

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNIOR REFUGE will meet for one last time this Thursday, 3:45 to 5:15 PM.

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE** Invite your friends and family and join us for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24 at 7 PM.

**REMINDERS FROM THE TREASURER:** Receipts for reimbursement should be given to Penny no later than **Sunday, December 28**. Tithes and offerings to be included in your 2025 tax receipt should be placed in the Church Offering Box **by Sunday, December 28**, and e-transfers sent by **Tuesday, December 30**. Please see Penny with any questions.

**Mustard Seed Donations:** Our church is once again collecting clothing donations for the Mustard Seed Street Ministry in Calgary. **Please see the back bulletin board** for guidelines and suggestions on what kind of items to donate and place them under our Christmas tree at the front of the Sanctuary. CVCC will be collecting donations until the first Sunday in January.

**REFUGE – CVCC Jr. & Sr. High Youth** will return in January. Merry Christmas!

**IRON MEN – Men's Bible Study** is on hiatus until January. Watch for details here.

## BIBLE READING PLAN

From [Navigators.org](http://Navigators.org)

**Mon (12/15):** Revelation 3; **Tue (12/16):** Rev 4; **Wed (12/17):** Rev 5;  
**Thu (12/18):** Rev 6; **Fri (12/19):** Rev 7

*Information on the Bible Reading Plan for 2026 coming soon!*

## CELEBRATIONS



20<sup>th</sup> Perry Metzger

## PRAYER CORNER

Remember to add these items to your prayer list this week:

**CVCC Family of the week:** Pascal Baptiste

**ABA Church of the week:** Pathway Christian Communities, Grande Prairie

**CVCC Supported Missionaries:** Lyndelle Campbell-Requia: Brazil



## December 14, 2025

### Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Worship Song: #132 – Angels We Have Heard On High  
#133 – Hark The Herald Angels Sing

Lighting of the Third Advent Candle: **Joy, the Shepherd's Candle**

Special Music: **Joy To The World**

Worship Songs: #138 – **Go Tell It On The Mountain**

*Children aged 4-10 are dismissed to Sunday School downstairs*

Congregational Prayer

Scripture: **Luke 2:1-20**

Sermon **Harmful Lies About Christmas – Skeptics Who Try to Steal Christmas Joy**

Closing Song: #144 – **How Great Our Joy**

Benediction

**TITHING – Two ways you can give:**

**NOTE: Please see the back of the bulletin for 2025 giving deadlines**

- Placing your tithe in the offering 'church' box on the back table – remember to use an envelope and include your name if you would like a receipt for tax purposes
- Send an Interac eTransfer to [CVCCDonor@gmail.com](mailto:CVCCDonor@gmail.com)

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## Harmful Lies About Christmas – Skeptics Who Try to Steal Christmas Joy

### Introduction

#### A. Contradictions in the Christmas Story

##### 1. Differences between the Matthew and Luke Account

##### A Chronological way to Read the Christmas Story:

\*Read Matthew Chapter 1

\*Read Luke 2:1-38

\*Read Matthew Chapter 2

2. The Wrong Governor

3. Contradicting Genealogies

### B. Scripture vs Tradition

1. Did Mary and Joseph barely make it to Bethlehem by the skin of their teeth?

2. Was Jesus BORN in the manger?

3. Were the wise men Kings and were there actually three of them?

4. Did baby Jesus really not cry?

5. Did the Angels sing or just speak?

#### Conclusion:

-Skeptics will always try to steal our Joy

-But God's word is true and trustworthy.