

*Gloria*  
*in excelsis Deo!*



**CHRISTMAS EVE, 7 PM**

# Ogden & McDougall United Churches Joint Service

## Christmas Eve 2023, 7:00 PM

Prelude		Barrie Clayton
Pre-Service Video	The Other Shepherd	Skit Guys
Introit	Ring a Bell for Peace	McD Singers

### Call to Worship

**Opening Hymn**     *O Come All Ye Faithful (vs 1,3,5)*     **VU 60**

Lighting the Christ Candles

### Centering Prayer

Assurance of Grace

### Passing the Christmas Peace

**Christmas Carol**     *Angels We Have Heard on High*     **VU 38**

Scripture     No Room     Luke 2:1-7

Anthem     Breath of Heaven (Eaton, Grant)     McD Singers

Reflection     No Room     Bill Weaver

Christmas Prayer

Scripture     The Shepherds     Luke 2:8-15

**Carol Medley** *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks (1, 3,6)*     **VU 75**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (vs 1,3)*     **VU 48**

Scripture     Room     Luke 2:16-20

Song     Make Room (Hall, Maher)     Adam Schlinker

Reflection     Be Like Mary: Make Room     Joanne Anquist

Song     Christmas Lullaby     Joanne Anquist

### CHRISTMAS COMMUNION

Communion Music     Light of the World (Daigle)     Jen Heidebrecht

Prayer After Communion

Share Light     Somewhere in My Memory (Williams)     McD Singers

**Carol**     *Silent Night*     **VU 67**

Christmas Blessing

**Closing Carol**     *Joy to the World*     **VU 59**

# Welcome!

**McDougall's Affirming Statement:** *We strive to be a community of faith where all are welcomed in their diversity, and where we share with each other our struggles, our triumphs and our joys, with deep respect for our differences. We commit to moving beyond being "a welcoming church" to being an inclusive community, where we will be a safe space for all to Seek Wholeness in Christ and Share God's Love.*



**McDougall & Ogden Ministers (Left to Right)**

**Rev. Bill Weaver**

(Ogden Minister as well as McDougall Pastoral Care)

**Rev. Danah Cox**

(McDougall Family & Community Minister)

**Rev. Joanne Anquist**

(McDougall Worship and Congregational Leadership Minister)

- Sunday Worship On-site and Online Starts 10:30 am
- Our service runs about one hour and 15 minutes.
- You are invited to light a candle in remembrance, in joy, or in hope, as part of our service ritual.
- McDougall's office is open Tuesday to Friday from 10 to 2 pm.
- Call Ogden United or Rev. Bill Weaver for info on when the office is open for Ogden.

*We acknowledge the history, culture and spirituality of the Siksika, Kainai, Pikani, Tsuut'ina and Nakoda peoples of Treaty 7, and their traditional territories within which McDougall United Church resides. We are proud, as Canadians, to share in the ongoing Treaty relationship with Indigenous people, and in the special relationship we honour with the Metis Nation of Alberta and their many members in Region 3 (Calgary-Southern Alberta)*

## **Ways to Give to Ogden (403-630-5633)**

1. Mail a cheque payable to Ogden United Church
2. Online Through Canada Helps
3. Donate by e-Transfer, ogdenminister@shaw.ca
4. Sign up for PAR

## **Ways to Give to McDougall (403-252-1620)**

1. Donate by e-Transfer, office@mcdunited.com
2. On Our Website, www.mcdunited.com
3. Mail a cheque payable to McDougall United Church.
4. Sign up for PAR
5. Support the Gift Card Program



# **IMPORTANT DATES**

**Check out**

**[www.mcdunited.com/calendar](http://www.mcdunited.com/calendar)  
for more information**

**Dec 23 – Jan 1**

– McDougall and Ogden Offices closed for Christmas

**Christmas Eve**

- 4 pm service on-site and online

- 7 pm service on-site and online

**Sunday December 31**

- 10:30 am service on-site and online

**Tuesday, January 2, 2024!**

- 10 am Offices reopen

- 7 pm God at the Movies



## Holiday Closures

Office is Closed for Christmas

Office closes Friday, December 22 at 2 pm  
and then reopens January 2 at 10 am

There is an in-person and online service  
on Sunday, December 31, 2023

Please be advised that there will be no  
Email Blast on December 29

## Bible Study: Tuesdays at 11 am in the Chapel

**Bible Study will not be happening over the Christmas  
break. Starts back January 9, 2024**

Join Rev Joanne Anquist, Rev Bill Weaver or Rev.  
Danah Cox for a bible study every Tuesday at 11 am.

We hope to see you there!



## Choir Rehearsals – Starts back January 11, 2024

All are Welcome, No Prior Experience Required  
McDougall Singers Rehearse Thursdays at 6 pm  
Sonica Treble Ensemble Rehearse Thursdays at 7:30 pm



# Join Hope Quest: 6 Week, In Person Art Therapy Group

Growth and inspiration through creativity!  
Learn to cultivate and nurture HOPE throughout the various seasons and circumstances of your life!  
No "artistic ability" needed! All supplies included.

**Facilitated by:** Suzanne Styles, Certified Art Therapist  
**Cost:** \$250, 10% off if registered by Dec. 15 (use code HQ10)  
**When:** Starts Tues, Jan. 16, 2024, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Location:** McDougall United Church Art Studio

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Learn more and sign up **HERE:**



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## Opera Buddies




**McDougal** CALGARY opera **50** YEARS  
UNITED CHURCH

There are still spots for Elixir of Love (January 18 – February 8) and Das Rheingold (April 4 – April 25). Bring some family members and join in on the fun!

Free to Attend

Open to Everyone 12+

Includes Show at Jubilee

Thursday nights 4:30 – 5:45 pm at  
McDougal

To register or learn more visit:  
[Mcdunited.com/opera-buddies](http://Mcdunited.com/opera-buddies)

## Homeschool Group: Registration Open for Winter 2024

Homeschooling families are invited to join us for our 2024 Winter Session.

January 22 – May 13, 2024

Sign up for the weeks you would like to attend.  
\$14 per family for each week plus a \$20 insurance cost. Save money by attending all sessions.

Mondays from 11 – 2 pm in Hospitality Hall

Register and learn more:

[Mcdunited.com/homeschool-group](http://Mcdunited.com/homeschool-group)




# Taste & Try: Try Out a Recipe & Learn About Cooking



**Next Session:**

**February 1, 2023, at 12 pm**

Happens monthly on the first Thursday of the month in the McDougall kitchen. Seniors of all ages are welcome!

Advanced Registration is required, limited spots are available. Registration closes Monday, January 29 at 7:00 pm.

Register by calling the office or signing up online:

<https://www.mcdunited.com/calendar->



## Open Table: King Cake & Mask Making Party Celebrating Carnival Saturday, February 10 4 – 6 pm

All ages are invited to join us for Mask Making followed by dinner.

\$5 Registration Fee, Donations Accepted at the Door

Limited Tickets Available, please purchase by Wednesday, February 7 at 1 pm on our website:

<https://www.mcdunited.com/calendar-events/open-table-february-2024>



## Camp Kasota Family Weekend June 7 – 9, 2024



Join us June 7 - 9, 2024, for a weekend of fun and relaxation.

Price includes a bed for 2 nights, 5 meals, and a snack.

- **Adult \$100** (Early Bird Pricing Ends Feb 29)
- **Child \$80** (Early Bird Pricing Ends Feb 29)

To learn more and register about what is included, please visit our webpage: [www.mcdunited.com/camp-kasota](http://www.mcdunited.com/camp-kasota)



# Stay in Touch

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