

Sydenham Street
and Chalmers

United Churches of Canada

Sharing Worship

BECOMING MARY'S MAGNIFICAT



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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

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>

"We are all meant to be mothers of God. What good is it to me if this eternal birth of the divine Son takes place unceasingly but does not take place with myself? And, what good is it to me if Mary is full of grace if I am not also full of grace? What good is it to me for the Creator to give birth to his Son if I do not also give birth to him in my time and my culture? Then, then, is the fullness of time: When the Son of God is begotten in us."

- Meister Eckart, 14th century mystic

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

ADVENT 4

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

A Christmas Pastorale - Giuseppe Valentini

WELCOME

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 love.*

INTROIT

Love Is a Flame

VU 7, verse 4

seated **VU 9** *People, Look East*

LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE: LOVE

One We have lit the candles of hope, peace and joy.
This Sunday we light the candle of love.
As the morning sun separates the horizon, night from day,
light from shadows,
All we assemble to hear the ancient story told again this year,
One a story of the Holy One's love burning brightly
All into a waiting world, a spark of new life
that unites us with God's love.

The fourth candle is lit.

☞☞ **MV 221** *I am Walking a Path of Love (x2)*
I am walking a path of love, I am walking a path of love,
I am walking a path of love, lead me home, lead me home

ADVENT PRAYER

All Come, angel Gabriel, mute the voice of disbelief within,
not smart enough, important enough, powerful enough to
birth your dream of creation. Help us to hear Wisdom's
wizened voice, telling us how blessed we are, with Mary,
to believe that we, of low self esteem, are the lifted up,
enthroned, empowered, and appointed to birth Christ into
the world. We offer our song, minstrels of the Magnificat,
and join our voices with the mother of God.
In silence, we offer prayers that indicate our needs this day.

silence.....

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 1: 39 - 56

Susan Irving

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
All Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes - Mark Sirett

SERMON

"BECOMING MARY'S MAGNIFICAT"

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☞ **VU 58** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERTORY

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen - Johannes Brahms

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

☞ **MV 220** *Love Shines as the Solitary Star*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

The Coventry Carol

arr. Michael McGlynn

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

In dulci jubilo - J. S. Bach

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU TO

Greeters	Susan Irving, Meikle Turner
Hospitality	Mary LeRoy, Jim Berry
Counters	TBA

TODAY

- **7 pm: Sunday Evening services of Music and Reflection continue every week in Chalmers' sanctuary EXCEPT FOR Dec. 30.** For info contact Mary-Stewart Ross 613-384-0952 or <marystewartross@gmail.com> or Grace McBride <grace-mcbride@live.com>.

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 ext. 222 or email <office@chalmersunitedchurch.com>

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.

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 **non-perishable food items** i.e. dried food products, noodles, rice etc. for The Blessing Box.

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



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