

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



SUNDAY, JAN. 1, 2023 10:30 AM

NEW YEAR'S DAY

REV. NANCY CLARKE

"DON'T STOP BELIEVING"

Covid Precautions

1. Self-screening guidelines: If you have Covid symptoms or are isolating due to close contact, you should not attend in person. Services are also live-streamed.
2. Masking is encouraged but no longer mandatory.
Many will still choose to remain masked for their own or for others' safety. We welcome this choice and urge everyone to respect individuals' choices - each according to their own personal situation.
3. Social distancing still continues in the sanctuary and MacCallum Hall.

Bold Text *indicates the parts that everyone reads together*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Meine Seele erhebet den Herrn (My Soul Magnifies the Lord) - Delphin Strungk

WORDS OF 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.

CENTERING PRAYER

Almighty and eternal God, you are the strength of those who believe. You are the hope of those who doubt. Grant us peace as we come before you. Throughout this year, guide us to praise you often and in all ways. May ours be a gratitude that shines forth in our daily lives. May we grow in our hope and trust in you. Remind us that you call us to serve one another cheerfully and humbly. Lead us to do so in our words and in our actions. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

One: We light this candle to remind us that Christ is the light of the world and present in our midst.

All: May the life and words of Jesus enlighten us on our way.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In Christ, God says to us, "Arise, shine for your light is come".

All: In Christ, God says to us, "Love one another as I have loved you".

One: In Christ, God says to us, "Your sins are forgiven".

All: Thanks be to God!

HYMN VU 35 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
O give ye heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today!
Ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today!
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now you hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest for evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now you need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save!
Christ was born to save!

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A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O God, your Word is a lamp unto our feet.
Your Word is a light to our path.
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love. Amen.

READING

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Matthew 2: 1 -12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

HYMN VU 71 *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

1 'Twas in the moon of wintertime,
when all the birds had fled,
that mighty Gitchi Manitou
sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
and wondering hunters heard the hymn:

Refrain:

**Jesus your King is born,
Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria.**

2 Within a lodge of broken bark
the tender babe was found,
a ragged robe of rabbit skin
enwrapped His beauty round;
but as the hunter braves drew nigh,
the angel song rang loud and high: **R**

3 The earliest moon of wintertime
is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on
the helpless Infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
with gifts of fox and beaver pelt. **R**

4 O children of the forest free,
the angel song is true,
the holy Child of earth and heaven
is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant Boy,
Who brings you beauty, peace and joy. R

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SERMON

Don't Stop Believing

Rev. Nancy Clarke

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

DOXOLOGY

HYMN VU 543 *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

v. 1

1 We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN VU 74 *What Child is This?*

1 What child is this, who laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

**This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!**

2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading. R

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of Kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him. R

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BENEDICTION

One: May God turn to you and I with grace and peace.

All: May the forgiveness of Jesus Christ lift us.

One: May the mercy of Jesus Christ free us from all burdens and regrets.
May we be filled instead with compassion and patience.

All: May the Holy Spirit comfort and bless us, now and always.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

On Old Hundredth - Healey Willan



THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Minister: Rev. Nancy Clarke is originally from London, Ontario. She graduated from Queen's Theological College and was ordained by the United Church of Canada in 1987.

Her first pastoral charge was near Truro, Nova Scotia. In Ontario she has ministered at the Wooler-Stockdale Pastoral Charge near Trenton, the Portland-Elgin Pastoral Charge, at Grace United Church in Sydenham, at St. Matthew's United Church, Kingston and was the Pastoral Care Minister at Chalmers United Church (September 2011 – June 2017 and April 2018 – September 2018). Nancy served the Roblin-Enterprise United Church Pastoral Charge (October 1, 2016 – April 19, 2022). She is currently filling in as Sunday pulpit supply in the Kingston area. She is married to the Anglican Archdeacon Rev. Bill Clarke, who is the minister at St. Thomas's Anglican Church, Kingston. They have 2 adult sons, a daughter-in-law and a young granddaughter. Nancy is delighted to be our Pulpit Supply minister on Jan. 1, and 8, 2023.

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