



First Baptist Church, Olds, AB
December 31, 2023

*“Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the
LORD, our Maker!” Psalm 95:6*

Gathering for Worship

Prelude ... Amy Hunter

Welcome & Announcements ... Pastor Norm

Missions Minute ... Karis Stirling

Worship in Song ... The Matchullis Family

Special Music

Deanna Mills

Worship in Prayer ... Doug Shields

Worship in the Word ... Pastor Doug

The Lamb Keepers

Luke 2:8-20

Worship in Witness & Service

*“Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace among those with
whom he is pleased!”*

Luke 2:14

Our Prayer Ministry Team

Our Prayer Ministry Team is available to pray for you this morning. We invite you to come to the front row at the end of the service and one of our team members will pray for you.

Today

➤ **Today's FBC Mission Family Prayer Focus...** Karis Stirling

➤ **Attention parents**

A reminder to parents of young children that there are "Busy Boxes" at the Welcome Centre if you need one for your child at the beginning of the service.

Toddler Room:

The Toddler Room will be staffed Sunday mornings when we have one service.

➤ **Sunday School Classes**

There will be no Sunday School on December 24 and December 31. Classes will resume January 7.

Next Sunday

Worship at 9:15 & 11:00am

Lorraine Pahl will prepare us for worship by playing the prelude and **the Thompson Team** will lead us in songs of praise. **Don & Meryl Matchullis** will present special music. **Pastor Greg** will welcome us and keep us current on the life of the church, and **Pastor Doug** will bring a message from God's Word and we will celebrate the Lord's Table.

Church Membership Classes

Start Sunday, January 7 at 3:00pm

This is a 2 week (2 hours each time) course. Contact Pastor Doug for further information. Please sign up at the Welcome Centre or in the Church Office.

Sunday Nights at First Baptist

Starts: Sunday, January 7 at 6:00pm

Pastor Doug will be preaching through the book of Revelation.

Coming Events

Single Service Format

December 31 at 11:00am

Return to two service format on January 7

Ladies Monday Morning Bible Study

Resumes Monday, January 8 at 9:30am

Contacts: Brenda Lytle 403-586-1807 or brenda.lytle@gmail.com or
Julie Quantz 403-335-4006 orjq.scrapbooker@gmail.com

AWANA Clubs for Kids

Resumes Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30pm

Registration still open

Please contact Pastor Greg Stirling at 403-556-3219 or
gstirling@firstbaptistolds.ca for more information.

Men of the Word

Resumes Wednesday, January 10 at 7:00 pm

“No One Like Him, a Study of the Perfections of God.

Contact: Doug Shields 403-335-3919

Ladies Bible Study

Resumes Tuesday, January 16 at 9:15am

Study: The Book of Exodus, Chapters 13-15

For more information call or text Elizabeth McArthur 403-588-6832

New ladies are welcome to join.

Church & Community

Reminder! Annual Reports

Please have your Annual Reports to the church secretary by,
December 31. If possible please submit them electronically, the
email address is sredekopp@firstbaptistolds.ca Thanks!

The FBC Finance Department would like the congregation to be aware of our “Donor-Restricted Gift Policy”:

Spending of funds is confined to Board of Elders approved programs and projects. Each contribution directed toward an approved program or project will be used as restricted with the understanding that when the need for such a program or project has been met, or cannot be completed for any reason as determined by the Board of Elders, the remaining restricted contributions will be used where most needed.

Our Condolences to...

Rosemary Anhorn and extended family on the passing of Ralph Anhorn. The Funeral was held this past week.

Year End Giving

All year end giving for 2023 needs to be received at the church by December 31 to be receipted for 2023. If at all possible please try to make e-transfer transactions by December 29.

Note from the Elders and Property Deacons

Please check out the bulletin insert for information from the Elders and Property Deacons.

Home for the Holidays

Olds College invites members of the community to host international/out-of-province students for a favorite holiday event or winter activity. The goal of Home for the Holidays is simple – to help make international and out-of-province students feel at home when they otherwise may spend the festive season alone. For more information or to register to be a host, please go to:

www.oldscollege.ca/admissions/international-admissions/international-programs/home-for-the-holidays.html

Mountain View Christian Women's Breakfast

Ladies, you are invited to attend the Mountain View Christian Women's Breakfast on Tuesday January 9th, 9:30-11:30, at the Lutheran Church Gym in Didsbury. Our guest Nancy Unsworth is a recording artist as well as a speaker, so you will be inspired by her music and her message of hope and healing. Come and enjoy a morning of friendship, encouragement, and inspiration. Tickets \$7 per person. To reserve, phone Colleen (403-586-1898) or Vicky (403-335-3500)

E-transfers at First Baptist Church, Olds

For e-transfers to First Baptist Olds please use the following Email: finance@firstbaptistolds.ca. Please include your last name or envelope number in the message area of the E-transfer.

E-Transfers at First Baptist Church

STEP 1: Log in to your bank account

STEP 2: Locate “Interac e-Transfer”

STEP 3: Follow prompts to add First Baptist Church Olds click “Add recipient”

Name: First Baptist Church Olds

Email: finance@firstbaptistolds.ca

Confirm: finance@firstbaptistolds.ca

Although the church is on what is called “Auto Deposit,” your bank may still require you to create a security question.

Go ahead and do so, though it will likely not be required in further steps.

STEP 4: Follow prompts and input dollar amount without the dollar sign

STEP 5: Please use the information or message box to designate the purpose for the transfer

(eg. Tithe, CSB fee, Development Fund, etc). If this box is left blank, it will be deposited to the General Fund.

IF you are a first time donor, please enter your name and address.

STEP 6: Review and submit or confirm

Please contact Shelly Redekopp at the church office (403-556-3219) if you have any questions.

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FBC Facebook page

If you are looking to connect online with people from the church, please check out the FBC Facebook page.

Worship in God's Word

Title:

Text:

Songs of Praise

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Brian Doerksen

CHORUS

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.

VERSE 1

One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God.
One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
who gladly choose You now.

CHORUS

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.

VERSE 2

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives,
willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength,
we gladly choose You now.

CHORUS

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.

Come.
just as you are,
come.
Come.

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While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

Nahum Tate / George Frederick Handel

VERSE 1

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
all seated on the ground;
The angel of the Lord came down,
and glory shone around,
and glory shone around.

VERSE 2

“Fear not,” said he, for mighty dread
had seized their troubled mind;
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring
to you and all man-kind,
to you and all man-kind.

VERSE 3

“To you, in David’s town this day
is born, of David’s line;
The Saviour, who is Christ the Lord,
and this shall be a sign,
and this shall be a sign.

VERSE 4

“The heav’nly Babe you there shall find
to human view displayed,
all meanly wrapped in swathing bands
and in a manger laid,
and in a manger laid.

VERSE 5

Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith
appeared a shining throng
Of angels, praising God, who thus
addressed their joyful song!
Addressed their joyful song!

VERSE 6

“All glory be to God on high
and to the earth be peace:
Good will hence-forth from heav’n to men
begin and never cease!
Begin and never cease!”

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Wonderful Merciful Saviour

Dawn Rodgers | Eric Wyse

VERSE 1

Wonderful, merciful Saviour,
precious Redeemer and Friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
rescue the souls of men?
Oh, You rescue the souls of men.

VERSE 2

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have
hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we hopelessly lost the way.

CHORUS

You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our
hearts always hunger for,
oh, our hearts always hunger for.

VERSE 3

Almighty, infinite Father,
faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us
falling before Your throne.
Oh, we're falling before Your throne.

CHORUS

You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our
hearts always hunger for,
oh, our hearts always hunger for.

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You are the One that we praise,
You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace
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Only a Holy God

Michael Farren / Jonny Robinson / Dustin Smith / Rich Thompson

VERSE 1

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?
Who else could make ev'ry king bow down?
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?
Only a Holy God.

VERSE 2

What other beauty demands such praises?
What other splendor outshines the sun?
What other majesty rules with justice?
Only a Holy God.

CHORUS

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.

VERSE 3

What other glory consumes like fire?
What other power can raise the dead?
What other name remains undefeated?
Only a Holy God.

CHORUS

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.

CHORUS

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.

VERSE 4

Who else could rescue me from my failing?
Who else would offer His only Son?
Who else invites me to call Him Father?
Only a Holy God.
Only my Holy God.

CHORUS

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God.
Come and worship the Holy God.

CHORUS

Come and behold Him, the One and the Only.
Cry out, sing holy, forever a Holy God.
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Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty

Bob Fitts

VERSE 1

Father in Heaven, how we love You;
We lift Your name in all the earth.
May Your kingdom be established in our praises,
as Your people declare Your mighty works.

CHORUS

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come;
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
who reigns forevermore.

VERSE 2

Father of mercy, be exalted;
May Jesus' name be lifted high,
for the sacrifice of love has won my pardon,
and His resurrection power gives me life.

CHORUS

Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come;
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty,
who reigns forevermore.

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