

Chalmers

The United Church of Canada



Journey of the Magi. 6th century CE Mosaic. Basilica of St. Apollinare Nuovo, Ravenna Italy

The Second Sunday of Advent

This is the irrational season when love blooms bright and wild.
If Mary'd been filled with reason, there'd have been no room for the Child.

Madeleine L'Engle

10:30 am December 10, 2017

Children: Spirit Alive with Hope Yen and Joy Yen.
Children participate in Advent craft activities.

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
Haudenosee Peoples, as they continue to share their land with us.

Gather

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, arr. Ricky Lombardo Flute Choir

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Advent Wreath

The Second Light of Advent - The Light of Sophia-Wisdom

One The flame catches and surprises the dark.

All **As we hear the Sacred Story anew
May we be caught this day by Wisdom!**

stand Carol VU 91 The First Nowell

PRAYER OF THE HEART

Word of Wisdom

The Stone

Erica Wyncoll

A Persian Legend of the Magi

Text: Dianne Hofmeyr. Pictures: Jude Daly

stand Carol VU 93 When Heaven's Bright with Mystery

Wisdom Scripture

Sirach 6: 18 – 31

Rosemary MacLachlan

Also known as Ecclesiasticus, Wisdom of Ben Sira (Jesus, Son of Sirach)
Intertestamental or Apocryphal Hebrew Wisdom Literature

Wisdom

Paul Carl

New and Old

A Canadian Christmas Carol

James Paton Clarke, arr. John Beckwith

No shepherds in the field tonight, no flock upon the wold,
Thro' shiv'ring forest branches moans the north blast fierce and cold.
But gloriously the white stars gleam as on that holy even,
When the herald Angels' chorus swell'd thro' the bright Judean heaven.

Let the wild wind sweep the snows without, within be joy and mirth.
Let happy households cheerly meet around the Christmas hearth.
One welcome pledge must circle round— "Be happy hearts and faces
To all we love in the Forest Land. To all in the far-off places!"

Thanksgiving

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, arr. Ann Cameron Pearce Flute Choir

stand Carol VU 55 *In the Bleak Winter*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O Birther! Father-Mother of the Cosmos
Focus your light within us. Make it useful.
Create your reign of unity
Through our fiery hearts and willing hands.
Help us love beyond our ideals
And sprout acts of compassion for all creatures.
Help us sense the earth beneath us
And feel Wisdom supporting all life.
Untangle the knots within us
That we may mend our hearts' ties to each other.
Do not let surface things delude us,
But free us from all that holds us back from our true purpose.
O Birther! Astonishing Fire, Light and Source of the Cosmos.
Amen

A Prayer in the form of the Lord's Prayer, from *Prayers of the Cosmos*, adapted.
Translation: N. Douglas-Klotz

stand Carol *Star of Wonder, Star of Wisdom* Tune: VU 256

Star of Wonder, Star of Wisdom, guide us to find your way.
Shine upon us with your vision of bright and peaceful days.
Lead us forward through each challenge,
Helping all be fair and free,
As together we're creating a new reality.
All our gifts and graces blossom, fulfilling hopes and dreams.
Then we marvel as the whole world alive with beauty gleams.
Star of Wonder, Star of Wisdom, illumine minds and hearts.
Guide us on your healing mission, your radiant life impart.
Light new pathways for our journey, leading to creation new.
Send your truth expanding always to show a wider view.
Then all heaven and earth will open with possibility,
A whole universe before us, far more than we can see.

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BLESSING

Sung Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Ding Dong Merrily on High, arr. Sondra K. Tucker Flute Choir

Talents Shared

Our thanks to:

Greeters: Mike Hartlin, Ruth Tracy

Liturgical Animation Team: Jan Elliott, Katie Henderson, Faye Irving, Rosalie Armstrong, Katharine Smithrim (Chair), David Melhorn-Boe, Rev. Drew Strickland

Baldwin Presentation Systems: Tim Tytula, General Manager & System Sales

Sound Tech: Brigitta Holzschuh

Counter: Juliet Milsome

Hospitality: PreService: Heather Faris

PostService: Mike Dent, Al Fletcher

Today

- **10:30 am:** We welcome indigenous community member **Paul Carl** of the Algonquin Anishinaabe Haudenosaunee Oneida Peoples.
- **11:30am: Integrated Projection Project TalkBack with Tim Tytula**, General Manager and System Sales for Baldwin Presentation Systems.
- **2018 Offering Envelopes** are at the back of the sanctuary for pick-up. Please notify the Church Office if yours are not there, or if you would like to have Offering Envelopes or give through Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR). Please Note: Some Envelope numbers have changed.

The Season of Advent and Christmas

Tuesday Dec. 12

- **11:30 am:** The next luncheon meeting 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 **Ron Lirette**, Executive Director of Hospice Kingston. The title of his talk is "A Compassionate Community That Celebrates Life." Everyone from Sydenham St. UC and Chalmers UC is invited to attend. Individuals on call lists will be contacted by team captains. Others wishing to attend and/or to have their name added to our call list, contact Meikle Turner <meikle_irish@yahoo.com> 613-542-7744 or *before 5 pm Sunday, Dec. 10*, to ensure that adequate accommodation can be arranged at Mino's. The cost for lunch, incl. tax and gratuity, is \$22 per person (a \$20 bill plus a toonie, please).
- **Noon: Book Discussion Group**, on *The Greatest Prayer* by John Dominic Crossan, meets in Church House. Brown bag lunch.
- **4:15 pm: CCE Executive** meets in Church House.

Wednesday Dec. 13

- **6 pm:** Chalmers Coordinating Council of Elders and Sydenham Street Executive Committee Potluck Supper in MacCallum Hall.

Thursday Dec. 14

- **Noon: Weekly Lunch** in MacCallum Hall. All welcome. **\$7.**
Contact Jane MacEwen 613-546-3905 if you have not yet attended.
- **1:30 pm: Centering Prayer** Circle at Church House.
- **7pm: Choir Rehearsal** in MacCallum Hall.

Friday Dec. 15

- **Noon: The 2 Church Just Lunch Christmas Buffet** gathering will be at Dox Restaurant in the Kingston Waterfront Holiday Inn. Register in advance with Meikle Turner 613-542-7744 <meikle_irish@yahoo.com>

The Third Sunday of Advent Dec. 17

- **10:30 am: *Snow Angels.*** Chalmers Choir Christmas Cantata.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

- **10:30 am: Christmas Eve Service**
The Sacred Story and Carols, Communion and Candlelight
- **4 pm: Christmas Nativity Play and Carols** for all ages.
- **7 pm: Christmas Eve Service**
Readings and Carols at Sydenham Street United Church.

The Inter-Church Refugee Partnership

Chalmers Representatives: Monika Holzschuh Sator, Mary Davis Little

The ICRP is happy to announce the sponsoring of our 5th Syrian household - a family of six with four children, currently in a Refugee Camp in Lebanon.

The family is from the Government's pre-approved list, and should be arriving in 4 - 8 weeks. Contact **Anya** Hageman <hagemana@econ.queensu.ca>,

Mary <davislittlem@gmail.com>, or call **Monika** 613-541-3939, to contribute:

- Mattresses - Twin and Queen (new)
- Mattress protectors: Twin (waterproof) and Queen
- Fitted Sheets and Blankets for twin beds, new Pillows
- Crib with mattress
- Infant Car Seat and Booster Seats (new or less than three y-o)
- Tools for family toolkit: screwdrivers, wrenches, flashlights
- New Vacuum Cleaner

The Joint Steering Committee

Planning and Coordinating Shared Ministry for 2018

For information contact Chalmers members of the Committee.

Chalmers: Lynne Clarke <clarkelc@icloud.com>
Juliet Huntly (Co-Chair) <jhuntly6@gmail.com>
Bob Little <rlittle@cswan.com>
David Spooner <dspooner@cogeco.ca>

SSUC: Kenn Doerksen, Lynn Freeman, Bruce Hutchinson,
James Leake, Barbara Parker, Ruth Wilson (Co-Chair)

Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Church congregations will begin worshipping together at Chalmers 10:30 am Epiphany Sunday January 7, 2018. We will be alternating between our two sanctuaries on a monthly basis, with Worship services moving to SSUC in February.

The Joint Worship Committee is seeking a full-time Supply Minister for January, or as soon as possible thereafter. See the Joint Worship Committee's full report on <chalmersunitedchurch.com>. Printed copies are available at the back of the sanctuary on Sunday, and at the Church Office Monday to Thursday. CUC: Barb Fletcher, Susan Irving, David Spooner. SSUC: Lynn Freeman, Rosemary Thoms, Eileen Woloshyn

Community Pastoral Care

Please refer persons in hospital or care facility, ill at home or needing contact to Rev. Drew Strickland 613-546-3263 (ext. 226) cell 613-876-0118 <drew.strickland@chalmersunitedchurch.com>

Flowers

Wishing to donate Flowers for the Sanctuary for a Sunday Service?

To offer flowers in memory or in honour of a loved one,
contact Isabel McLeod 613-546-2809.



Poinsettias are donated by Blaney's Florist with thanks.

Benevolent Fund

Donations needed of shampoos, conditioners, soaps, toothbrushes, toothpaste. Any size, new or opened, is welcomed by our Tuesday visitors. Please drop them off at Church House, or at the back of the Sanctuary.

Truth and Reconciliation Working Group

Minister of Justice Jody Wilson-Raybould recently announced that the Government of Canada is supporting Bill C-262, an Act to ensure the Laws of Canada are in harmony with *The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. It is essential to reinforce with Members of Parliament the importance of their support. For information and documents, visit adoptandimplement.com #pushingtothefinishline! #passbill262

A donation has been made to the Syrian Refugee Fund
In loving Memory of
John F. Lucyk and Daryl S. Lucyk
by the family
"May they be banqueting at the table in the Kingdom of God"
Luke 13: 29

LaSalle
Causeway
Swing Band

with the
Young Choristers
Limestone

Present a

Christmas

Benefit Concert

Sunday, Dec. 10th, 7 pm
Chalmers United Church

Admission is free. Donations will be accepted for the 2017 Caribbean Relief Fund and Chalmers Benevolent Fund Program (which puts 100% back into the Kingston community by providing grocery gift cards and Martha's Table Meal Tickets.

The 15 member band will feature jazz and big band standards and some fabulous Christmas favourites.



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