

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012

**CHALMERS
UNITED
CHURCH**

WELCOME!



1888 TENDERS FOR THE BUILDING OF OUR CHURCH:

Masonry - Isaac Newlands	\$ 14,000
Carpentry - W.H. Rogers	\$ 6,000
Tin & Ironwork - N. MacNeil	\$ 1,281
Painting - J. MacMahon	\$ 1,215

☞☞ Please stand if you are able.

For your convenience the ushers have
LARGE PRINT bulletins and hearing assist equipment.

GATHERING FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

WELCOME

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

Andante con moto (Op. 72, No. 4) Felix Mendelssohn

☞☞ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 265** *Creating God, Your Fingers Trace*

☞☞ **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE** (*sung by all*)

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria, gloria. Alleluia, alleluia.

☞☞ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: At night, when our cries for help echo off our walls,
you hear us;

All: You turn our tears into rivers of joy, Listener of our hearts.

One: Each day, as our fears push us closer to the edge of loneliness;

**All: You tug us back into the safety of your grace,
Servant of suffering.**

One: Every time we stumble over our efforts to be perfect;

**All: You pull us to our feet to learn new dance steps of
hope, Peace of our souls.**

☪☪ **INTROIT** *Healer of Our Every Ill*
**Healer of our every ill,
light of each tomorrow,
give us peace beyond our fear,
and hope beyond our sorrow.**

VU 619

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☪☪ **GATHERING PRAYER**

God in community, Holy in One, we have gathered the elements of our lives and brought them to this place...the joy of waking and living, the blush of health, the pain of illness, the grief of loss, the gift of love. Some of these we have carried a long way. In our humanity we bring our desire for relationship with you and for relationship with others. As we gather before you; encircle us with your love, bless us with your sustaining presence and surround us with your grace...so that in joy, and in trouble, we may be empowered to carry your goodness into the coming week...trusting in your love, serving your purpose, and praising your name. Amen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY WITH CHILDREN

SONG *God is So Good*

God is so good (3x)
God's so good to me.

(French) Dieu est si bon (3x)
Si bon envers moi.

(Japanese) Kami ga yasashii (x2)
Itsumo, Kami ga yasashii.

(Italian) Dio è così buono
è buono con noi

The children are now invited to go to their programs.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURES

One: Through scripture we meet the Living God.

**All: Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a
light unto my path.**

VU956

First Reading: 2 Kings 5: 1-14

One: Herein is Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

☞☞ **Responsive Reading: Psalm 30** VU757

The Gospel: Mark 1: 40 - 45

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Hear My Prayer* Felix Mendelssohn

SERMON *Choices*

☞☞ **HYMN 278** *In the Quiet Curve of Evening*

THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

The Invitation to the Offering

OFFERTORY *Andante sostenuto* (Op. 72, No. 2) Felix Mendelssohn

☞☞ **SONG OF DEDICATION** VU 545

**You nourish us with gifts, O God,
for body and for soul;
our love and service is our thanks,
for life that's free and whole,
for life that's free and whole.**

☞☞ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*in unison*) (Adaptation)

**God, lover of us all, most holy one. Help us to respond to you.
To create what you want for us here on earth.
Give us today enough for our needs.
Forgive our weak and deliberate offences, just as we forgive
others when they hurt us.
Help us to resist evil and to do what is good.
For we are yours, endowed with your power
to make our world whole. Amen**

☞☞ **HYMN 678** *For the Healing of the Nations*

☞☞ COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

☞☞ **SUNG RESPONSE** Amen.

POSTLUDE *Allegro non troppo* (Op. 72, No. 1) Felix Mendelssohn

TODAY

Welcome all worshippers!

We welcome Susan Gilger who will join us in worship.

The nursery is open this morning for families needing child care. Children's Fellowship will meet upstairs following the ministry with children.

Dr. Parker's sermon from last Sunday is available at the back of the church.

- **United Church Doctrine, Remit 6:** Chalmers Congregation will be examining the changes to the United Church's Doctrine following the service. The material comes from:
 - a) The 1940 Statement of Faith
 - b) The New Creed
 - c) The Song of FaithOur CCE has been asked to vote on their acceptance. If we fail to vote it will be counted as a negative vote.

- **The Chalmers Choir and Friends Present**
An Afternoon of Love Songs and Delectables
Special Desserts... Special Guests...
at 3pm in MacCallum Hall, Chalmers United Church
Admission \$15 at the door

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship with Susan Gilger

Sunday, Feb. 19, 2012

Transfiguration Sunday

Assigned Readings

2 Kings 2: 1-12

2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

Psalms 50: 1-6

Mark 9: 2-9

CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP

We will continue with crafts and stories over the next few weeks. We will be examining the meaning of The Lord's Prayer until March 4th.



The flowers in the sanctuary are
in loving memory of our parents,
Norma & Clare Horton and
Freida & Bill Fletcher
from Barb and Al.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **Feb. 14** **Noon Discussion Group** will meet in Chalmers House
- ◆ **Feb. 14** **Coordinating Council of Elders, 7 pm in MacCallum Hall**
Meetings are always open. Council will be reviewing material for Remit 6 at this meeting.
- ◆ **Feb. 21** **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30-7pm in MacCallum Hall**

ANNOUNCEMENT

Potluck Conversations

Our very successful lunch conversations on January 29th provided rich stories, memories and ideas. We have crafted a new set of questions based on what participants said on January 29th. This will be the last transition event until sometime in the spring when we present the results of these two events.

We hope you will be able to participate in one of these home potlucks. You will be able to sign up after church today, or you can email or call Katharine Smithrim and leave a message with your choice and she will call/email back to confirm.

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1. **Friday, February 17th at 6pm Potluck Supper**
Hosted by: Juliet Huntly
Location: Sydenham area 3656 Stage Coach Rd.
2. **Saturday, February 18 at 10am**
Child-friendly Potluck morning coffee
Hosted by: Leslie Veldman
Location: West end/Chapters area
3. **Saturday, February 18th at 12pm Potluck lunch**
Hosted by: Elaine Smith
Location: 57 Beverley Street
4. **Sunday, February 19th at approx. 12:15pm Potluck lunch**
Hosted by: Rosemary MacLachlin
Location: MacCallum Hall, Chalmers United Church
5. **Sunday, February 19th 12:30pm**
Lunch with Potluck desserts only if you wish
Hosted by: Doug and Jan Arrand
Location: 23 Schooner Drive.
Highway 15 between Barriefield and 401
6. **Sunday, February 19 right after church Potluck Lunch**
Hosted by: Heather Faris and Janice Moncrieff
Location: Queen's area

7. **Sunday, February 19 at 2:30pm Potluck afternoon tea with possible skating or cross country skiing**
Hosted by: Katharine Smithrim
Location: Loughborough Lake, 3371c Lakeside Rd, Inverary
8. **Tuesday, February 21 at 6:30 pm Potluck dinner**
Hosted by Mary Stewart-Ross
Location: 279 Mack Street
9. **Tuesday, February 21 at 7:30pm Potluck coffee and dessert**
Hosted by Bill and Cathy Galt
Location: 138 Robert Wallace Drive
10. **Thursday, February 23 at 4pm Potluck tea**
Hosted by Jean Alexander
Location: Harbour Place, 185 Ontario Street # 602
11. **Friday, February 24th at 3:30pm Potluck tea**
Hosted by Elaine Bryans
Location: 31 Lakeland Point Drive
12. **Saturday, February 25th at 3:30pm Potluck tea**
Hosted by: Joan Simeon
Location: 25 Helen St.

PARTICIPANTS

Presider	Susan Gilger
Music Director	David Melhorn-Boe
Soloist	Katharine Smithrim
Christian Ed. Leader	Margaret Moncrieff
Lay Reader	David Rutenberg
Sound Technician	Ryan Robinson
Nursery	Sarah Wallace
Ushers	Helen Mathers, Craig Ferguson, Elaine Smith, Jan Trites
Counter	Barbara Bennett
Coffee	Cathy & Bill Galt



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