

# Chalmers

The United Church of Canada



## The Second Sunday of Christmas New Year's Eve

**10:30 am    December 31, 2017**

**Children:** Christmas Craft activities with Hope Yen and Joy Yen.

**Hearing Assists and Large Print Bulletins** available from Greeters

**Song Books**    **VU** *Voices United*    **MV** *More Voices*

**Ringers Off** electronic devices. Thank you.

For millennia indigenous people have inhabited this land.  
We gather in gratitude on the shared territory of the *Anishinaabeg* and  
*Haudenosonee* Peoples, as they continue to share their land with us.

# Gather

*Noël en musette* - Jean Jacques Charpentier

## COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*stand Carol VU 35 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

## PRAYER OF THE HEART

*stand Carol VU 73 The Virgin Mary Had A Baby Boy*

# Word

Isaiah 43

selected verses

*Sung Refrain* **Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel. Born is the King of Israel.**

One Thus says the God who created and formed you,

All **"Do not fear for I have redeemed you.**

**I have called you by name. You are mine.**

One When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,

And through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.

All **When you walk through fire, you shall not be burned,**

**And the flame shall not consume you. R**

One You are precious in my sight and honoured. I love you,

All **Everyone who is called by my name**

**Whom I created for my glory,**

**Whom I formed and made.**

One Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes,

Who are deaf, yet have ears!

All **Let all the nations gather together. Let the peoples assemble.**

One You are my witnesses, my servants whom I have chosen,

That you may know and believe me and understand.

All **Before me no god was formed,**

**Nor shall there be any after me. R**

One Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

All **I am about to do a new thing. Now it springs forth.**

One Do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness.

All **For I give water in the wilderness and rivers in the desert**

**To give drink to my people, whom I formed for myself**

**That they may declare my praise. R**

SOLO *In the Bleak Midwinter* - Joel Martinson, arr. Christina Rossetti  
Soloist, Katharine Smithrim

Matthew 2: 1 – 15

*What's Ahead?*

Rev. Drew Strickland

# Thanksgiving

## PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

*The Virgin's Lullaby* - Miska Hauser

*stand Carol*

*We Three Kings*

We Three Kings of Orient are bearing Gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder Star.

Refrain:

O Star of Wonder, Star of Night, Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy Perfect Light.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain. Gold I bring to crown him again  
King forever, ceasing never, over us all to reign.

Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a Deity nigh.  
Prayer and praising, voices raising, worshipping God Most High.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume breathes of life of gathering gloom  
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying, sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Glorious now behold him arise, King and God and Sacrifice.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Earth to heav'n replies

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*stand Carol VU 59*

*Joy to the World*

## BLESSING

*stand Carol VU 43 Go Tell It on the Mountain*

*Tambourin sur un Noël provençal* - Michel Corrette

## Talents Shared

Our thanks to:

**Greeters:** TBA

**Sound Tech:** Matthias Melhorn-Boe, Dan Bergeron

**Counter:** Ivan Brandsma

## Today

- **11:30 am: New Year's Luncheon in MacCallum Hall** celebrating the many things that come together on this day, one being that it is the **last Sunday with the Rev. Drew Strickland, as our Minister.**

- **Epiphany Sunday Jan. 7, 2018 10:30 am:** Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Church congregations begin worshipping together at Chalmers with Dr. Ruth Wilson of SSUC preaching. Services move to SSUC in February.

Worship leadership in January: 14<sup>th</sup> – The Rev. Dr. Stanford Lucyk, 21<sup>st</sup> - The Rev. Dr. C. Wayne Hilliker, 28<sup>th</sup> - The Rev. Norm Esdon

- **Jan. 9, 2017 11:30 am:** The next luncheon of our **Two Church Lunch and Learn Group** (formerly the Joint Men's Group but now a non-gender-specific group) will be at Mino's Village Restaurant, 1762 Princess St. Our guest will be Mathew Deir, President, Dragonfly Information Technology Inc. The title of his talk is "Being an Entrepreneur - The Dragonfly Story". *Everyone* from Sydenham St. and Chalmers is invited

- **The Steering Committee** will post Worship location and leadership schedules in weekly bulletins, on our websites and on Church doors and signs. Expect continued lay participation for scripture readers, persons receiving the Offering and Greeters (a roster including Reps from both congregations will be established).

- **A new (Joint) Worship Committee** will be established, with a minimum of four persons from each congregation and *ex-officio* members, the Minister of Word, Sacraments and Pastoral Care and the Minister of Music. It will continue seeking to engage one Minister for full-time Supply beginning in February.



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