

Sydenham Street
and Chalmers
United Churches of Canada
Sharing Worship
"BORDER GUARD JOHN"



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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 4pm is 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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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 need to unlearn a lot, it seems, to get back to that foundational life which is 'hidden in God'. Yes, transformation is often more about unlearning than learning, which is why the religious traditions call it 'conversion' or 'repentance'." – Richard Rohr, from *Falling Upwards*

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

ADVENT TWO
GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

Flute Choir

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming-Michael Praetorius, arr. Ann Cameron Pearce

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 peace.

Gesù Bambino (Pietro Yon, arr. Rick Pierce)

Noel Alsacien (Alexandre Guilmant, arr. Martin Melicharek, III)

INTROIT

Peace Is a Ribbon

VU 7, verse 2

seated **VU 20** *On Jordan's Bank*

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE: PEACE

One Last Sunday we lit the first candle – the candle of hope. Today we light the candle of peace. As this season of “sparkle and bright” unfolds around us, the silent prayers of peace lie like stars hidden in a clouded night. May we touch it to our lives that in every place of stress, frustration or fear, we might feel the presence of peace easing our hearts and transforming our lives. And may we share its healing power with our children, that they might become the inspiration through which peace makes its way to a new yet-dreamt-of-world. (the second blue candle is lit)

seated **MV 221** *I am Walking a Path of Peace (x2)*

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

ADVENT PRAYER

All O Holy One, in this season of Advent, grant us the courage to hear the voice of the Baptist, calling us to account, insisting on more than talk. Give us the grace to repent, reorient, and recast our daily lives according to the vision of Isaiah that prophet of paradise – in which the ancient instinct to lash out is replaced by a willingness to reach out across our differences. In silence, may we offer prayers that indicate our own needs this day and into the future. *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 3: 1-6

Norm Esdon

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

SERMON

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☞☞ **VU 5** *All Earth is Waiting*

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERTORY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Flute Choir

arr. Ricky Lombardo

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

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

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

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.

☞☞ *Come, Christmas Child*

Come, Christmas Child, come again in your wonder,
changing the world with the light that you hold,
burst through the mist and the dust of the ages,
Word for our time to unwrap and enfold

Refrain: Come, Christmas Child. Come again, Christmas Child.
Oh, come, Christmas Child.

Come to be born in a comfortless cradle,
come where our cruelties keep us in chains:
Herod still hunts for the innocent children,
Rachel still weeps and her sorrow remains. **Refrain**

Bring us your mirror of hope and compassion,
bring us your mind-set that mends and restores,
bake us the bread of new life you will offer,
knocking once more on humanity's doors. **Refrain**

Come, Christmas Child, in the festival's flurry,
come in the silence, the pain and the night,
come in the hearts that are faithful as Mary,
bringing the joy of the love you unite. **Refrain**

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BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Ding Dong Merrily on High Flute Choir
Carol of The Bells arr. Sondra K. Tucker
Ukrainian Carol
arr. James Christensen)

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU TO

Flute Choir Members Bill Egnatoff, Heather Faris,
Karina Gerhardt-Strachan, Katie Legere, Susan Lew,
Heidi Picken, Julia du Prey, Danniella Waller
Greeters Mike Hartlin, Russ Freeman, Rosalind Malcolm
Hospitality Peter Goheen, Catherine Purcell
Counter Jean Sills

TODAY

- **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>.

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> and 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?**

2018 CHRISTMAS BASKET CAMPAIGN

The Tuesday Morning Food Voucher Group at Sydenham Street is asking for your help in their 2018 Christmas Basket Campaign. In the last 3 years the Campaign distributed over 100 Christmas baskets to needy families in our community. This meant a festive Christmas dinner for over 325 individuals, 95 of whom were children. Please give generously - either grocery money, and/or grocery items as listed below. We need significant funds to buy perishable items: turkeys, potatoes, onions, carrots, oranges, apples & margarine. Would you like to pick up food items, pack or deliver one of these baskets? If so, please sign the sheets posted at coffee hour or talk to Kirby Ruthven: 613-531-0865 or <ksruthven@gmail.com>

Christmas Baskets Food Donation Schedule

Dec 9th Boxed Stuffing, Canned Fruit, Cookies
Dec 16th Cranberry Sauce, Candy, Commercial Bar Cake (cherry, Spanish, lemon fruit or pound.) Please check expiry dates on all items!

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>

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, please save them until we are back at Chalmers. Thank you.

COMING UP

Tuesday, Dec 11

- **11:30 am: Two Church Lunch and Learn Group** will meet at the Best Western Bistro Stefan Restaurant, 1217 Princess St. Our speaker will be Daryl Bell, Lead for Patient and Family Centred Care, Kingston Health Sciences Centre. The title of his talk is: *Partnering with Patients and Families to Improve the Patient Experience*. 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 have their name added to our list, contact Meikle Turner 613-542-7744 meikle_irish@yahoo.com by 5 pm today. The cost is \$22. per person
- **7 pm: Chalmers' CCE will meet in MacCallum Hall.**

Thursday, Dec. 13

- **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.

Friday, Dec. 14

- **12 pm: Just Lunch** is a monthly event sponsored by SSUC and is open to everyone from both our congregations. Our December date features a Christmas Buffet Lunch at DOX restaurant in the Holiday Inn Waterfront Hotel. Enjoy turkey & ham and all the trimmings plus delicious desserts. The cost is \$ 21.95 per person, plus tax & gratuity and each person or couple is responsible for payment through their server. We have reserved space for 25 persons. Please register with Meikle Turner 613-542-7744 < meikle_irish@yahoo.com > by Dec. 11th.

Sunday, Dec. 16

- **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>.

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