

Chalmers and  
Sydenham Street  
United Churches of Canada



Sharing Worship

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# DIDN'T SEE IT COMING



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**Church Office:** 613- 546-3263 ext.222  
**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 November** are at Chalmers United: 212 Barrie St at Clergy 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 Clergy St. foyer when prompted.

**Washrooms** are located in the Clergy St foyer.

**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 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 will be included in the Prayers.

**Called by Name** Sydenham St and Chalmers folks are encouraged to wear their name tags.

## CHURCHES

**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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**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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## OFFICE HOURS

**Chalmers and Sydenham St Church House Offices:**

Monday to Thursday 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>

" The biggest risk is not taking any risk...in a world that's changing really quickly, the only strategy that is guaranteed to fail is not taking any risks." - Mark Zuckerberg

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

# GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

## PRELUDE

*Präludium* - Johann Kittel

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

## INTROIT

*Abundant Life* - MV 143, verses 1 and 2

*seated* **VU 399** *God, Whose Love Is Reigning o'er Us*

## GATHERING

One Who are you?

All **I am a child of God.**

What does a child of God do?

**Live fully.**

When do you do it?

**The only when is now.**

What do you need?

**Courage, faith and gratitude.**

What shall you say?

**Say "Yes" to now, "I don't know" to Mystery and**

**"Thank You" to Life.**

## PRAYER OF THE HEART

All Sacred One.....

....from the beginning of time you call us into relationship.

You call us into communities that are real.

May we become salt and light that helps to create beams  
of compassion, community and hope.

We give thanks for places we belong.

We give thanks for those who help us feel accepted,  
for those who welcome us.

Receive our confession, or our gratitude,  
or our concern for self or others...

Hear our silent meditation.....*Silence*

## BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS AND TIME WITH CHILDREN

*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

Isaiah 43: 16 - 21

Norm Esdon

**One** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## ANTHEM

*A Short Alleluia* - Irving Fine, arr. John Hopkins

## SERMON

**"DIDN'T SEE IT COMING"**

Rev Barry King

☞ **MV 161** *I Have Called You by Your Name*

# COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

## OFFERTORY

Chorale prelude, *Alle Menschen müssen sterben* - G. F. Kauffmann

## PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

*Fugue in E flat* - Johann Rembt

**All** With this offering, we present also ourselves:  
all that we have been, all that we are,  
and all that we shall become. – Jim Wallis

## PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

☞ **VU 375** *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

## BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

☞ **MV 222** *May the Peace of God Be Your Peace*

## POSTLUDE

*Fugue in E flat* - Johann Rembt

# TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU TO

**Greeters** Norm Esdon  
**Hospitality** Juliet Huntley, Michael Cooke, Rosmary MacLachlan  
**Counters** Grace McBride  
**Sound Tech** Dan Bergeron, Brigitta Holzschuh, Olivia O'Driscoll

## TODAY

- **PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPES THIS MORNING AT THE BACK!!!**

Envelopes for next year can be picked up after the service, before the services return to SSUC for December and January. Please note: most importantly, some envelope numbers have changed, so old unused envelopes should be discarded or brought into the office for reuse.

- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** As some of you know, Sydenham Street UC has had a Prayer Shawl Ministry for many years, and for the past two, Chalmers members have joined. Shawls have been made for

centuries to provide warmth and comfort, and in our Prayer Shawl Ministry, they are symbolic of an inclusive, unconditionally loving, God. Our shawls combine compassion and the love of knitting and crocheting into a ministry, which reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace, after loss or during illness, as well as those celebrating: a new marriage, the birth of a baby, one's retirement etc. Many blessings are prayed into the stitches. The group produces a number of shawls every year, and each one is blessed during a short ceremony during Sunday worship. We also make pocket prayer squares, which come with a little note reminding the person who receives it of God's ever-present love in every situation and season of life. If you would like to take a prayer square for yourself or to give, please help yourself from the basket in the back pew at Chalmers and the basket in the entry hall at Sydenham Street UC. If you would like to receive a prayer shawl, or suggest someone receive on, please contact Rev. Barry King. Prayer Shawl Group.



- **1:30 pm: 8<sup>th</sup> Fire Screenings: (1 hour) Part 2 continues TODAY, then on Feb. 3 & 24,**

**2019.** Last Sunday an audience of 52 people (about half from beyond our congregation) was thoroughly engaged while viewing Part 1 of 8<sup>th</sup> FIRE. When it ended, many gathered at the back of the sanctuary for casual, thoughtful conversation and homemade cookies. This free public showing on the big screen is a response to the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report; its intent is to broaden our understanding of what it is to be Indigenous in Canada. Those who attended last Sunday were moved by a provocative and visually rich viewing experience. We hope that this afternoon you will be present with us and others who wish they could "do some-thing" about injustice in our country but aren't quite sure how to get started. Barbara Parrott for the Joint (Sydenham Street/Chalmers) Truth and Reconciliation Action Committee. <parrottb@hotmail.com>



- **5 pm: Student Supper** Chalmers Church invites post-secondary students to an evening of meeting new friends and a delicious homecooked dinner. This is our second evening of this term and will be held in MacCallum Hall (behind the sanctuary). Welcome back, students!
- **7 pm: Sunday Evening services of Music and Reflection continue every week in Chalmers' sanctuary.** The topic this evening is "A Cure for Resentment". Sunday evening Advent services will begin on December 2nd. For info please contact Mary-Stewart Ross 613-384-0952 or <marystewartross@gmail.com> or Grace McBride <grace-mcbride@live.com>.
- **7 pm: SSUC Movie and Coffee small group** All are welcome to join in! We will meet at the Screening Room for any of the movies that start about 7 p.m. Check the newspaper or the Screening Room website for exact start times. After the movies, we'll gather for refreshments and conversation at Chez Piggy's. Our regular movie night is the last Sunday of the month. For more info, contact Barb Carr <barbecarr@hotmail.com> or 613-544-4081.

## 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?**

## 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>
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## COMMUNITY PASTORAL CARING

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

### FLOWERS

The Flowers in the sanctuary are  
in loving memory of

Edwin and Hannah Robertson  
and their beloved Daughter, Elspeth.



During October and November,  
donations have been made in Memory of

Annabel Wenzel-Stewart

Mary Dunbar



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Worshipping Sundays Together  
at Chalmers in November  
and at Sydenham Street in December and January