

CHALMERS AND SYDENHAM STREET
UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA
SHARING WORSHIP



Native American painting of Mary

THE MAGI LEAD TO WISDOM
"JUST SAY YES....LET IT BE"

10:30 am December 15, 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-4:30 pm

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.

“Wisdom is not gained by knowing what is right. Wisdom is gained by practising what is right and noticing what happens when that practice succeeds and when it fails.”

Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*

3RD 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

PRELUDE

Shepherd's Adoration - F.R.C. Clarke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

PROCESSIONAL CAROL

☞ **VU 91** *The First Nowell*

verses 1 - 5

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

FIRST MAGI:

O Sapientia,
quae ex ore Altissimi prodiisti,
attingens a fine usque ad finem fortiter,
suaviterque disponens omnia:
veni ad docendum nos viam prudentiae

SECOND MAGI:

That was an O Antiphon from the 8th century. The antiphons for the seven days leading up to Christmas Eve, each greeted Christ with a title starting with O. The O antiphon we just heard is O Sapientia, which translated from Latin is:

THIRD MAGI

O wisdom, coming forth from the Most High,
Filling all creation and reigning to the ends of the earth;
Come and teach us the way of truth.

SECOND MAGI

The ancient hymn we know, *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* is based on these O antiphons. *We will sing:*

seated **VU 1** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

verses 1 & 2

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.

THE LIGHTING OF THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE

Lynn Freeman and the Magi

Candle Lighter Wise Ones, what gift do you bring to us this Christmas?
Magi 1 We bring the gift of treasure.
Magi 2 A treasure that is better than gold, frankincense, and myrrh;
Magi 3 we bring the wisdom found within each of us so that we
may change the world.
Candle Lighter We light this candle to Wisdom.

Children may leave for their programs.

A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Into this day will break moments of awareness,
tiny shards of light that illumine the whole reality of existence.**

**May these readings be such a moment,
and may we be blessed by their gift.**

Matthew 2: 1-4, 7-12 *(with commentary)* Kenn Doerksen

☞ MV 10 *Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom*

Luke 1: 26 - 38

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SERMON

"JUST SAY YES....LET IT BE"

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☞ VU pg. 899 *Song of Mary*

Choir sings first verse, congregation sings verses 2-5

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

People making a difference - Mike Hartlin & Doreen Morrison

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Alleluia - Randall Thompson

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

☞ VU 55

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

begin in silent prayer

As I live every day, I want to be a channel for peace.

May I bring love where there is hatred

and healing where there is hurt;

joy where there is sadness,

and hope where there is fear.

I pray that I may always try

to understand and comfort other people

as well as seeking comfort

and understanding from them.

Wherever possible, may I choose to be

a light in the darkness, a help in times of need,

and a caring, honest friend.

And may justice, kindness, and peace

flow from my heart forever.

Amen

from West Hill United

Church

☞ VU 36 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

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

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring - J.S. Bach

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

Magi	Barb Carr, Martha Clarke, Janet Elliott
Music	Aurora Dokken, Bill Egnatoff
Greeter	TBA
Hospitality	Jean Sills, Barb Laidlaw
Counter	Doreen Morrison
Sound Techs	Brigitta Holzschuh, Olivia O'Driscoll

TODAY

- **Thank you to Blaney's Florist Ltd.** for the Poinsettia donation.
- **7 pm: Reading of a Christmas Carol** at the Spire – *please see back page.*

COMING UP

- **The Flute Choir** meets weekly in MacCallum Hall for rehearsal on Saturdays from 10-11 am. We play monthly in worship and also give two or three concerts a year in retirement and seniors residences. The group will resume on January 18. New members are always welcome. Please contact Bill Egnatoff: egnatoff@kingston.net, 613-634-3341.
- **Chalmers' Benevolent Program: The Blessing Box** is in need of donations of shampoos, conditioners, and laundry soap. These would be welcomed at church house.
- **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.

Thursday, Dec. 19

- **12 pm:** There will NOT be a **catered lunch in MacCallum Hall on Thurs. Dec 19. Lunches will resume** on January 9, 2020.

Sunday, Dec. 22

- **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.



THE 2019 CHRISTMAS BASKET CAMPAIGN

This Sunday will be your last opportunity to donate non-perishable food items from the list below.

Jell-O, Hot Chocolate, Tea, Juice, Boxed Stuffing, Cookies. We are especially short of Cranberry Sauce, Candy, Commercial Bar Cake (cherry, Spanish, lemon fruit or pound.) Canned Fruit and Instant Coffee

This year we will pack and distribute Christmas Baskets to 34 needy families in our community. Cash donations are still being accepted to purchase all the perishable food items to fill 34 baskets with things like Turkeys, Hams, Potatoes, Carrots, Apples, Onions, Oranges, Margarine, and aluminum roast pans.

We are still in need of volunteers for Saturday December 21 to:

- Pick up food items and boxes at Food Basics on Princess St. 8:30am
- Pack Christmas baskets 9:45am
- Deliver Christmas Baskets to families in the Kingston area 10:30am

If you would like to volunteer please sign the sheets at coffee hour or talk to Kirby Ruthven 613-531-0865 or ksruthven@gmail.com

Flowers in the Sanctuary are in Loving Memory of
Margaret, Fred and their son, Mathew Gibson
from Barbara Carson

WORSHIPPING SUNDAYS
at Chalmers United in December
and at Sydenham Street United in January

Please Note: Announcements for bulletin insertions must be submitted by Dec. 15th. After that date, please email Rev. King for announcements to be made verbally, on Dec. 29 or Jan. 5th. Services on Dec 24th will not have announcements. Thank you.

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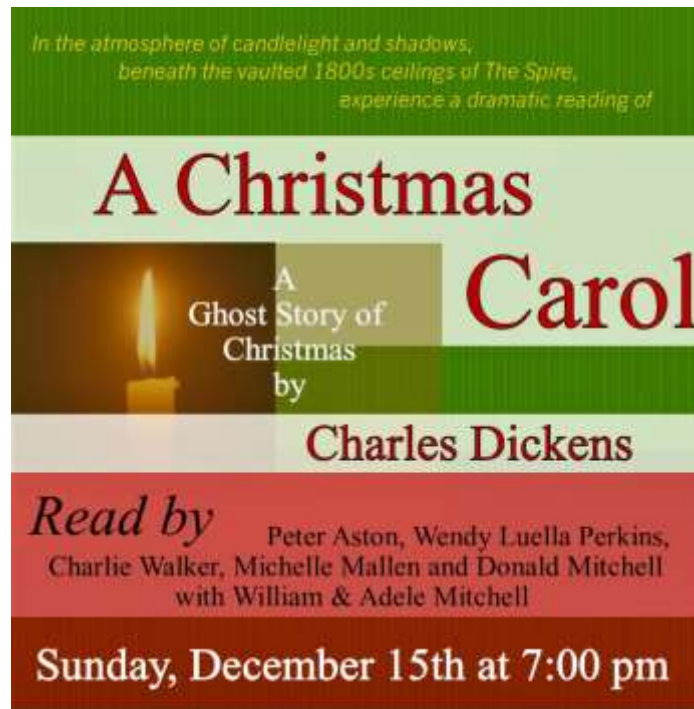
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*In the atmosphere of candlelight and shadows,
beneath the vaulted 1800s ceilings of The Spire,
experience a dramatic reading of*

A Christmas Carol

A Ghost Story of Christmas
by
Charles Dickens

Read by Peter Aston, Wendy Luella Perkins,
Charlie Walker, Michelle Mallen and Donald Mitchell
with William & Adele Mitchell

Sunday, December 15th at 7:00 pm

at The Spire

at 82 Sydenham Street (United Church)

Admission by donation

to support SSUC Community Outreach Activities & St. James' Kenya Initiative Project

with hot cider and baked goodies