

# Chalmers

The United Church of Canada



## The Third 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 17, 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  
*Haudenosonee* Peoples, as they continue to share their land with us.

# Gather

Minuet No. 1 and 2 (*Suite in G major*) - J. S. Bach

## COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE ADVENT WREATH

#### The Third Light of Advent - The Light of Lights

One The flame catches and surprises the dark.

All **As we hear the Sacred Story anew**

**May we be caught this day by the coming Light of Christ!**

*stand Carol VU 60 O Come All Ye Faithful*

One PRAYER OF THE HEART

All **God, giving birth to the world,  
Giving breath to humanity, fill us with your light.  
Help us to usher in your reign of Justice and Peace on earth.  
Tune us to the harmony of the heavens.  
Teach us to sing your name.  
Grant us compassion for all living things.  
Feed us with what we need each day.  
Free us from what binds us,  
As we release others from guilt and shame.  
Help us to focus on what is good and to do what is right.  
Renew our hearts, our minds, our strength  
That we may be whole and wholly yours. Amen**

A Prayer in the form of The Lord's Prayer by G. Epp, Edmonton AB

## ***Snow Angel***

By Sarah Quartel

Jennifer Tindale, cello Drew Strickland, djembe

Marilyn Perry, first Angel

Brigitta Holzschuh, second Angel

Sophia Brodie, third Angel

### ***Prologue***

All God's heavenly angels. Open your eyes, sweet child.

### First Angel's Story

### ***Creatures of Light***

Creatures of light, such as still play, like motes in the sunshine,  
round the Child and through their infinite array,  
transmit each moment, night and day,  
the echo of this luminous word!

When earth lay nearer to the skies than in these days of crime and woe,  
and mortals saw, without surprise, in mid-air, angelic eyes  
gazing upon the earth below. Creatures of light.

## Second Angel's Story

### ***God Will Give Orders***

God will give orders to all angels about you,  
and all God's angels sing, "ah!"  
Do not think poorly of these little children.  
All of them have an angel in heaven,  
and all their angels can see the face of God.  
All your angels see the face of God.

### ***Sweet Child***

Sweet child, hear my song. Sweet child, I will guard you.  
Sweet child, you're the future. Love and mercy show to others.  
Faith, like a child, can hear the song, a song that falls on ears of those  
who wait, like a child, for peace to come.  
And trust that we will learn to show them  
love, like a child, who knows no wrong from being loved  
by those who've taught them  
faith, like a child, forever strong. The circle goes on.  
Sweet child, I will show you how to love!

## Third Angel's Story

### ***Snow Angel***

I went to my window one bright winter's morn and gazed at the new fallen snow.  
The world overtaken by flurries of white had set my surroundings aglow.  
I looked to the heavens seeking the source of this wonderland newly appeared,  
when there I spied a snow angel holding the flakes and spreading them near.  
She sang, "Even though the snow may blow, there's not a wind can stop my music,  
for I know that winter shelters life."  
On silver-blue wingtips she soared through the air, ensuring the flowers were warm.  
She knew that her snowflakes would blanket the earth and keep all its friends safe  
from harm.  
I thought for a moment she must be a dream, this angel with silvery wings,  
but then I discovered she was heaven-sent as her icy lips opened to sing.  
She sang, "Even though the snow may blow, there's not a wind can stop my music,  
for I know that winter shelters life."  
When she knew that the flowers were asleep, she beat her wings faster to go,  
but soon, looking back on the work she had done, she let herself fall to the snow.  
I saw for a moment the smile on her face 'fore she launched herself back in the air.  
I'm sure there are many snow angels in heaven, but now I have one down here.  
I sing, "Even though the snow may blow, there's not a wind can stop my music,  
for I know that winter shelters life."

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Reflection

Rev. Drew Strickland

*stand* Carol VU 74

*What Child Is This?*

## Thanksgiving

### PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

Largo (*Sonata in E minor*) Antonio Vivaldi

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*stand* Carol VU 76 *See Amid The Winter's Snow*

## BLESSING

*Sung Gloria*

***Gloria in excelsis Deo!***

Gavotte J. B. Lully

## Talents Shared

Our thanks to:

**Greeters: TBA**

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

**Sound Tech:** Brigitta Holzschuh

**Counters:** Linda and Nick Steinberg

**Hospitality:** PreService: Heather Faris

PostService: Wilmer Hill, Wayne Hilliker

## Today

- We welcome and thank **cellist Jennifer Tindale**. Jennifer began playing cello at the age of 10 when her father, a luther and local music teacher, presented her with a cello. A love for the instrument quickly developed. She studied cello with Robert Dodson at Queen's University where she received a Bachelor of Music and a Bachelor of Education. She is a member of the Kingston Symphony Orchestra. She has served as first cellist for Kingston Community Strings, Kingston Community Orchestra, and Quinte Community Orchestra. Small ensembles such as 13! A String Ensemble and quartets are part of her playing experience. Many years were spent as a school teacher both in Elementary and Secondary, finishing her teaching career as a grade three teacher. Lately conducting has become a focus with the Kingston Community Strings. Retirement has afforded her more time to focus on a love of cello and all things musical.
- **11:45 am: Integrated Projection Project TalkBack**
- **Noon: Children's Nativity Play** gathering with Hope Yen, Joy Yen and Bruce Elliott for information for parents and children, in the Sanctuary.
- **2018 Offering Envelopes** are at the back of the sanctuary for pickup. 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.
- **Cookie Sales:** Once again the cookie tray sale was a huge success. Thank you so much to all the bakers whose wonderful contributions fill the trays and to the many who came on Wednesday morning to fill and deliver the trays. - Jane MacEwen
- **Thanks to everyone** who attended and supported the Christmas Benefit Concert on Sunday. Special thanks to the LaSalle Causeway Swing Band and the Young Choristers Limestone. \$500 went to the Chalmers Benevolent Fund and \$150 to the UCC Caribbean Hurricane Relief Fund.

#### Thursday Dec. 21

- **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.

#### Christmas Eve Dec. 24

- **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 Sunday After Christmas Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

- **10:30 am: Carol Service of Worship**

#### Epiphany Sunday Jan. 7, 2018

- **10:30 am: Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Church congregations begin worshipping together at Chalmers.** We will be alternating between our two sanctuaries on a monthly basis, with services moving to SSUC in Feb.

#### December 2017

- **The Joint Worship Committee** CUC: Barb Fletcher, Susan Irving, David Spooner
- SSUC: Lynn Freeman, Rosemary Thoms, Eileen Woloshyn
- has confirmed Ordered and lay leaders of our congregations to lead Worship services in January. 7<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Ruth Wilson.  
14<sup>th</sup> – The Rev. Dr. Stanford Lucyk. 21<sup>st</sup> - The Rev. Dr. C. Wayne Hillker.  
28<sup>th</sup> - The Rev. Norm Esdon.
- will announce as soon as possible plans for Pastoral Care coverage in January.
- continues seeking to engage one Minister for full-time Supply beginning in February.
- The Joint Worship Committee Report with recommendations, approved by the Steering Committee, our Coordinating Council of Elders and the SSUC Executive, is available at the back of the sanctuary, at the Church Office Monday to Thursday, and at [chalmersunitedchurch.com](http://chalmersunitedchurch.com).
- The Joint Worship Committee, the SSUC Worship Committee and Chalmers Liturgical Animation Team (LAT) complete their service.

#### January 2018

- **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.
- Chalmers LAT members, Jan Elliott and Katharine Smithrim,

continue into 2018 guiding the completion of the Chalmers Integrated Projection Project.

- **The Steering Committee** will post Worship site 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).

### **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.

### **The Inter-Church Refugee Partnership**

Chalmers Representatives: Monika Holzschuh Sator, Mary Davis Little

**The ICRP is announces the sponsoring of our 5<sup>th</sup> Syrian household - a family of six with four children, currently in a Refugee Camp in Lebanon.** The family is from the Canadian Government's pre-approved list, and is expected to arrive in early in the new year.

Contact **Anya Hageman** <hagemana@econ.queensu.ca>, **Mary** <davislittle@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>  
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**SSUC:** Kenn Doerksen, Lynn Freeman, Bruce Hutchinson,  
James Leake, Barbara Parker, Ruth Wilson (Co-Chair)

## Stamps



**Stamp Program: Please** save your cancelled stamps from home or business mail, especially over the Christmas season. The corner of the envelope is all that is required. Place stamps in the Box at the back of the sanctuary or at the Church Office. (Use mail slot if Office is closed). The value of used stamps goes toward new stamps, saving Chalmers hundreds of dollars annually in postage costs for which we have Ernie Radke to be grateful for.

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Fridays: administration only.

Emergencies only please.

Church Office closes Dec 22 and reopens Jan 2, 2018

