

Chalmers and Sydenham Street

United Churches of Canada

Sharing Worship

COME DOWN TO THE RIVER



10:30 am

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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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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>

"Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy."
Abraham Joshua Heschel

Epiphany 1 – The Baptism of Jesus

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

GATHERING TOGETHER

PRELUDE

Voluntary in D - Domenico Scarlatti

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

INTROIT

MV 123

*Day after Day
All are invited to sing.*

seated **MV 12** *Come Touch our Hearts*

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

One Baptized to begin lives of faith,
**All we would witness to all you do
in our communities, in our midst, in our world.**

One Baptized to serve,
All we would bring justice to those who have none.

One Baptized to speak,
All we would heal, and not hurt; we would bless, and not curse.

One Baptized to do what is right,
All we would not play favorites but treat each as your Beloved.

PRAYER OF THE HEART

**All We open to the patient presence of the Spirit,
waiting and willing souls, future-fashioning artists, to share
with Her, a palette of possibility.
Baptize us once more in the spirit, so that our bold strokes
may draw a wider circle and play a part in describing our
universe. 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 42: 1-9

Matthew 3: 13-17

Mary Ev Wyatt

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Adoro te devote - Stephen Caracciolo

I devoutly adore you, O hidden Deity,
truly hidden beneath these appearances.
My whole heart submits to you, and in contemplating you,
it surrenders itself completely.
Sight, touch, taste are all deceived in their judgment of you,
but hearing suffices firmly to believe.
I believe all that the One of God has spoken;
there is nothing truer than this word of truth.
O memorial of Jesus' death, Living Bread that gives life to all,
grant my soul to live on you, and always to savour your sweetness.
Jesus, whom now I see hidden, I ask you to fulfill what I so desire:
That the sight of your face being unveiled I may have the happiness
of seeing your glory. Amen. *- Translation from Wikipedia*

SERMON

"COME DOWN TO THE RIVER"

Rev. Barry King

Children return from their programs

RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL FAITH

One Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the spirit?

All I do, by the grace of God

One Will you follow in the way of Jesus Christ, resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice, and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

All I will, God being my helper.

One Will you proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, in your words and actions?

All I will, God being my helper.

One Will you join with your brothers and sisters in this community of faith to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

All I will, God being my helper.

One **REMEMBER YOUR BAPTISM AND BE THANKFUL**

All **Amen!**

(You are invited to come forward to the baptismal font for a blessing)

🌀 MV 163 *River Running in You and Me*

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERTORY

Trio in D minor - Jacques Boyvin

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

🌀 VU 82 *A Light Is Gleaming, (refrain only)*

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.

🌀 VU 578 *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning*

SUNG BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

seated MV 214 *May God's Sheltering Wings*

POSTLUDE

Fugue in C minor - Jean Jacques Charpentier

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU TO

Greeters	Wary Ev Wyatt
Hospitality	Jan Trites, Charmaine Puszkur, Jean Sills
Counter	Ruth Tracy
Sound Tech	Dan Bergeron, Matthias Melhorn-Boe

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>.
- **Mystery Dinners** will not take place this year, due to a lack of interest.
- **Christmas Basket Campaign, Thank You:** This year it was a great success due to the generous donation of food, money and time by the congregations of Sydenham St, Princess St and Chalmers United Churches. This year with the help of over 30 volunteers we were able to pack and deliver Food Baskets to 36 families; meaning a traditional Christmas dinner for over 110 individuals, of which 37 were children. On behalf of the Social Justice and Outreach Committee and the Tuesday Morning Voucher Group at Sydenham St United Church, I would like to thank all those who volunteered and donated to help provide a better Christmas for needy families in our community.
- Kirby Ruthven, 2018 Christmas Basket Coordinator
- **Stamp Program:** Please save your cancelled stamps from home or business mail. The corner of the envelope is all that is required. Place stamps in the Box at the back of Chalmers' sanctuary or drop them off at the Church Office. (Use mail slot if the Office is closed). The value of used stamps goes toward new stamps, saving annual postage costs.

COMING UP

Thursday, Jan. 17

- **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.

Sunday Jan. 20

SYDENHAM ST. CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 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.

- **7pm: *Sunday Perspectives presents: If Beale Street Could Talk***
The film is set in early-1970s Harlem portraying a moving love story of both a couple's unbreakable bond and the African-American family's empowering embrace, as told through the eyes of 19-year-old Tish Rivers. The devoted couple (Tish and Fonny) dream of a future together but their plans are derailed when Fonny is arrested for a crime he did not commit. The film honours the author's prescient words and imagery, charting the emotional currents navigated in an unforgiving and racially biased world as the filmmaker poetically crosses time frames to show how love and humanity endure. *Sunday Perspectives* is a monthly series that offers an opportunity to explore connections between contemporary culture and the realm of the Spirit, with a brief period of discussion following a screening of a specially-selected contemporary film. All are welcome to attend and participate. Hosted by St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Chalmers United Church, and St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Tuesday, Jan. 22

- **2:30 pm: Pastoral Care Committee** will meet in Chalmers' House.

Sunday, Feb. 3

- **1:30 pm: 8th Fire** In the spirit of the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission report, Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Churches are jointly presenting, *8th Fire*. In this 4-part CBC production, broadcaster Wab Kinew introduces viewers to "a high energy journey through Aboriginal Country". The four parts will be shown on the big screen at Chalmers over the course of 4 Sundays, the next ones being **Feb 3 and 24, 2019**. No Admission Fee. To see the poster on your screen, search: Sydenham Street United Church 8th Fire. To view the poster, search: facebook.com/Sydenham-Street-United-Church

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>. **Every Sunday after the service**, two 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