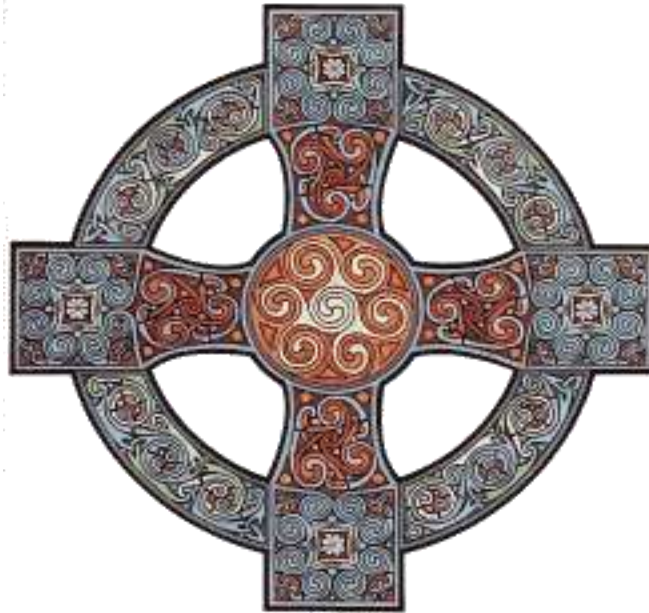


Chalmers and Sydenham Street



Shared Community

United Churches of Canada

Epiphany Sunday - Bringing our Gifts

10:30 am - January 7, 2018

Assists Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

Children are invited to meet with Hope Yen and a volunteer to hear the Epiphany story and do craft activities. Please meet in the Clergy St foyer by MacCallum Hall.

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

Churches **CUC** Chalmers United Church
SSUC Sydenham St United Church

Ringers Off electronic devices. Thank you.

Prayers of the People Prayer requests for persons ill (with permission) and for global, national and local concerns may be left at the Prayer Desk at the south back wall of the sanctuary. These will be brought to the Communion Table with the Offering and included in the Prayers.

For millennia indigenous people have inhabited this land. We gather on the traditional shared territory of the *Anishinaabek* and *Haudenosonee* Peoples, grateful for their historic stewardship.

Gathering

The Nightingale and the Rose - Nicholas Rimsky-Korsakov

CALL TO WORSHIP

Creator God, we gather together to worship you. Together we ready ourselves to hear your call, the same call which the Magi heard.

**Sages leave your contemplation,
Brighter visions shine afar
See the great desire of nations
Ye have seen his natal star
Come and worship, come and worship
Worship Christ the newborn King.**

VU 36 *Angels from the Realm of Glory*

Words: James Montgomery, Descant © 1996 Ruth Girard

stand VU 579 *The Church Is Wherever God's People are Praising*
(invitation for children to move to MacCallum Hall)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND CONFESSION

ASSURANCE

Know this; whatever the depth of your failure of sin, God has already forgiven you. Accept that forgiveness, accept yourself, and give thanks.

ANTHEM

Rivers of Living Water - Karen Marrolli

Hope Yen: flute, Michael Dufault: violin, Douglas Brodie: hand drum

Word

Isaiah 60: 1 - 6, 18

Sue Irving

Psalms 72: 1 - 7, 10 - 14

Sue Irving

Matthew 2: 1 - 12

David Spooner

said

For the word of God in scripture

Dr. Ruth Wilson

For the word of God among us

For the word of God within us

Thanks be to God

stand VU 79 *Arise, Your Light Is Come*

READING

Crossing Boundaries

Barb Fletcher

by Lois Wilson, from *Like a Mighty River*, 1981, used with permission

SERMON

Bringing Our Gifts

Dr. Ruth Wilson

Thanksgiving

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

Jack Soule, Lynn Freeman, Murray Anderson
Sydenham St. - Braid symbolizes our commitment to engaging the spirit,
nurturing and being nurtured by the arts, and social justice and outreach.
Chalmers UC - Unity Congregational Plate, 1886
and Congregational Goblet, 1851
coming together in Communion.

Lyric Piece - Zoltan Kodaly

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

sung VU 331 *The Church's One Foundation*

BENEDICTION

Old South Church, Boston, United Church of Christ
Walk bravely into this new week
Shun the hollow
Hallow the good
Forgive those who wound you
Wound not in return
Encourage the discouraged
Cherish times with the lonely
Pray in private crannies about all things
Be found celebrating
Practice rejoicing
Encourage laughter in your soul

POSTLUDE

The New -Yeeres Gift - Anthony Holborne

Talents Shared

Our thanks to

Leading Worship Dr. Ruth Wilson
Joint Worship Committee of Chalmers and Sydenham St
United: Barb Fletcher, Lynn Freeman, Sue Irving, David Spooner,
Rosemary Thoms, Eileen Woloshyn
Greeters Susan Irving, Sheila Menard
Hospitality Gail Blackwood, Mike Hartlin
Sound Tech Shannon Dickson
Counters Joan Simeon

Today

Worshipping  Sundays Together

Sydenham Street United joins with Chalmers United in January
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- **Following the Service we will be continuing our discussion on Remit # 6, One Order of Ministry.**
- **Called by Name: Sydenham St folks are encouraged to see Vicki Ruthven for a stick-on name tag.** In a show of hospitality, let us wear name tags wherever we are, offering our names to each other as a sign of greeting and welcome. You are invited to wear one of the "stick-on name tags" which will be provided. Following that, we will have a system for transporting our regular name tags back and forth. Thanks for your patience as we work through this small but important detail. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Hutchinson at <hutchinl@kingston.net> or 613-542-7645.
- **Chalmers folks are also encouraged to wear their name tags at this time of introductions and new hospitality.**
- **CUC 2018 Offering Envelopes** are at the back of the sanctuary for pickup. Please notify the Church Office if yours is 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.



Tuesday Jan. 9

- **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 Mathew Deir, President, Dragonfly Information Technology Inc. The title of his talk is "Being an Entrepreneur - The Dragonfly Story". *Everyone* from Sydenham St. U.C. 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, please contact Meikle Turner at (613) 542-7744 or <meikle_irish@yahoo.com> *before 5 pm on Sunday, Jan.7*. This is to ensure that adequate accommodation can be arranged at Mino's. The cost for the luncheon, including tax & gratuity, is \$22. per person (a \$20 bill plus a toonie, please).
- **Noon: CUC Book Discussion Group** on *The Greatest Prayer* by John Dominic Crossan, meets in Church House. Brown bag lunch. All ladies welcome.

Thursday Jan. 11

- **Noon: CUC Weekly Lunch** in MacCallum Hall. All welcome. \$7. Contact Jane MacEwen 613-546-3905 if you would like to attend and are not yet on the call list.
- **1:30 pm: Centering Prayer** Circle at Chalmers Church House.
- **7 pm: Choir Rehearsal** in MacCallum Hall.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

- **11 am to 1 pm: SSUC Prayer Shawl meeting** in the Sydenham St. upper kitchen - come in the alley entrance and take the elevator (up to 3) turn right and you will see the kitchen. We do have chairs and tables up there. Join us for some knitting, crocheting, tea and conversation. Bring a bag lunch along with any prayer shawls you have managed to complete during the fall months and of course your knitting/crocheting. We have lots of donated wool waiting for someone to knit or crochet. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday, January 21

- **Chalmers Congregational Meeting** to approve the 2018 budget will follow the service.

Moving Forward

- **Announcements:** if you have announcements for the church bulletin, church inquiries, or updates to information, please send them to <chalmers.sydenham@kos.net>.
- **Good News!** Sydenham Street's submission to the *Embracing the Spirit* initiative of the United Church has been approved for a grant of \$20,000, to be delivered soon! These funds are to support a pilot project to determine how best to manage our two church buildings and accordingly develop an approach that could eventually be utilized by others. In addition to the financial support, Sydenham St. will receive mentoring from a volunteer with expertise in an area related to our project. This welcome funding and support will benefit our joint efforts and budgets – one more positive step forward!
- **Chalmers Council of Elders and the Sydenham Street Executive** recently approved these and other recommendations (see below) proposed by the Joint Worship Committee. These included the continued participation of lay persons in worship, a single roster with representatives from both congregations serving as greeters, scripture readers, collection takers and other roles at each location. Also approved was the establishment of a new Joint Worship Committee, with a minimum of four representatives from each congregation and ex-officio members, the Minister of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care and the Minister of Music.

- **The Joint Worship Committee** will be seeking to engage one Minister for full-time supply, beginning in February. The Committee has confirmed Ministry and lay leaders in our congregations to lead worship during January and will announce final plans for pastoral care coverage as soon as possible.
- **Worship schedule for January at Chalmers:**
 January 7 - Ruth Wilson
 January 14 - Stan Lucyk, Barb Fletcher, liturgist
 January 21 - Wayne Hilliker
 January 28 - Norm Esdon

ICRP (Inter-Church Refugee Partnership)

is pleased to announce that our fifth Syrian household, a family with four children (boys 1, 3 and 7. and a girl, 9) arrived in Kingston, from Beirut, Lebanon. The ICRP (SSUC and Chalmers UC are partner churches) will share its year-long sponsorship with the Canadian government, in a Blended Visa Office Referred arrangement. A team of some 30 volunteers has been assembled to help the family meet its many new needs. The family will be staying in a house kindly shared by one of our Islamic Society of Kingston friends, for their first 5 weeks, and they will then move into a 3-bedroom townhouse on February 1. The older children will attend school at Frontenac Primary School. Please keep this family, who have lived several years in a United Nations refugee camp near Beirut, in your prayers. We will keep you advised of their progress.

Community Pastoral Caring

Chalmers UC: Please refer persons in hospital or care facility, ill at home or needing contact, call Marilyn Perry 613-548-8462 <djp@queensu.ca> or the office 613 546-3263 ext. 222.

Sydenham St. UC: For pastoral care in the month of January please contact Marylil Megginson <marylil@kos.net> 613-544-9420.



Flowers in the Sanctuary
are in Loving Memory of

Kai Koo Yen

from the Houlden Yen families.

- **Flowers:** Each Sunday Memorial Flowers in the sanctuary are delivered to members who are sick, in hospital, shut-in, or would benefit. If you wish to donate flowers (tax receiptable), please contact Isabel McLeod, 613-546-2809.

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Sydenham Street United Church

as an Affirming Congregation seeks to be a vital faith community within The United Church of Canada engaged in spirituality, justice and creativity, informed by Jesus Christ and the Bible, and discerning the call of the Trinity as we celebrate diversity, inclusivity and abundant life. Indigenous land acknowledgement as per on the front cover of bulletin.



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