



# Sydenham Street and Chalmers

United Churches of Canada



## Sharing Worship

10:30 am      December 30, 2018

**The Rev. Barry King** INTENTIONAL INTERIM MINISTER

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**Hours:** SSUC Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:30am - 1:30pm

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**Hours:** CUC Mondays & Tuesdays 9:30am - 1:30pm

**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.

**Services in January** are at Chalmers United: 212 Barrie St at Clergy 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

**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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**Web** <www.chalmersunitedchurch.com>

**rentals/room bookings** 613 546 3263 x 222

**Live Online** <www.chalmersunitedchurch.com> 10:30 am Sundays when at Chalmers

**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 Thursday 9 am to noon

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

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



## GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

### PRELUDE

*Noël en musette - J. J. Charpentier*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

*seated* **VU 36** *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

### GATHERING PRAYER

*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

Ecclesiastes 3: 1 – 13

PSALM

*Something about to Happen*

Rev. Norm Esdon

the church's atmosphere  
shimmers — crackles with  
*something-about-to-happen*

outside the sanctuary  
blue-winged songsters flutter in  
their chattering flapping animating  
the empty hall where they await  
the minister's pre-service prayer;  
like daisies in a summer zephyr  
greeters nod a breezy welcome  
to each arriving member;  
like a green-gold dragonfly  
the minister darts from office  
to hall through sanctuary doors  
and back to hall to pray with  
the blue-winged choristers  
now flocked into a choir —  
silent and expectant.

inside the sanctuary  
member hails member  
each buzzing with news of  
their week's flowers visited  
since last they hived in church;  
a pair of workers beetles across  
the chancel front — bearing gifts  
of bread and wine for the table;  
the organist — head bobbing —  
coaxes from the organ  
reedy sighs of windy pines.

into the sanctuary  
the blue-winged flock  
now organized two-by-two  
processes to their lofty perch;  
the gold-green dragonfly  
gliding behind — veers away  
to alight — front and centre.

reedy sighs and member  
buzzing  
are stilled  
to breathless silence;  
church walls dissolve  
sanctuary expands to embrace  
eternal time and infinite space.

in that shimmering crackling  
cosmic space and time  
every sanctuary soul  
trusts — anything is possible  
feels — something about to  
happen.

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*One*            *For the Word of God in scripture*  
                  *For the word of God among us*  
                  *For the Word of God within us*  
**All**            **Thanks be to God!**

### MUSICAL OFFERING

*O Men from the Fields* – Herbert Hughes Donna Delyea

### REFLECTION STORY

*The Story of the Other Wise Man* - by Henry van Dyke (first published 1895)

### COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

#### OFFERTORY

*In the Bleak Mid-Winter* – Christina Rossetti Ann Patteson

#### PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

☞ **VU 43** *Go, Tell it on the Mountain*  
(Choir: to sing the verses) (**All: sing Chorus**)

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

☞ **VU 76** *See Amid the Winter's Snow*

#### BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

#### POSTLUDE

*Tambourin sur un Noël Provençal* - Michel Corrette

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

#### CHALMERS UNITED

it will take place at Chalmers in MacCallum Hall immediately following the Service on **Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>** to discuss the 2019 budget.

#### SYDENHAM STREET UNITED

it will take place following the service at Chalmers on **Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup>**, in the Lower Hall at SSUC. The annual budget for 2019 will be presented, as well as additional items of interest.

### TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU TO

**Greeters** Norm Esdon, Kenn Doerksen  
**Hospitality** Kate Mackrell & Diane Soule  
**Counter** TBA

### TODAY

- **7 pm: There will NOT be a Sunday Evening services of Music and Reflection this evening.**

## Tuesday, Jan. 8

- **11:30 am: Two Church Lunch and Learn Group** will meet next at the Best Western Bistro Stefan Restaurant, 1217 Princess St. Our speaker will be Wendy Huot, owner of the Screening Room. The title of her talk is: "Popcorn & Dreams: The Inner Workings of a Successful Independent Cinema". Everyone from Sydenham S.U.C. and Chalmers U.C, is invited to attend. Individuals on call lists will be contacted by email. 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.6. The cost for the luncheon, including tax & gratuity, is \$22. per person (a \$20 bill plus a toonie, please).
- **7pm: CCE will meet** in MacCallum Hall.

## 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. 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>

Reminder, 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

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

## STAFF

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Worshipping Sundays Together  
at Chalmers in January  
and at Sydenham Street in February