

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



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- **To submit materials for the bulletin, please use:**
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Please send announcements by end of day Monday, or late editions by end of day Tuesday for inclusion the following Sunday.
- Please send announcements you wish made verbally to:
bulletin@chalmersunitedchurch.com
and Al Fletcher: afletcher8@cogeco.ca

Bold Text indicates the parts that everyone reads together.
Song Books are: VU *Voices United* and MV *More Voices*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

based on St. Bernard

Christ, When for Us You were Baptised - Andrew Fletcher

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

We have celebrated the birth of Jesus, Love Incarnate. We have stood in awe and humility with shepherds at the sight of a child in a manger, a promise fulfilled. We have watched with wonder as strangers from afar recognized glory in the face of an infant and brought gifts of vision and foresight. And now we stand on the verge of the river of change and hear God's voice in our hearts too. Come, let us worship and bring our praises to the one who still comes with wondrous love.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

God of stable and star, of womb and tomb, we have become addicted to your story. We long to hear again a word, a phrase from you that touches that deep place in our hearts and starts a new longing. We need the inspiration of your word to keep us growing in faith, to keep us joined in our commitment to your vision, your mission among us. Lift up your countenance upon us and give us not peace, but discontent with the things that displease you and send us out to plant and sow the seeds of love in a world so full of pain. In the name of your – our, Beloved Jesus, we pray. **Amen**

HYMN VU 322 *O God, Whose First Creative Word*

1 O God, whose first creative word
set universes into place,
who stretched across the whirling void
infinities of time and space;
O speak to our chaotic day
a word of ordered grace, we pray.

2 O Christ who came, the living word,
proclaiming love's redeeming power,
who drained the tempter's bitter cup
and triumphed in earth's darkest hour;
O speak to our despair and pain
a word that kindles hope again.

3 O Spirit, ever-present word,
God's agent of transforming grace,
who seeks to enter every heart
with light its darkness to replace;
O speak within the hearts we raise
a joyful word of faith and praise.

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD.

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy One, Sacred Mystery,
greater than words can express;
whose love for us and all creation
exceeds our capacity to imagine,
open our hearts and minds. Amen.

Genesis 1: 1 – 5

Mark 1: 4 – 11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN VU 100 *When Jesus Comes to Be Baptized*

1 When Jesus comes to be baptized,
he leaves the hidden years behind,
the years of safety and of peace,
to bear the sins of humankind.

2 The Spirit of the Lord comes down,
anoints the Christ to suffering,
to preach the word, to free the bound,
and to the mourner, comfort bring.

3 He will not quench the dying flame,
and what is bruised he will not break,
but heal the wound injustice dealt,
and out of death his triumph make.

4 O Spirit help us be like Christ:
to live in love and charity,
to walk in truth and justice now,
and grow in Christian dignity.

5 We praise you, God, source of all life,
we praise you, God, eternal Word,
we praise you Spirit, gracious gift;
your triune presence fills our world.

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MEDITATION

Immersed in Life

The Rev. Kathleen Walton

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SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

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OFFERTORY

Von Himmel Kam der Engel Schar - J.S. Bach

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN VU 84 *Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word*

1 O radiant Christ, incarnate Word,
eternal love revealed in time:
come, make your home within our hearts,
that we may dwell in light sublime.

2 Our bartered, busy lives burn dim,
too tired to care, too numb to feel.
Come, shine upon our shadowed world:
your radiance bathes with power to heal.

3 Your glory shone at Jordan's stream,
the font where we were born anew.
Attune your church to know you near;
Illumine all we say and do.

4 O Light of Nations, fill the earth;
our faith and hope and love renew.
Come, lead the peoples to your peace,
as starts once led the way to you.

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COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING

Deep Peace - John Rutter

Janice Moncrief, Soprano soloist

POSTLUDE

based on Winchester New

When Christ Comes to be Baptised - Rosalie Bonington

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Guest Minister **The Rev. Kathleen Walton** was born in Aberdeen, Scotland and grew up in southern Ontario in the 50's and 60's. She attended McMaster University for a degree in Anthropology, and then worked for several years as a librarian at York University in the Government Documents Dept. of the Library. The call of the north in the 70's took her to Whitehorse, Yukon, supposedly for a year or so, but the call went deeper than that and she stayed in Whitehorse working first for the Indian Affairs Dept. and then the Territorial Government Economics Dept. She married Tom Walton in 1980 and they lived on a small hobby farm and horse rescue operation near the Takhini Hot Springs until 1991, when they both felt the call to another life, and attended Queen's University to study Theology. The United Church has been Kathy's faith home for most of her life and she has served churches in Plevna, Frankford, Seeley's Bay, Athens, Westbrook, and Grace United, in Gananoque. In Retirement, serving as a Supply Minister has introduced her to the life and struggles of many local congregations. She continues to believe that pastoral care for congregation and community is the core quality that reveals the depth of commitment to gospel values and feeds the spiritual life of all.

Interim Music Director	Aurora Dokken
Soprano Soloist	Janice Moncrieff
Hymn Choir	Rob Bruce, Margot Craft, Joan Egnatoff, Bill Egnatoff, Barb Fletcher, Al Fletcher, Juliet Milsome, Janice Moncrieff, Anja Troje
Sound & Media Techs	Brigitta Holzschuh, Catie Doane
Technical Chair	Nick Steinberg

Tuesday, Jan. 12

- **The Two Church Lunch and Learn Group will meet** by ZOOM gathering at 1pm for announcements and chat, with the speaker starting at 1:15. The speaker is Jamie Swift from the Basic Income Advocacy Group and his topic is "The Role of Basic Income in Pandemic Recovery". Everyone from Sydenham St. and Chalmers and your friends are invited to attend and will obviously not include lunch. To attend please contact Meikle Turner at 613-542-7744 or meikle_irish@yahoo.com. Meikle will send you the link to the Zoom session shortly before Jan. 12. There is no charge for attending. Our next Lunch and Learn meeting will be on Feb. 9, 2021. The topic will be "Racism" with Stephany Simpson, Associate VP (Human Rights, Equity and Inclusion) as our speaker
- **4 pm: CCE will meet by Zoom**
- **The ad hoc Music Committee welcomes** the contribution of musical offerings for our worship in 2021. If you, or someone you know, would be willing to prepare a recording, please contact one of us to discuss the details. Joan Egnatoff, joane@kingston.net; or Bill Egnatoff, egnatoff@kingston.net 613 634-3341