



First Baptist Church, Olds, AB  
December 24, 2023

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

***Gathering for Worship***

*Prelude ... Vicky Snyder*

*Welcome & Announcements ... Pastor Norm*

*Missions Minute ... Jeff & Lenice Harms, Wycliffe*

***Worship in Song ... The Ellingsgaard Team***

*Special Music*

*Dylana Kary / Lindsay Priebe*

***Worship in Prayer ... Pastor Norm***

***Worship in the Word ... Pastor Doug***

*The inside story*

*Luke 2:1-5*

***Worship in Witness & Service***

*“Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has  
sent me, even so I am sending you.’”*

*John 20:21*

**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

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- **Today's FBC Mission Family Prayer Focus...** Jeff & Lenice Harms (Wycliffe)
- **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. The Toddler Room will not be staffed for the Christmas Eve Service
- **Candles and Carols for Christmas Eve at 6:00pm**  
**The Sewell Team** will lead us in worship and **Pastor Doug** will bring a message from God's Word. We invite you to join us.
- **Sunday School Classes**  
There will be no Sunday School on December 24 and December 31. Classes will resume January 7.

# Next Sunday

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## **Worship at 11:00am**

**Amy Hunter** will prepare us for worship by playing the prelude and **the Matchullis Family** will lead us in songs of praise. **Leanne Cala** will present special music. **Pastor Norm** will welcome us and keep us current on the life of the church, and **Pastor Doug** will bring a message from God's Word.

# Coming Events

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## **Single Service Format**

December 24 at 6:00pm

December 31 at 11:00am

Return to two service format on January 7

### **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.

### **Ladies Monday Morning Bible Study**

**Resumes Monday, January 8 at 9:30am**

Contacts: Brenda Lytle 403-586-1807 or [brenda.lytle@gmail.com](mailto:brenda.lytle@gmail.com) or Julie Quantz 403-335-4006 [orjq.scrapbooker@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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**

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### **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 [sredkopp@firstbaptistolds.ca](mailto:sredkopp@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.

**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](http://www.oldscollege.ca/admissions/international-admissions/international-programs/home-for-the-holidays.html)

**E-transfers at First Baptist Church, Olds**

For e-transfers to First Baptist Olds please use the following Email: [finance@firstbaptistolds.ca](mailto: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

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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](mailto:finance@firstbaptistolds.ca)

Confirm: [finance@firstbaptistolds.ca](mailto: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.

# Contacts

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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

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**Title:**

**Text:**

# Songs of Praise

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## **O Come All Ye Faithful**

C. Frederick Oakeley / John Francis Wade

### VERSE 1

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels!

### CHORUS

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

### VERSE 2

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
O sing, all ye bright hosts of heav'n above!  
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

### CHORUS

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

### VERSE 3

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning,  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

### CHORUS

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!



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## **Hymn of Joy**

Chris Tomlin / Ed Cash / Henry Van Dyke / Ludwig van Beethoven

### **VERSE 1**

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

### **CHORUS**

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel,  
Your love has come here to dwell.

### **VERSE 2**

All Thy works with joy surround Thee; earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays.  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
singing bird, and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

### **CHORUS**

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel,  
Your love has come here to dwell.

### **VERSE 3**

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

### **CHORUS**

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel,  
Your love has come here to dwell.

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### **It's Christmas Medley**

(Away in a Manger / It's Christmas / Go, Tell it on the Mountain  
Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Martin Luther, William James Kirkpatrick, John  
Thomas McFarland

#### **VERSE 1**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

#### **VERSE 2**

The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky  
and stay by my cradle 'til morning is nigh.

#### **CHORUS**

It's Christmas! The angels are singing,  
and I know the reason:  
The Saviour is born.  
It's Christmas! Bells are ringing,  
and I feel like shouting  
"Joy to the world!"

#### **VERSE 3**

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

#### **CHORUS**

It's Christmas! The angels are singing,  
and I know the reason:  
The Saviour is born.  
It's Christmas! Bells are ringing,  
and I feel like shouting  
"Joy to the world!"

CHORUS

Go tell it on the mountain,  
over the hills and ev'rywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain  
that Jesus Christ is born.

CHORUS

It's Christmas! The angels are singing,  
and I know the reason:  
The Saviour is born.  
It's Christmas! Bells are ringing,  
and I feel like shouting  
"Joy to the world!"

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**Angels We Have Heard on High**

James Chadwick / Traditional French carol arranged by Edward Shippen  
Barnes

VERSE 1

Angels we have heard on high,  
sweetly singing o'er the plains;  
And the mountains in reply,  
echoing their joyous strains.

CHORUS

Gloria, in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

VERSE 2

Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be;  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

CHORUS

Gloria, in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

VERSE 3

Come to Bethlehem and see,  
Christ whose birth the angels sing;  
Come adore, on bended knee,  
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

CHORUS

Gloria, in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.  
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VERSE 4

See Him in a manger laid,  
whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
while our hearts in love we raise.

CHORUS

Gloria, in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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## **O Holy Night**

Placide Cappeau translated by John S. Dwight / Adolphe Adam

### **VERSE 1**

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining,  
it is the night of the dear Saviour's birth;  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,  
till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,  
for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn.

### **CHORUS**

Fall on your knees,  
O, hear the angel voices!  
O night divine,  
O night when Christ was born!  
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

### **VERSE 2**

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,  
with glowing hearts by His cradle we stand;  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,  
here came the wise men from Orient land.

The King of Kings lay thus in lowly manger,  
in all our trials born to be our Friend;

### **CHORUS 2**

He knows our need, to weakness is no stranger.  
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!  
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!

### **VERSE 3**

Truly He taught us to love one another;  
His law is love and His gospel is peace;  
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,  
and in His name all oppression shall cease.  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we,  
let all within us praise His holy name;

CHORUS

Christ is the Lord,  
O, praise His name forever!  
His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim!  
His pow'r and glory, evermore proclaim.

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