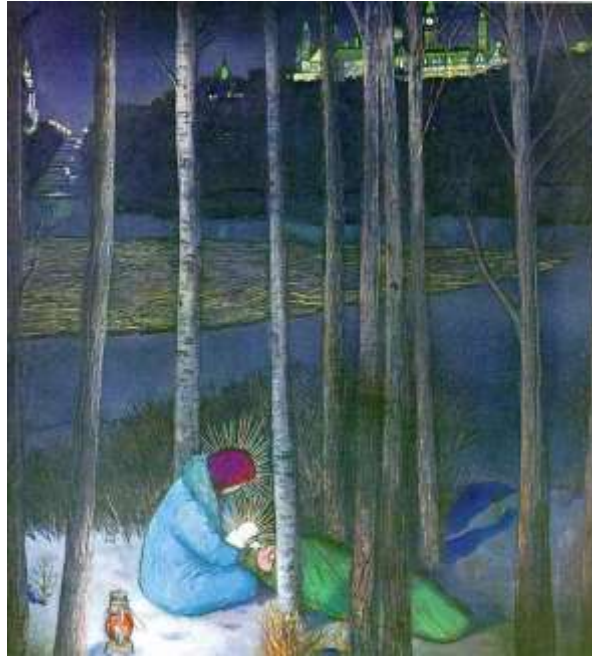


CHALMERS AND SYDENHAM STREET  
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA  
SHARING WORSHIP



*Across the river from the capital from A Northern Nativity by William Kurelek.*

READINGS AND CAROLS

10:30 am December 22, 2019

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**Open:** 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Mon. - Thurs.

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have occupied and cared for this land. In acknowledging this land, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee, we seek to rebuild right relations with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, to learn from them, and to live on this land with respect and gratitude for its bounty.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**December Services** are at Chalmers United Church, 212 Barrie St.

**January Services** are at Sydenham St United Church, 82 Sydenham St.

**Assists** Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

**Growing Spirits** Children are invited to meet with Hope Yen and Lynn Freeman in the Clergy St foyer, when prompted.

**Washrooms** are in the Clergy St. foyer.

**Song Books** *VU Voices United MV More Voices*

**Ringers Off** on electronic devices, please. 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.

## 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 Office:** Mon to Thurs 9:30 am-4:30pm

**The Spire/SSUC Office:** Tuesday to Thursday 9 am to noon

**For bulletin materials please use:** bulletin@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com

Please send announcements by end of day Monday, or late editions by end of day Tuesday for inclusion the following Sunday.

**“The God of Christmas is no ethereal form,  
no mere spiritual essence, but a very human child,  
feeling the cold and the roughness of the straw,  
needing to be warmed and fed and cherished.”**

Clement A. Miles

THE BABY LEADS TO HOPE  
4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

☞ indicates you are invited to rise in body and spirit as you are able  
**Bold Text** indicates the parts that everyone reads together

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**CHORALE PRELUDE**

*On Irby* - Paul Bryan

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

PROCESSION

☞ **VU 62** *Once in Royal David's City*

**ADVENT PRAYER**

**Advent is about the birth of something sacred.  
For something sacred needs to be born:  
born from the mating of what is, and what might be.  
It needs a manger.  
So, let us prepare a manger in our hearts. Amen.**

**LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE**

Madeline Morris, Michael Dakin and their children, Leo and Rachael

As this season of “sparkle and bright” unfolds before us,  
the promises of hope lie like boxed jewels awaiting light.  
May we hold fast to hope’s patient possibilities.  
May we lift them high that they might catch the light of our dreams  
and shine bright in our broken world.

And may we instill hope’s challenge in the hearts of our children  
that they, too, will live it into meaning –  
pouring their lives, as we do ours, into making it real:  
for themselves,  
for each other,  
for the world,  
we light this candle for Hope.

**We lit the first candle for wonder, the second candle to paying  
attention, the third candle to wisdom, and the fourth to Hope.**

*Children may leave for their programs.*

**First Reading:** Luke 1: 26 - 38 Wayne Hilliker

**Second Reading:** from *Kneeling in Bethlehem* by Ann Weems Joyce Holden

☪☪ **Carol VU 74** *What Child is This?*

**Third Reading:** Luke 2: 1-7 Meikle Turner

**Fourth Reading:** Luke 2: 8-20 Margaret Turner

**Choir:** *Once as I Remember* -Eleanor Daley

**Fifth Reading:** from *The Cosmic Dance* - Joyce Rupp Rosemary Maclachlan

☪☪ **Huron (Wendat) Carol**

*As an Indigenous person, in the spirit of Reconciliation, I respectfully offer lyrics  
reflective of Wendat (Huron) culture. - Donna Lynn Seaborn*

We gather at midwinter dark to share this hallowed night.  
Within our longhouse, warm and dry, the fire glows with light.  
Our Elders sing a teaching song;  
it fills the night that seems so long:  
This is our sacred home, 'neath heaven's dome,  
shining stars proclaim the dawn.

Sky Woman came down from above, but found no place to stand,  
till Toad put mud on Turtle's back, and that became the land.  
Sky Woman died in giving birth;  
her holy body fed the earth.  
This is our sacred home, 'neath heaven's dome,  
shining stars proclaim the dawn.

A valiant Little Turtle rode a cloud up to the sky;  
she used the lightning to make fire, and made our Sun to shine.  
He journeys 'neath the world we see,  
returns to make the shadows flee.  
This is our sacred home, 'neath heaven's dome,  
shining stars proclaim the dawn.

The Black Robes came from lands afar, and told us of a day  
Judea had been colonized, and Rome must be obeyed.  
A mother bore a child of light;  
rejoicing filled the starlit night:  
This is our sacred home, 'neath heaven's dome,  
shining stars proclaim the dawn.

Rejoice! Have courage one and all! The stars shine overhead,  
the same stars that shone down upon a baby's humble bed.  
The infant grew to be a man;  
his words, like stars, light many lands.  
This is our sacred home, 'neath heaven's dome,  
shining stars proclaim the dawn.

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**Sixth Reading:** Words spoken by Greta Thunberg  
to world leaders on Sept. 23, 2019 Brigitta Holzschuh

**Seventh Reading:** CBS NEWS, from Sept. 19, 2019 / 12:18 am Hope Yen

☞☞ Carol VU 96 *Will You Come and See the Light*

**STEWARDSHIP MINUTE**

*People Making a Difference* Doug Arrand

**CHORAL OFFERTORY**

*Christmas Prayer* - Lydia Adams

**PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

☞☞ VU 55 *In a Bleak Midwinter* verse 3

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what I can I give him – give my heart.**

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Eighth Reading:** *The Oxen* -Thomas Hardy Ian Malcolm

seated Carol VU 69 *Away in a Manger*

**Ninth Reading:** *Awareness* - Rex Hunt Barry King

☞☞ Carol VU 60 *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

**SENDING FORTH AND SUNG CHORAL BLESSING**

May the wonder of the shepherds  
The wisdom of the Magi,  
And the compassion of MARY,  
Be in us and flow from us  
This Christmas and always.

**All sing:** *Gloria in Excelsis Deo, Gloria in Excelsis Deo*

**POSTLUDE**

*On Adeste Fideles* - Colin Hand

**TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU**

**Greeters** Marilyn Braden  
**Hospitality** Charmaine Puszkas  
**Counters** Juliet Milsome  
**Sound Techs** Brigitta Holzschuh, Olivia O'Driscoll

## TODAY

- **3-4 pm: Christmas Carols at SSUC Please mark your calendars!**  
This will be your opportunity to sing some of your favourite Christmas Carols in the Sanctuary of SSUC – beautifully decorated for the season and candle-lit. At this busy time of year – treat yourself to a song-filled hour – singing along with members of our choir.



## COMING UP

- **Thank you from the Pastoral Care Team and The Women of Chalmers:** The Pastoral Care Team wishes to thank everyone who made the *Keeping in Touch Luncheon* another great success. Thanks to all who helped out that day and to Al Fletcher and Jane McEwen who were the organizers. It was a day much appreciated by our seniors.
- **Cookie Sale:** Thank you to Joan Simeon who coordinated another very successful cookie sale. She did a wonderful job organising people to make telephone calls, members to fill cookie trays, and drivers to deliver these cookies who all willingly helped out. Around 100 hundred cookie trays were filled with 2 ½ dozen delicious cookies, baked by our Chalmers' great bakers. Some of the trays were smaller ones which were delivered, along with 42 Christmas cards, to our seniors by our 10 Pastoral Care Members.
- **Chalmers' Benevolent Program: The Blessing Box** is in need of donations of shampoos, conditioners, and laundry soap. These would be welcomed at church house.
- **Please Note:** Please email Rev. King for **announcements** on Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> and they will be made verbally. Bulletins on Dec 24<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> will not contain written announcements. Thank you.
- **Stamp Program:** Please save your cancelled actual stamps (not from a metered machine) from home or business mail, especially through the Christmas season. The corner of the envelope is all that is required. Please drop them off in the stamp box in the foyer, or at the Church Office. (Use mail slot if the Office is closed). With Thanks to Ernie, (pictured) who uses the value of our used stamps towards new stamps, saving the church hundreds of dollars annually in postage costs. Thank you.
- **Chalmers' Book Table:** If you have enjoyed some good books and would like someone else to have the same pleasure, please consider donating your book(s) to the Chalmers' Book Table found in the foyer by MacCallum Hall. It would be appreciated. Thank you.
- **Chalmers' Giving Envelopes:** Please remember to pick up your envelopes at the back of the church.



**Thursday, Dec. 19**

- **12 pm: Catered lunches** in MacCallum Hall will resume on Jan.9, 2020.

**Tuesday, Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve**

- **4 pm: Family Worship Service: *A Beautiful Gift***
- **7:30 pm: Worship Service: Candlelight Communion Service, *The Christmas Mirror***

**Sunday, Jan. 5**

- **12 pm: Joint Review Report Q & A Session:** An information session on the Joint Review Report and its recommendations, with members of the Joint Executive Committee, will be held following worship at Sydenham Street United Church in the Upper Hall. There is only one agenda item, with a format that invites questions and answers from both congregations. Each congregation is also planning to host a follow-up discussion with its own community on Sunday, Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>, following worship. Further details on the latter will follow.

**Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2020**

- **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 Dr. Myra Hird, Professor and Queen's National Scholar speaking on **Looking for Redemption in All the Wrong Places: Recycling and Canada's Waste Management Crisis**. From her bio "*reduce, reuse, and recycle. Of these three, recycling is the least environmentally friendly.*" Everyone from Sydenham St and Chalmers and your friends are invited to attend. To attend this event please contact Meikle Turner meikle\_irish@yahoo.com or at 613-542-7744 by 5 pm on Sunday Jan. 12. Cost for the luncheon is \$22. pp.
- **4 pm: Chalmers' CCE** will meet in MacCallum Hall.

**Saturday, Jan. 18**

- **11am: Flute Choir will resume** rehearsals at Chalmers in the Sanctuary. New members are always welcome. Please contact Bill: egnatoff@kingston.net or 613-634-3341.

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