

Sydenham Street
and Chalmers
United Churches of Canada
Sharing Worship



The Doomsday Clock

10:30 am December 2, 2018

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Hours: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Mon. – Thurs.

For millennia indigenous people have inhabited this land. We acknowledge with gratitude that we gather today on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Peoples.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Services in Dec. are at Sydenham St United Church, 82 Sydenham St.

Assists Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

Growing Spirits Children are invited to meet with Hope Yen and Brigitta Holzschuh for Christian stories and activities. Please meet in the Conference Room, First Floor, when prompted.

Washrooms are in the office foyer area through the right front doors of the Sanctuary.

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

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 given to a Greeter at the front door.

CHURCHES

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.

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Chalmers United Church is a community of God's people who embrace Christian tradition and encourage new ideas. We gather to: Celebrate God's love; Search and be challenged; Nurture and be nurtured. We seek to: Welcome all who come; engage all ages in Ministry; be guided by faith in daily life; and be a compassionate, hopeful presence in the world. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. (1997)

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10:30 am on Sundays when at Chalmers

OFFICE HOURS

Chalmers and Sydenham St Church House Offices:

Mon. to Thurs. 9:30 am to 4 pm

The Spire/SSUC Office: Monday to Friday 9 am to noon

For bulletin materials please use: <bulletin@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com>

"CHRISTIANITY SEES GOD AS THE PRIMAL PILGRIM, TRAVELING LIGHT-
YEARS FROM HEAVEN'S THRONE TO MARY'S WOMB.....

GOD COMES IN SEARCH OF A GUEST - HOUSE IN EVERY HUMAN SOUL."

Donald Heinz

1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

☞☞ indicates you are invited to rise in body and spirit as you are able

PRELUDE

The Unanswered Question (Op. 68, No. 30) - Robert Schumann

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

GARLAND OF BOWS OF CREATION

*You are invited to come forward
and tie a bow this Sunday that symbolizes the gift of hope.*

INTROIT

Hope Is a Star

VU 7, verse 1

☞☞ **VU 1** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

verses 1,2,4,5,7

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE: HOPE

One Today we kindle the Advent candle of hope. *(the 1st candle is lit)*

All **We welcome the light that pierces the shadows,
the light that affirms God's presence, the light
that enables us to move forward in faith.**

*Come, Holy Stranger, beacon of hope on this
Advent journey: welcome us as we welcome you.*

We receive the light of hope

☞☞ **MV 221** *I am Walking a Path of Hope*

**I am walking a path of hope, I am walking a path of hope,
I am walking a path of hope, lead me home, lead me home**

ADVENT PRAYER

All **Holy One, You call us to live in this world
as courageous bearers of hope, standing in the face
of all that seems to contradict your Gospel and demean life.
Let us be courageous.**

**As the advertisements turn Christmas into a product and
elevate prosperity and material possessions,
help us to show that the greatest gift of all is your presence
at the centre of our lives. In silence we offer prayers
that indicate our needs this day.**

Silence

BLESSING

of Christmas Cakes and Cards

Gracious and Generous God.

We are ever grateful for all you have given us.

Today we are especially mindful of those in our community who are with us in spirit, but who are no longer able to be as physically present or active in church life.

We ask you to bless these gifts of Christmas cake and cards, and to bless the people who will deliver these gifts on our behalf.

We thank you for the creativity of Beth, Barb and David who have made these gifts that we, in turn, may give them to others.

May the gifts we offer and the gifts we receive be expressions of our shared gratitude for your gifts to us and our shared desire to be generous and compassionate as you are. Amen.

Children may leave for their programs.

A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

All We open now to Sacred Mystery, to the Holy One, infinitely greater than words can express, whose love for us and all creation exceeds our capacity to imagine. Amen

Luke 21: 25 - 26

Jack Soule

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Veiled in Darkness - Glenn Rudolph

SERMON

"HOW DO WE SAY 'HELLO' TO HERE?"

Rev. Barry King

☞ MV 20 *God of Still Waiting*

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERTORY

First Loss (Op. 68, No. 16) - Robert Schumann

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

☞ MV 220 *Hope Shines as the Solitary Star*

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

seated VU pg 916 THE LORD'S PRAYER

Come, Christmas Child



1. Come, Christ-mas Child, come a - gain in your won - der,
 2. Come to be born in a com - fort - less cra - dle,
 3. Bring us your mir - ror of hope and com - pas - sion,
 4. Come, Christ-mas Child, in the fes - ti - val's flur - ry,



chang - ing the world with the light that you hold,
 come where our cru - el - ties keep us in chains:
 bring us your mind - set that mends and re - stores,
 come in the sil - lence, the pain and the night,



burst through the mist and the dust of the a - ges,
 Her - od still hunts for the in - no - cent child - ren,
 bake us the bread of new life you will of - fer,
 come in the hearts that are faith - ful as Ma - ry,

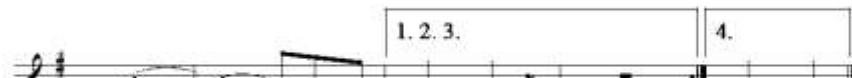


Word for our time to un - wrap and en - fold, _____
 Ra - chel still weeps and her sor - row re - mains, _____
 knock - ing once more on hu - man - i - ty's doors, _____
 bring - ing the joy of the love you u - nite, _____

Refrain



Come, _____ Christ - mas Child, _____ Come, a - gain Christ - mas Child, _____ Oh,



come, _____ Christ - mas Child, _____ Child, _____

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Sleepers, Wake! (Cantata 140) - J. S. Bach

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU TO

Greeters Jack Soule, Meikle Turner
Hospitality Jan Bryant, Diane Soule
Counters Joan Simeon

TODAY

- **CHALMERS' ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP IN CHURCH HOUSE:** If you haven't already picked yours up, and cannot come in to the office, please call and we will make arrangements to get them to you. 613 546 3263 ext. 222. Please note: most importantly, some envelope numbers have changed, so old unused envelopes should be discarded or brought into the office for reuse.
- **7 pm: Sunday Evening services of Music and Reflection continue every week in Chalmers' sanctuary.** Advent is a time of both celebration and reflection. It is a time of waiting and of expectancy, held together by traditional themes. The Bible and our daily living are always intertwined. The Creator's light and hope resonate at the heart of the universe and in the depths of our being. During the four weeks of Advent we will gather together and be guided in our worship as we follow a resource from the Iona Community in Scotland, "The Light which Illumins the World" by Peter Millar. Our sacred intention will be to discover, name, and be renewed by the light that is in the darkness. All are welcome to come and join as we light the advent candle. Our first week we will explore the promise of liberation. For info please contact Mary-Stewart Ross 613-384-0952 or <marystewartross@gmail.com> or Grace McBride <grace-mcbride@live.com>.

THE TRANSITION TEAM WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- **Calling All Circles of Companionship!** The Transition Team wants to meet with every Circle of Companionship group. We wanted to have some Small Group Discussions with people from both congregations, and it occurred to us that the Circles of Companionship would be an ideal format for our Small Group Discussions. Please arrange with your Point Person to meet with your Circle of Companionship Group within the next 4 weeks, before we all get into the busy Christmas season. Contact Mary-Stewart Ross at <marystewartross@gmail.com> (for Chalmers groups) and Ian Malcolm at <IanRWMalcolm@gmail.com> (for SSUC groups) and advise them of the date, time & location of your Circle Group meeting and they will arrange for a Transition Team member to come to the meeting and lead a discussion.
Every Sunday after the service, 2 members of the Transition Team will be waiting for you at the coffee hour. **They want to hear your thoughts about our Shared Ministry & Staffing. What do you need the Transition Team to know to help them facilitate where we're going in the future and how we will get there?**

COMMUNITY PASTORAL CARING

- **To place Flowers in the Chalmers' Sanctuary for Worship Services:**
Contact Isabel McLeod 613-546-2809.



To honour the Memory of
**John Frederick Lucyk and
Daryl Stephen Lucyk**

A contribution has been made by their family
to the Mission and Service Fund for the
planting of olive trees
in the Palestinian Territories.

MOVING FORWARD

- **Bulletin Announcements:** if you have announcements for the church bulletin, please send them by end of day Monday for inclusion the following Sunday to <bulletin@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com>
- **Contacting Your Church Office by Phone:** As a transitional measure, members of both congregations wishing to reach their church office should call 613-546-3263 ext. 221
- **Booking a Room at Sydenham Street United:** please call 613-542-9616 ext. 201 or e-mail your request to <thespire@kos.net>
- **Booking a Room at Chalmers United:** please call 613-546-3263 ext. 222 or email <office@chalmersunitedchurch.com>

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Worshipping Sundays Together
at Sydenham Street in December.