

Sydenham Street
and Chalmers
United Churches of Canada
Sharing Worship



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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

December Services are at Sydenham St United Church, 82 Sydenham St.
Christmas Eve family Service 4 pm is at Chalmers United, 212 Barrie St.
January Services are at Chalmers United, 212 Barrie 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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Live Online when at the 212 Barrie St Chalmers location. 10:30 am Sundays
<www.chalmersunitedchurch.com>

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>

"It is now, at Advent, that I am given the chance to suspend all expectation...and instead to revel in the mystery."

Jerusalem Jackson Greer, 21st century

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

ADVENT THREE

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

French Carol
arr. David Ferreira

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

GARLAND OF BOWS CREATION

*You are invited to come forward
and tie a bow this Sunday that symbolizes the gift of joy.
Come, I Pray Thee - W H Anderson*

INTROIT

Joy Is a Song

VU 7, verse 3

☞ **VU 29** *Hark the Glad Sound*

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE: JOY

One We have lit the first two candles – the candle of hope and the candle of peace. Today we light the candle of Joy. As this season of “sparkle and bright” unfolds around us the transforming wonders of joy await discovery like shimmering sugar crystals on a favourite treat. May we create joy in all our surroundings as we share gifts, meals, and simple pleasures with family and friends. May the easy gift of a smile bring the power of joy’s touch to those we meet through these busy days. And may we experience the joy of this season as though with the eyes and hearts of children that we might be transfixed by power of what could be.

The third candle is lit.

☞ **MV 221** *I am Walking a Path of Joy (x2)*

**I am walking a path of joy, I am walking a path of joy,
I am walking a path of joy, lead me home, lead me home.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Mary Had a Baby

Trad.
Ann Patteson, Hassen Butler

ADVENT PRAYER

All We crouch with Mary on the straw of our messy lives letting go of everything but this moment. Shake the dust of broken dreams and dead-end futures from the cloth of our lives. Bless us, nurture the holy seed growing within us, that we might come to believe the unlikely story the angels told Mary: the life of God is about to be born – in us. Our prayer is a holy longing to mother-forth your sacred future. In silence, may we offer prayers that indicate our own needs this day, and into the future. *silence*

Children may leave for their programs.

🌀🌀 **HYMN VU 57** *Oh, How Joyfully*

Isaiah 61: 1 - 4, 8 - 9

Ian Malcolm

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Jesus, Jesus, Rest your Head

Donna Delyea

Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Meikle Turner

ANTHEM

Angel's Carol - John Rutter

Luke 3: 10-17

Jeremy Dent

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Carol of the Angels

Jill Gallina

Donna Delyea, Ann Patteson

Poem, *Something for Advent* - Mary Oliver

Rev. Barry King

🌀🌀 **HYMN VU 18** *There's a Voice in the Wilderness*

OFFERTORY

I Wonder As I Wander

Appalachian Carol

arr. Jack Schrader

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

🌀🌀 **HYMN MV 220** *Joy Shines as the Solitary Star*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Christmas Cradle Hymn

Mary Strawn Vernon

Margot Craft, Donna Delyea, Susan Dent, Sylvia Mann, Ann Patteson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(paraphrased)*

All Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all, loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

🎵 HYMN VU 38 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Patapan

Burgundian Carol
arr. Lloyd Larson

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU TO

Piano & Flute Joan and Bill Egnatoff
Greeters Mieke Turner, Kenn Doerksen, Bill & Cathy Galt
Hospitality Diane Soule, Vicki Ruthven
Counter Juliet Milsome

TODAY

- **12 pm: Chili Lunch** Everyone is welcome to lunch in the SSUC upstairs hall, following worship. The menu will include three "chili" variations, with a selection of toppings, and a bread basket on each table. Choir members are contributing dessert to finish off the meal. For more info. please contact Lynn Freeman evenings at 613-544-9703 or <lafreeman16@gmail.com>.
- **7 pm: Sunday Evening services of Music and Reflection continue every week in Chalmers' sanctuary EXCEPT FOR Dec. 30.** For info please contact Mary-Stewart Ross 613-384-0952 or <marystewartross@gmail.com> or Grace McBride <grace-mcbride@live.com>.
- **Star Campaign** After two Advent weeks, we now have 45 Gift Stars hanging from the balcony- thanks to the many wonderful members of our two churches who have contributed to the campaign so far. We still have two more weeks to go, so if you have not yet made a Star Gift, consider doing so, while also helping our congregations to achieve a better financial start to our new year.

Thursday, Dec. 20

- **12 pm: Thursday Lunch in MacCallum Hall.** \$7.-per person. Everyone is welcome to join our group. If you have not attended but would like to attend, please phone Jane MacEwen at 613-546-3905. This will be our last Thursday Lunch until the new year. Date to be announced.

Sunday, Dec. 30

- **4:30 pm: A Student Supper** will take place at Chalmers Church in MacCallum Hall. This will be the last Student Supper of 2018. Students are invited to enjoy a free make-your-own sandwich buffet and conversation with new friends. Any students home with their families for the holidays are most welcome. To ensure we have enough food, please **email Malcolm** at <malcolm50@gmail.com> by December 28 to let us know you are coming! Come and bring a friend. Corner of Barrie and Clergy Streets (entrance off Clergy).

THE TRANSITION TEAM WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- **Do you not have a Circle Group or did you miss your Circle Group meeting?** The Transition Team needs to talk to everyone. For SSUC people please contact Ian Malcolm 613-549-2778 or <ianrwmalcolm@gmail.com>. Chalmers' people please contact Mary-Stewart Ross 613-384-0952 or <marystewartross@gmail.com> The Transition Team wants to meet with every Circle of Companionship group to have some Small Group Discussions with people from both congregations. **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>
- **Booking a Room at Chalmers United:** please call 613-546-3263 or email <office@chalmersunitedchurch.com>

2018 CHRISTMAS BASKET CAMPAIGN

This Sunday will be your last opportunity to donate non-perishable food items from the list below. Instant Coffee, Jell-O, Hot Chocolate, Juice, Boxed Stuffing, Cranberry Sauce, Candy, Commercial Bar Cake (cherry, Spanish, lemon fruit or pound.)

This year we will pack and distribute Christmas Baskets to 36 needy families in our community. Cash donations are still being accepted to purchase all the perishable food items to fill 36 baskets with things like turkeys, hams, potatoes, carrots, apples, onions, oranges, margarine, and aluminum roast pans.

We are still in need of volunteers for Friday December 21 to:

- Pick up food items and boxes at Food Basics on Princess St.
- Pack Christmas baskets
- Deliver Christmas Baskets to families in the Kingston area

If you would like to volunteer, please sign the sheets at coffee hour or talk to Kirby Ruthven 613-531-0865 or <ksruthven@gmail.com>

CHALMERS' BENEVOLENT FUND

Is in need of toiletries, especially shampoos and conditioners. If you are travelling, please keep this in mind should you not need them yourself. Any unneeded bottles from home are also very welcome.

The program would also be grateful for any **unperishable food items** i.e. dried food products, noodles, rice etc.

Please drop them off at the church office or give to a Benevolent Fund Team Member.

COMMUNITY PASTORAL CARING

- **THOSE WITH EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE CONCERNS for both Chalmers and Sydenham St churches,** may contact Marylil Megginson 613-544-9420, <marylil@kos.net> for assistance during the holidays **from Dec. 25 to Jan. 2.**
- **To place Flowers in the Sanctuary for the Worship Services at Chalmers in January:** Contact Isabel McLeod 613-546-2809.

CHALMERS' STAMP PROGRAM

- Please save your cancelled actual stamps (not from a metered machine) from home or business mail, especially through the Christmas season. Just the corner of the envelope. Please drop them off at the Church Office. (Use mail slot if the Office is closed). If that's not possible, just save them until we are back at Chalmers. Thank you.

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Worshipping Sundays Together
at Sydenham Street United in December
and at Chalmers United in January. *(please note change)*