

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



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"Advent Peace"

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Bold Text *indicates the parts that everyone reads together*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen (A Rose breaks into Bloom) - Johannes Brahms

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH CANDLE

Candle from Advent One is lit.

One: We are together, not alone. In spirit and in community we gather on this second Sunday in Advent in solidarity and with courage to partner for a world full of peace where all of creation will flourish. Our witness is to and for peace.

Advent Two Candle is lit.

All: God-of-peace-and-possibility, kindle in the hearts of all, compassion and love, so that goodness, just deeds, the common good, and trust may flourish. Bless and gift all, with hope for a future of peace, built on justice for all. In the name of the Child, the peaceful one. Amen.

INTROIT

HYMN VU 6 *A Candle is Burning*

v.2

A candle is burning, a candle of peace,
a candle to signal that conflict must cease:
for Jesus is coming to show us the way;
a message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God comes as light, grace-filled yet baby frail.
**Now may our hearts cradle you,
our voices sing to you, our spirits leap to you,
and our hearts dance with you.**

CENTRING PRAYER

Holy One, give us the courage to be welcoming, as we prepare for Christ's arrival,
so that, like the Innkeeper and animals, we can share what we can, like Mary and Joseph, we can trust in the kindness of others, and like the Holy Family, appreciate the unexpected joy in Christ's story.
Help us to be welcoming, as we prepare. Amen.

CAROL VU 46 *Gentle Mary Laid her Child* melody Hymnary 57, V. 1-3

1 Gentle Mary laid her child
lowly in a manger;
there he lay, the undefiled,
to the world a stranger.
Such a Babe in such a place,
can he be the Saviour?
Ask the saved of all the race
who have found his favour.

2 Angels sang about his birth,
wise Men sought and found him;
heaven's star shone brightly forth,
glory all around him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,
heard the angels singing;
all the plains were lit that night,
all the hills were ringing.

3 Gentle Mary laid her child
lowly in a manger;
he is still the undefiled,
but no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth,
beautiful the story;
praise his name in all the earth;
hail the King of glory!

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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.**

SCRIPTURES

Malachi 3: 1 - 4

LUKE 1: 68 - 79 VU pg. 900 *Song of Zechariah*

Refrain:

God shall fulfil the promise and bring the people peace.

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Blessed be the God of Israel,
who has come to the people and set them free,
who has raised up for us a mighty saviour,
born of the house of the servant David.
Through the holy prophets of old
God promised to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us,
to show the mercy promised to our ancestors,
to remember the holy covenant,
the oath God swore to our ancestors Abraham and Sarah,
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to serve God without fear,
holy and righteous in God's presence,
all the days of our life. R

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
to give the people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who sit in darkness, the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. R

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Luke 3: 1 - 6

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

CAROL VU 74 *What Child is This?*

v. 1-3

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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SERMON

Advent Peace

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SPECIAL MUSIC

Sleep Holy Babe - J.B. Dykes

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY INTROIT VU 543 *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

v. 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

CAROL VU 48 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

v. 1-3

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 heavenborn 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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COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION

VU 19 *Kindle a Flame*

**Kindle a flame
to lighten the dark
and take all fear away.**

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POSTLUDE

Ding Dong Merrily on High

Gloria, traditional French Carol

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

Guest Minister **The Rev. Dr. Paul Currie** Paul recently retired to Bath following over four decades of pastoral ministry. These began under the mentorship of the Chalmers team of Stan Lucyk, Marg Quigley and David Cameron. He is continuing his enjoyment of choral music and serving as Voluntary Associate Minister at his former congregation, Edith Rankin Memorial.

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| Co-Liturgist | Linda Steinberg |
| Organist | Juliet Milsome |
| Readers | Bill and Joan Egnatoff |
| Hymn Singers | Margot Craft, Paul Currie, Barb Fletcher, Al Fletcher, Mary Davis Little, Janice Moncrieff, Linda Steinberg |
| Sound & Media Techs | Catie Doane, Brigitta Holzschuh |
| Technical Chair | Nick Steinberg |

UPCOMING SERVICES

Dec. 5 - Dec. 24: Rev. Dr. Paul Currie

Dec. 12 - Lessons and Carols

Dec. 19 - Advent Love

Dec. 24 - Family Friendly service

At 10:30 join us in person at Chalmers or watch live-streamed on Chalmers' YouTube channel.

The service will also be posted later to the same channel.

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