

Chalmers and Sydenham Street

United Churches of Canada

Sharing Worship

THE DARKNESS IS THICK, BUT NOT TOTAL



10:30 am January 6, 2019

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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

January Services are at Chalmers United Church, 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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Live Online <www.chalmersunitedchurch.com> 10:30 am Sundays

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>

" Is it possible that you could find yourself
anywhere where God was not fully present."
- Emmet Fox

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

EPIPHANY SUNDAY
GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

Chorale prelude, *Morgenglanz der Ewigkeit* - Max Reger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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INTROIT

Hope Shines as the Solitary Star

VU 220

seated **VU 79** *Arise, Your Light Is Come*

GATHERING

One Now the star of Christmas
All shines on our day
One points a new direction
All change is on the way –
One there's another landscape to be travelled through,
All there's a new born spirit broadening our view.

PRAYER OF THE HEART

All O Holy One, we dwell in darkness when we are away from you:
unaware of life's blessings, disconnected and isolated from
the dance of the cosmos. We dwell in light when we open to
you: aware that we are made in your image,
blessed by the opportunity of being alive.
May the light of Christ shine with us, among us and from us
wherever darkness reigns. Receive our thanks or our
confession or our concern for self or others.....
Hear our silent meditation.....

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 60: 1-6

Susan Irving

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

ANTHEM

From a Distant Home

VU 89

SERMON

"THE DARKNESS IS THICK, BUT IS NOT TOTAL"

Rev. Barry King

☪☪ **MV 157** *I Am a Child of God*

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERTORY

Lyric Piece - Zoltán Kodály

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

A Light Is Gleaming

VU 82, refrain

PRAYER 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.

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star - Dietrich Buxtehude

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU TO

Greeters	Susan Irving, Mike Hartlin, Meikle Turner, Kenn Doerksen
Hospitality	Jane MacEwen, Joan Simeon
Counter	Sue Irving, Sheila Menard
Sound Tech	Dan Bergeron

TODAY

- **PLEASE PICK UP YOUR ENVELOPES THIS MORNING AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH if you haven't already done so!!!** Please note: most importantly, some envelope numbers have changed, so unused envelopes should be discarded or brought into the office for reuse.
- **7 pm: Sunday Evening services of Music and Reflection continue every week in Chalmers' sanctuary.** For info please contact Mary-Stewart Ross 613-384-0952 or <marystewartross@gmail.com> or Grace McBride <grace-mcbride@live.com>.

COMMUNITY PASTORAL CARING

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

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

CHALMERS UNITED

it will take place at Chalmers in MacCallum Hall immediately following the Service on Sunday, January 13, 2019 to discuss the 2019 budget.

SYDENHAM ST. UNITED

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

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> Just a 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>
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Worshipping Sundays Together
at Chalmers in January
and at Sydenham Street in February