$ 83,000 towards our target. There are only 5 weeks left for the matching campaign, we can do it - with your help. Every dollar you contribute makes a lasting impact on our church.

**Every dollar given to the Christ Church Elbow Park Endowment Trust will be matched up to \$100,000.**

\$200,000 in the Endowment pays \$10,000 every year to fund ministry - roughly equivalent to our family ministry budget.

Cheques for the Endowment should be made out to:  
Christ Church Elbow Park Endowment Trust

E-transfers can now be made directly to the Endowment at  
[endowment@christchurchcalgary.org](mailto:endowment@christchurchcalgary.org)

***Thank you for those who have contributed already!***

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## **Christ Church Family Ministries Updates!**

### **Christmas Planning – Volunteers Needed – Still A Few More Spots!**

Planning for Christmas Even is in full swing! I need volunteers to attend our Family Christmas Eve service and wear a costume to be involved in telling the Christmas story. Please let me know if you are interested! All ages are welcome! So far, I have six volunteers. I need at least four more.

### **Young Family Potluck and Cookie Decorating**

Our young families will be connecting for a potluck and cookie decorating on Thursday, December 11 from 4:30 to 6:30 in the



Crump room. The event is geared towards young families, all the way from pregnancy to preschool! Everyone is welcome! For more information, please connect with Bethany Trotter!

### **Upcoming Youth Events**

Friday, December 12 @ 7pm: Frost-Bite Kit Assembly, in conjunction with our Christ Church Outreach Team

Friday, December 26 - No Event Planned

### **Family Programming Over the Christmas Season**

We will continue to have Ignite and Sunday morning youth lessons throughout the Advent Season. There will be no Youth Group on Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> as stated above.

### **Reminder - Youth Sunday Morning Lessons**

Just a reminder that we now offer Sunday morning lessons for our youth at 1030am! We hope to see your youth there!

### **Family Ministries Instagram**

Just a friendly reminder that I have created an Instagram account to document our adventures in Family Ministries! Please follow us @christchurchfamilyministries

Laurel Hatch

Director of Family Ministries

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## **Meditation**

Meditation for me is a way of clearing my mind. It is a way of prayer and an act that encourages humility. I have been meditating on and off since 1997. It is not something that I can achieve mastery in. Every session is different. It changes me. It makes me calmer. It helps me talk better. I cannot say I do it well, but each time I do it, it refreshes me.

On Wednesdays a group of us meet in the quiet room at 5 pm. We use a cd from John Main and the World Community for Christian Meditation, that instructs us on the basics of the practice. If you are at all interested, this is your opportunity to come and try it out. I know it has changed my life for the better. You would be most welcome.

Jocelyn

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## **Outreach Update**

This year for Advent, our Outreach Committee has chosen two



**very important Calgary Community groups to support, with your help!**

**#1)We are supporting the Calgary Drop-In Centre with items to “Fill-a-Sock” for their guests who are spending the Holidays in the Shelter.**

**We will collect the items in the Narthex and the Christ Church Youth Group and Ignite kids will help to assemble the gift packs!!**

**Items needed for the socks:**

**Toothbrushes  
Deodorant  
Men’s / Ladies underwear (smaller sizes)  
Mini hand lotion  
Throat lozenges  
Vaseline  
Hand warmers  
Gloves & mitts  
Razors  
\$10 Tim Horton’s gift card  
Reusable beverage containers  
Chocolate & candies  
Hats & toques  
Lip balm  
\$50 grocery gift card  
Warm Socks**

**We will be accepting donations for the Socks until Sunday, December 21st**

**#2) In addition, we are excited to partner with Calgary Reads, and support their amazing Little Red Reading House “Book Bank”!! These books are preferred new but gently used “like new” books are also welcome. Please consider that these books are often the first book that a child will receive to have for their very own!**

**Examples of Books needed:**

**Baby board books Babies enjoy chewing their first books,so we always need new ones!**

**Children's classics A few examples include The Velveteen Rabbit, Winnie-the Pooh, Anne of Green Gables and James and the Giant Peach.**

**Some favourite authors Like Barbara Reid, Robert Munsch, Eric Carle,.**

**Children's much-loved books Captain Underpants; Goodnight Moon; Where the Wild Things Are; Where the Sidewalk Ends; The Very Hungry Caterpillar; The Real Mother Goose.**

**Book donations will be accepted until Sunday January 11th**

**We appreciate that Holiday spending may look a little different for**



everyone this year, so any contribution is appreciated!  
Take advantage of Black Friday/Cyber Monday and use up those  
PC Optimum Points!!!

Please keep your receipts, as In-Kind donations are eligible for a  
tax receipt! Forms will be available on the table in the Narthex, or  
at the Office!

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The Church will be decorated for Christmas on **Saturday December 20th starting at 9:30 AM**. There will be Christmas music and baking to get everyone in the festive mood. We welcome all to this fun event , but especially strong, tall people. There are many tasks if you prefer to stay closer to ground level, including tying bows and decorating wreaths. Please talk to Meredith Cashion if you need more information.

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# WINTER WONDERLAND Concert



 **7:00 PM | CHRIST CHURCH**   
FRIDAY DEC 12 | ELBOW PARK - 3602 8TH ST SW  
**ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ARTS PROGRAMMING  
FOR SENIORS IN CALGARY**

Join us for a beautiful evening of nostalgic and joyful Christmas music at the beautiful Christ Church in Calgary.

The Creative Aging Calgary Society would like to invite you to our 4th Annual Winter Wonderland Concert!

**When:** Friday, December 12, 2025 at 7 pm

**Where:** Christ Church located in Elbow Park at 3602 8th Street SW, Calgary AB.

Join us for a special evening of nostalgic and joyful Christmas music at the beautiful Christ Church. Performers include Calgary's own classical soprano Hannah Pagenkopf and pianist Cody Obst, the all-female brass quintet The Brassy Ladies, and the Christ Church and Lakeview United choirs. Expect gorgeous classical favourites and modern holiday fun, as well as carol singalongs! Don't miss out on this special event that brings the community together and has become an instant tradition for families all over Calgary. See you there!

Admission is free and donations are welcome. All proceeds go towards helping us continue to offer weekly free art and music programming to seniors every month at different senior organizations around Calgary. This event is generously sponsored by Aruga Modern Concierge Home Care.

The Creative Aging Calgary Society is a registered non-profit charity that has for the past 10 + years been offering education, art classes and performances to older adults in Calgary free of charge. We are excited to continue our legacy of community building and promoting vibrant and active aging among older adults in Calgary.

More about CACS: <https://www.creativeagingcalgary.com/>

Event is generously sponsored by Aruga Modern Concierge Home Care

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The Senior's Lunch team has two silver tea services to give away, they are not sterling but plate, they include tea, coffee, sugar and creamers. Please contact Cynthia and



she will put you in touch with a member of the Senior's  
Lunch team if you are interested

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For many years the Altar Guild has decorated the church for Christmas with poinsettias. Once again this year the poinsettias can be purchased for \$25.00 and will be in place for Lessons and Carols and the Christmas services. There will be an insert in the bulletins, including all parishioner names with their dedication to memory of a loved one, the Glory of God or Thanksgiving. Please consider helping to make the church welcoming and beautiful by purchasing a poinsettia.

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CHRIST CHURCH  
CALGARY

# Christ Church Calgary ADVENT CONCERT 2025

Calgary String Collective & Christ Church Choir



Directors: Elisa Sereno-Janz (Calgary String Collective) & Gary Tong (Christ Church Choir)

Hannah Pagenkopf & Anna Draper, Soprano  
Rogan McAndrews, Tenor

Sarah Nearing & Celia Lee, Alto  
Matthew Hicks & Nathan Stone, Bass



FRIDAY DECEMBER 5, 2025 7:30PM

Christ Church Calgary  
3602 8th St. SW Calgary, AB

**FREE Admission**

(Suggested donation \$20 at the door)

\*\*Proceeds to support Wood's Homes & Christ Church Music Scholars

## *December 7th, 2025 Flower Memorials*

*These flowers at the Altar are  
offered in gratitude for our new*



church and for the lives of all  
those we miss and remember who  
have gone before us.

Susan Mccutcheon and Don Edie

The flowers at the Chapel are  
given to the glory of God and in  
loving memory of Sally Beattie,  
from Pat, Meredith and their  
children and grandchildren

The flowers at the Font are given  
to the glory of God and in loving  
memory of Valdemar and Pearl  
Pedersen and Sonya and Peder  
Pedersen, by Suzan Pedersen

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### **The Power of Prayer**

#### **Forward Day by Day**

Prayer books for November - January are available in the Narthex  
Additional prayer resources can be found on Forward Movement's  
website: [https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/forward\\_day\\_by\\_day.php?  
d=29&m=4&y=2020](https://prayer.forwardmovement.org/forward_day_by_day.php?d=29&m=4&y=2020)

#### **Prayer Shawls - "Tangible Evidence of Prayer" (ref: "The Prayer Shawl Ministry")**

Each of our shawls , handmade by the members of this ministry includes the prayers of the shawl maker as it is made, receives a special blessing, then is available to be given to offer peace, and comfort to someone in need. Shawls are always available here. Please contact Cynthia at the office: 403-243-4680, or Barbara Robinson: [barbcrobinson@gmail.com](mailto:barbcrobinson@gmail.com) if you know of someone for whom a shawl would be helpful.



## The Parish Prayer Chain

Have a friend who needs someone to pray for them? Our prayer chain does this daily, and welcomes requests for confidential prayer. Contact Alicia Hampshire, Adam Bedford or Rev. Brandon.

## Praying with Alongside Hope

On the second Thursday of each month praying with Alongside Hope takes place over zoom at 11am (Calgary time). On the fourth Thursday of each month the Alongside Hope team in Toronto plans an educational webinar in the same time slot. Please contact Kim Umbach at [kumbach@pwrdf.org](mailto:kumbach@pwrdf.org) for the zoom link to be included and for further details.



Anyone can be added to our email list... they just need to ask!

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