



*Come to worship
Leave to serve*



SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST CHURCH
RED DEER

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WELCOME

Grace and peace to you. This was the Apostle Paul's traditional greeting to the churches in God's Kingdom community—God's family of grace and peace. Family relationships are important to God and they're important to us too! We hope and pray that you find grace and peace and family here in our Kingdom community. Please take some time to check out our programs, church school, or a sermon or two. We hope you'll come back frequently, and we pray that God will richly bless you as you seek to know Him and grow in grace.

PASTORAL TEAM

Senior Pastor, Moises Ruiz (587) 877-0861, mrui@albertaadventist.ca

Associate Pastor, Donovan Diminyatz, ddiminyatz@albertaadventist.ca

WEEKLY SABBATH SCHOOL

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Adult Class (1) Main Sanctuary
Adult Class (2) Main Sanctuary
Children's Beginner Ages 0-3
Children's Kindergarten Ages 4-5/Pre-K & K
Children's Primary Ages 6-9/Grades 1-4
Children's Junior Ages 10-12/Grades 5-7
Youth Ages 13-18/Grades 8-12
Clerk Helie Fabroa
Prayer Ministry
Treasurer Pope Gondwe
Secretary Crystal Palaganas

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sunset Today 04:26PM
Sunset Next Friday 04:31PM
Offering this week **Local Conference Advance**
Offering Next Week Union Designated
Next Communion Service **March 2023**
Bulletin Info RedDeerAdventist@gmail.com

South Side Christian School Kindergarten-Grade 9
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Church Website <https://www.reddeeradventist.ca>

For more announcements go to
www.reddeeradventist.ca/media/news-board

Have a Blessed Sabbath ☺

2022	Nov	Nov		YTD	YTD	
Red Deer SDA Church	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Offerings	10,847	13,667	(2,820)	93,396	150,333	(56,937)
Expenses	20,264	13,667	(6,598)	130,256	150,333	20,077

December 24, 2022

SABBATH SCHOOL & LESSON STUDY

09:30 AM – 10:45 AM

Lesson Study Reviewby Class
Sabbath School Small Group
<https://livestream.com/reddeeradventist/thesignofchristmas>

WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 AM

Prelude..... *Blue Bells*.....Strings Ensemble
Welcome & Kingdom Building Marjorie Landicho
Prayer Walter Amaya
Tithes, Lambs, & Offering Appeal..... Pope Gondwe
Offertory *Your Name*.....Hersea & Brandon Napod
Praise & WorshipThe Red Deer Gospel Chorale & Congregation
Christmas Joy Medley

Special Feature **The Birth of Jesus**.....Nativity Play

Featured Songs

<i>The King Is Coming Soon</i>	The Red Deer Gospel Chorale
<i>Do You Have Room?</i>	Xyrish, Ruby, RJ, Rainier, & Danielle
<i>Mary Did You Know?</i>	Angel & Friends
<i>O Holy Night</i>	Makanaka, Chata, & Innocent Bvochora
<i>Gloria in Excelsis Deo</i>	Children's Choir & Congregation
<i>We Three Kings</i>	Pr. Romy Daquila, Sonny Mullapudi, & Daniel Mbewa
<i>Shine</i>	Children's Choir

Scripture Reading**Luke 2:7**.....Archie Pandaleke

From The Word.....**"The Sign of Christmas"** Pastor Moises Ruiz

Appeal Song *A Great Joy*.....The Red Deer Gospel Chorale

Our Response The Red Deer Gospel Chorale & Congregation
Joy To The World

Benediction Katelyn Ruiz

Postlude *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*.....Strings Ensemble

Pianist: Ingrid Anderson | **Bass/Guitar:** Rainier Vidal | **Cello:** Linda Tym

Violin 1: Laurel Teierle, Sam Guanzon, London Quines, & Xander Rondaal

Violin 2: Lucia Polishuk & Krystyna Sprado

CAST OF CHARACTERS (*The Birth of Jesus*)

Narrator: Franz Caponpon | **Mary & Joseph:** Grace & Klint Rabusa

Prophets: Katelyn Ruiz, Kiran Thanaki, & Chata Bvochora

Three Wise Men: Pr. Romy Daquila, Sonny Mullapudi, & Daniel Mbewa

Shepherds: Rod Caponpon, Mohan Velpula, Vikas Joshua, Jim Palapar, & the little ones

Angel Gabriel: Cristciel Knight | **Angels:** Children's Choir

Stage Directors: Helie Fabroa & Marjorie Landicho

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is welcome to join our Prayer Meeting and Kids Prayer Time every Wednesday evening in Red Deer Church, starting at 7:00PM. Join us for a time of bible study, fellowship, and prayer.

NOTE: Our responsibility for the Soup Kitchen is on the 4th Sabbath of each month from 3:00PM until 6:00PM... and the following Thursday 3:00PM to 6:00PM.

Soup Kitchen item of the month for December is a canned bean. Any size, any kind. Your contribution is vital to the successful making of meals each Sunday morning, Thursday and Sabbath evening. Thank you.

Are you willing to serve in our church? Our church has a mission to bring people closer to Jesus. During this nominating time, we ask that you pray about how you can be connected with God's mission. There are many and exciting ways to get involved. Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10. **Please fill out the survey below to let us know your interests.** Link: <https://forms.gle/1mPHZ4zTFpb6Sqnc6>

ATTENTION: ALL SAGErs

SAGE Alberta 2023 Upcoming Events

Plans are in the works for a 2023 SAGE Winter Retreat at the William Watson cottages in Kananaskis Country. The tentative date is **MARCH 6-9, 2023**. SAGE will be booking available accommodations in early January 2023. Schedule will be: Arrive after 4 pm Monday; Leave by 11 am Thursday. When reservations have been booked, you will be notified of the costs and further details. If you are interested and wish to put your name on a waiting list, contact Lorna Joch: lorna.joch@gmail.com or (587) 879-1077.

SAGE Alberta 9th Annual Convention (College Heights SDA Church) - MAY 26-28, 2023.

There has been a date change in May 2023, for the Annual Convention, because of a conflicting schedule with another conference event. Please note, it is May 26-28, 2023. Guest speakers will be announced later. The first meeting will be Friday morning at 9:30 am, followed by an outing and lunch, banquet, and devotional. There will be a full day of meetings on Sabbath and the final meeting is 9:30 am Sunday. Everyone of all ages is invited to attend ALL scheduled meetings in the church. You do not have to be SAGEr (50+)!

OFFERING THIS WEEK is for the Local Conference Advance. Cheers to the Royal Baby

Matthew 2:2. "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

We worship God with our resources because the royal baby, Jesus, was born on planet earth. The fascination for royal babies has transcended all ages. A search of the name "Archie," a royal baby born to the Mountbatten-Windsor family in 2019, will give millions of results. The birth of a royal baby often creates a buzz in the media, and people feed on the most minute details out of curiosity and admiration. Likewise, seeing His star, the three Magi left everything and everyone behind and embarked on a tiresome, time-consuming, and unsafe journey beyond the boundaries of their homeland. When they arrived in Jerusalem, they disclosed the purpose of their trip: "we have come to worship the King, born of the Jews." The description that we have of this act of worship deserves attention.

Do you know any Christmas carols that the Magi sang to baby Jesus? Do you know the prayer that they made to the newborn King? Can you remember the words with which Joseph and Mary addressed them during their visit? Or any souvenir that they brought back home? Nowhere in the Gospel do we find such information. This silence is surprising and possibly significant! The focus was elsewhere: "On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh" (Matt. 2:11). They honored the royal baby by presenting gifts to Him.

The celebration of the birth of Jesus remains a major event in most countries and for many Christians. This year won't be an exception. Listening to carols, enjoying some favorite seasonal food, blessing ourselves and our loved ones with gifts, and participating in some uplifting church services define Christmas for many of us. This week, as we worship with our tithe and regular offerings, let us remember how the Magi worshiped the royal baby by giving of their resources.

Prayer: Lord, as we talk, sing, and reflect about the birth of Jesus, help us dedicate time and energy to seek You and to use our resources to honor You as King.

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