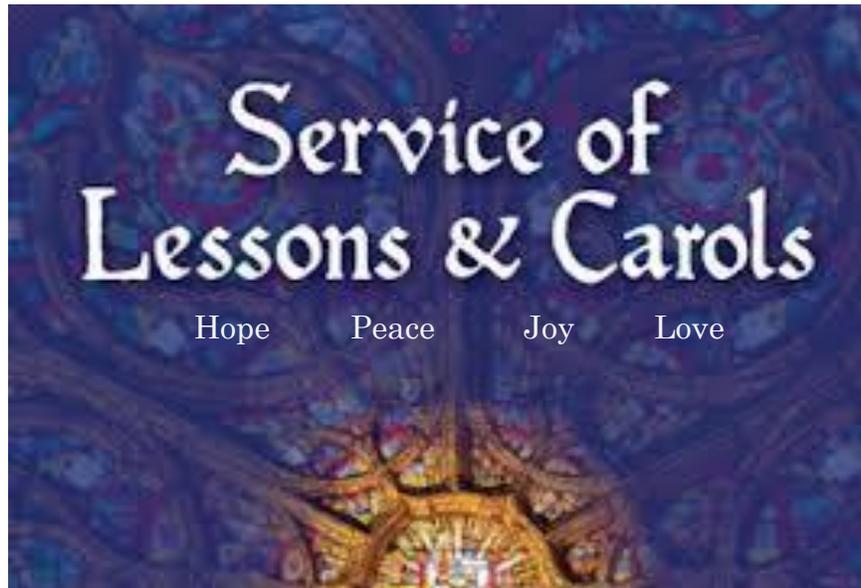


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Services in our Sanctuary are live streamed with a recording subsequently posted on Sunday afternoons on our YouTube channel.

Today's Service of Lessons and Carols is being live-streamed from our Sanctuary on the Chalmers YouTube channel.

Next Sunday, Dec. 20, our Worship Service will be pre-recorded and posted on our YouTube channel. Our Guest Minister will be the Rev. David King. He has been appointed by the Region to be the Supervising Minister for our Congregation.

The Chalmers Church House Office remains closed.
Staff can be reached by telephone and email.

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Song Books are:
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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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WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Herr Christ, der einig Gotts Sohn - Helmut Walcha

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to this place seeking something...
something bigger than ourselves;
something that gives life meaning;
some relationship that reaches deep into our souls to fulfill us;
maybe even something to which we cannot put a name.

But we come seeking...
and even more important, we are sought by one who gives us
worth and meaning and value and love.

So, today, let us enter into this time of worship with hearts and
minds that are open to the one who has laid down his life for us,
who stands at the throne of God in support of us, and who reigns in
power for us. Come, let us worship.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

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.

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE FOR JOY

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world..."

**People: ...whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never
walk in darkness."**

Leader: Today we light the candle of joy because the good news of Jesus'
birth brings great joy to all people.

**People: "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that
will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour
has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."**

Leader: Please pray with me. O God, we know that your coming brings joy that rests deep in our hearts. Let that joy overflow into our world as we live each day for you. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus, the joy of our desire. Amen.

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HYMN VU 7 *Hope Is a Star*

vs 1, 2 & 3

1 Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.

Refrain:

when God is a child there's joy in our song.
the last shall be first and the weak will be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

2 Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth. **R**

3 Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn.
Telling the world that the Saviour is born.

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

Margot Craft, soprano soloist

1 Once in royal David's city
stood a lowly cattle-shed,
where a mother laid her baby
in a manger for his bed.
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2 He came down to earth from heaven,
who, with God is over all,
and his shelter was a stable,
and his cradle was a stall.
There among the poor and lowly
lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3 For he is our lifelong pattern;
daily, when on earth he grew;
he was tempted, scorned, rejected,
tears and smiles like us he knew.
Thus he feels for all our sadness,
and he shares in all our gladness.

4 And our eyes at last shall see him,
through his own redeeming love;
for that child who seemed so helpless
is our Lord in heaven above;
and he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

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OPENING PRAYER

God of all wisdom,
our hearts yearn for the warmth of your love,
and our minds search for the light of your Word.
Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour,
and strengthen us to grow in love,
that at the dawn of his coming
we may rejoice in his presence
and welcome the light of his truth.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM

Hymn Choir

In the Bleak Midwinter - Harold Darke

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3: 8-15, 17-19

CHORAL ANTHEM

William Egnatoff, tenor soloist

Jesus Christ the Apple Tree - Elizabeth Poston

SECOND LESSON

Genesis 22: 15-19

HYMN VU 634 *To Abraham and Sarah*

1 To Abraham and Sarah
the call of God was clear,
"Go forth and I will show you
a country rich and fair.
You need not fear the journey
for I have pledged my word,
that you shall be my people
and I will be your God."

2 From Abraham and Sarah
arose a pilgrim race,
dependent for their journey
on God's abundant grace;
and in their heart was written
by God this saving word:
"that you shall be my people
and I will be your God."

3 We of this generation
on whom God's hand is laid,
can journey to the future
secure and unafraid,
rejoicing in God's goodness
and trusting in this word:
"that you shall be my people
and I will be your God."

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THIRD LESSON

Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

HYMN VU 64 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

1 O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light.
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary
And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to all on earth!

3 How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heav'n.
No ear may hear his coming,
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!

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FOURTH LESSON

Isaiah 11: 1-4a, 6-9

HYMN VU 8 *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming from tender stem hath sprung,
Of Jesse's lineage coming, as seers of old have sung.
It came a blossom bright,
Amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.

2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
To show god's love aright
She bore for us a Saviour when half spent was the night.

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FIFTH LESSON

Luke 1: 26-35, 38

CHORAL ANTHEM

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2: 1-7

HYMN VU 38 *Angels We Have Heard on High*

1 Angels we have heard on high
sweetly sing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song? **R**

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. **R**

4 See him in a manger laid,
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise. **R**

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EIGHTH LESSON

Matthew 2: 1-12

CHORAL ANTHEM Brenda Gluska, contralto soloist

This is the Record of John - Orlando Gibbons

NINTH LESSON

John 1: 1-14

HYMN VU 60 *O Come All Ye Faithful* vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem:
Come and behold him, born the King of angels;

Refrain:

**O come, let us adore him O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.**

2 God of God, light of light,
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created: **R**

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;
Glory to God in the highest: **R**

5 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory given;
Word of the father, now in flesh appearing: **R**

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BLESSING

The blessing of the God of Sarah, of Hagar, and of Abraham,
The blessing of the Son born of the woman Mary,
The blessing of the Holy Spirit, who broods over us
As a mother over her children,
Be with you now and forever. Amen

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HYMN VU 48 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King,
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, joint the triumph of the skies;
With the angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

**Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"**

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb,
Veiled in flesh the godhead see;
Hail, the incarnate deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell
Jesus, our Emanuel! **R**

3 Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings
Risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth. **R**

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POSTLUDE

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland - J.S. Bach

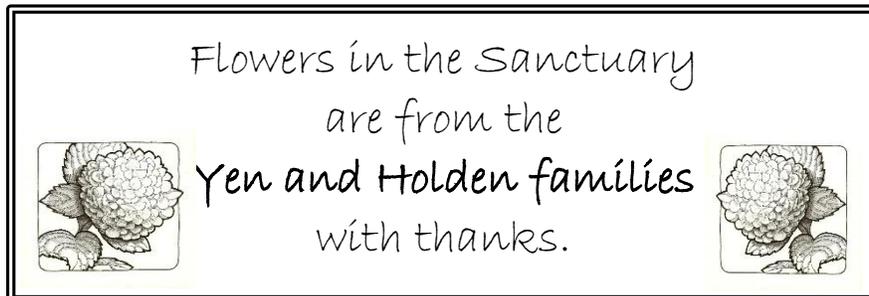
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Moncrieff, Anja Troje
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Charmaine Puszkars, Al Fletcher, Monika Holzschuh
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Important Announcement regarding Sunday's in-person service:

With cases in Kingston continuing to go up and following the news that 9 positive cases are linked to a local church, Dr. Moore, Head of KFLA Public Health requests that "anyone who's elderly that has any chronic disease reconsider going in person to places of worship". Avoiding large public gatherings like church services is important right now. "Despite best practices, there's always a risk of transmission, even in places of worship," he said.

At Tuesday's CCE Meeting, it was also decided that we will stop in-person services if Kingston is moved into 'orange' on the Provincial COVID-19 response framework.





Christmas at Chalmers

Everything is different this year...
To celebrate this wonderful season, our services will all be online.

24 December

Join us to hear the Christmas story in music and word.
A pre-recorded service available at 4 pm.
For families of young children, we are providing a suggestion for a Christmas story time at home.

27 December, 10.30 am

Stories behind our Christmas carols. Sing (at home, where we are allowed to do so!) some of our most beloved carols and hear about the inspiration behind them. Aurora Dokken will accompany us on the organ in the sanctuary.
A live get-together over zoom and teleconference.

3 January, 10:30 am

House Church - Members of the congregation will minister to each other. Come prepared with a bible verse, a poem or song to share at the beginning of the new year 2021. A live get-together over zoom and teleconference.



Advent 3



JOY



*When they saw the star, they rejoiced with
exceeding great joy.*

MATTHEW 2:10