



WELCOME!

ADVENT III
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2009

CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH

KINGSTON, ONTARIO

The four-Sunday Season of Advent, which leads to Christmas, is a time of waiting, anticipating and expecting. Advent begins in the night, in darkness and in waiting. There are stars to light the path of the journey and often these bring flashes of light, insights, sparklers that move us along on the way. In Advent, even as we wait for the birth at Bethlehem, there are signs of the expectant birth, there is promise and there are glimmers of the hope that is to come. Advent is a time of waiting.

ORDER OF SERVICE

☞☞ Congregation please stand if you are able.

For your convenience the ushers have
LARGE PRINT bulletins and hearing assist equipment.

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

GATHERING FOR COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

WELCOME

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION *O Come, O come, Emmanuel* D. Cameron

☞☞ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 1 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

☞☞ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let your Spirit sing in our hearts.

All: **Let your Song of Joy fill our world.**



One: As we wait through this Advent season for the birth of the Christ Child,

All: **let the glorious angels lead us to the place where the Christ can be born today.**

☞☞ INTROIT 11 *Come, Come Emmanuel*



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☞☞ GATHERING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the announcements the children and young people are invited to come forward.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

HYMN 10 *Prepare the way of the Lord*

Songs of joy lead us through these Advent days.

HYMN 7 *Hope is a Star (Verses 1, 2 & 3)*

*Following the hymn the children and young people
are invited to go to their programs.*

INTRODUCTION TO THIS SERVICE

David Cameron

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Malachi 3:1-4

Douglas Reid

A MODERN RESPONSE *Advent*

Gilda DiCola Mills

By Sr. Christine Schenck, *Christian Solidarity International*

THE CHOIR *Joseph's Child*

Cassandra Luftspring

*And Joseph loved his Mary, though Mary was with child.
The angel did proclaim it so, for in a dream to Joseph showed
The baby born of holy name, to save us from our sins he came,
From Mary, pure and mild.*

*Joseph's child was conceived in light,
and Joseph's heart was filled with love;
This baby boy the world made right, and brought salvation from above.*

*And Joseph loved his baby, though he was not his child.
The wise men gathered round him there with gifts and love
they joyous bear;
The rising star that lit their path would steer us from all worldly
wrath, And tame the darkness wild.*

*Oh Joseph's child was born of peace, and Joseph's heart was filled with joy,
For sorrow's end and fear to cease within the smile of his boy.
So come all people to this place; in Bethlehem behold God's grace,
And with his love, Oh world, rejoice! Born the child most glorious!*

*And Joseph named his baby, for he was God's child.
His precious son, our heavenly King, around him angels sing of
hope and peace everlasting,
The shepherd Lord, Emmanuel, our Father's word fulfilled.
In Joseph's child our hope entrust; with Joseph's heart we sing our
praise,
In faith God's Spirit lives in us, and peace in every soul is ours,
always!*

Felice Luftspring

THE SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5

Peter Mills

A MODERN RESPONSE *Advent*

Margaret Quigley

By Christine Rodgers

 **HYMN 5** *All Earth is Waiting*

THE THIRD READING Luke 3:1-6

Alex Summers

🌀🌀 **HYMN 20** *On Jordan's Bank*

THE FOURTH READING Luke 1: 26-33, 38 Janice Moncrieff

THE CHOIR *Magnificat in b minor* Thomas Tertius Noble
My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour; for he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed; for he that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations: he hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers Abraham, and his seed for ever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Luke 1: 46-56)

🌀🌀 **HYMN 55** *In the Bleak Midwinter*

THE FIFTH READING Luke 2: 1-19 Rosemary MacLachlan

🌀🌀 **HYMN 75** *While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night*

NATIVITY *A Christmas Poem by John Donne* David Rutenberg

THE CHOIR *What Sweeter Music Can We Bring* Mark Sirett
*What sweeter music can we bring than a carol for to sing the birth of this, our heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string! Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
And give honour to this day that sees December turned to May.
If we may ask the reason, say: We see him come, and know him ours,
Who with his sunshine and his showers turns all the patient land to flowers.
The darling of the world is come, and fit it is we find a room to welcome him.
The nobler part of all the house here is the heart, which we will give him,
And bequeath this holly and this ivy wreath, to do him honour who's our King,
And Lord of all this reveling. We see him come, and know him ours,
Who with his sunshine and his showers, turns all the patient ground to flowers.* (Robert Herrick)

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

THE SIXTH READING John 1:1-14 Steven Chambers
John tells of the Incarnation

A MODERN RESPONSE *The Wicked Fairy at the Manger* Margaret Quigley

🌀🌀 **HYMN 248** *When Long Before Time*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

David Haas

Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-low-ed be your name; your
king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in heav-en.
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins, as
we for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the
time of trial, and de - liv-er us from e - vil, for the
king - dom, the power and the glo ry are yours,
now and for ev-er.

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THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC *In dulci jubilo*

attr. to J. S. Bach



SONG OF DEDICATION

Voices United 540

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
With a spirit large and free,
That ourselves and all our living
We may offer faithfully.**



PRAYER OF DEDICATION



HYMN 62 *Once in Royal David's City*

COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION



RESPONSE

In response, all sing:

Lawrence M. Probes

A - rise, be clothed in the light: A -
rise, be clothed in the light! Your light has come, your
light has come: Hal - le - lu - jah!

POSTLUDE *A Trumpet Minuet*

Alfred Hollins

CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP & A PLACE

This morning the children will continue to explore the Christmas story through story, song and art.

The youth of *A Place* will be finishing off some of their projects from the fall. Look for the youth handing out socks this morning and selling some yummy Christmas chocolates.



TODAY

WELCOME ALL WORSHIPPERS!

We hope that many will choose to remain for a time of conversation and refreshment following this service. The nursery is open this morning for families needing child care.

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

The children of the Church School will be Christmas Carolling to some of our senior members.

Adult singers are welcome to join us.

We will meet at Church House (212 Barrie St) at 2pm.

NEXT SUNDAY

Dec. 20, 2009

Advent IV

10:05 am Carol Singing

10:30 am Worship

Please bring your Sox for *Warm Feet for the Street*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec 24 ♦ CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 pm Christmas Story and Songs

for the young & young at heart

8:30 pm Carol singing

9:00 pm Worship with Communion

Dec 27 ♦ WORSHIP 10:30 am Christmas Story and Song at

Chalmers with the people of Sydenham Street

United Church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** will take place on Sunday, January 10, 2010. If you are interested in the sacrament for yourself or a child, please speak to one of the ministers.

CHALMERS CONTINUES ITS MISSION AND MINISTRY BEYOND THE LIMESTONE WALLS

For over fifty years, Chalmers United Church has been broadcasting its Sunday worship service, usually live, on local radio stations. At the end of 2009, there will be no local radio broadcaster willing to carry the Chalmers' transmission. We are aware that there are many people who appreciate our weekly service. The Coordinating Council of Elders, several of its committees and many individuals have been working hard to develop a plan to keep all people included in our worship.

Early in 2010, we plan to move our broadcast to the internet, accessible at www.chalmersunitedchurch.com. We will provide both a live stream of the service at 10:30 am and podcasts (recordings) of parts of the service that can be downloaded later. Through our website, there will be easy access as well to the order of service that can be viewed on line or printed. All of this will be done at considerably less cost than the FM radio broadcast.

We are aware that the loss of our FM radio broadcast will be a significant disappointment to many people. Some loyal worship participants have access to the internet; some don't. We know this change will be difficult for some. Plans are being developed to assist people through this change.

As the new year approaches, we want to be able to move from our radio broadcast to internet broadcasting with a strong commitment to enabling the worship life of our congregation – in the church and beyond the limestone walls. Watch for further updates over the next few weeks.

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Minister	Rev. Dr. Steven Chambers
Music Director	Dr. David Cameron
Organ & Piano	Fran Harkness
Storyteller	Rev. Beth Hayward
Nursery	Sarah Wallace, Anne Worden
Children's Fellowship	Elma Lank and Julia ten Hove
<i>A Place</i>	Brianne Lewis
Sound Technician	Fiona Mills
Ushers	Peter & Mary Carlson (Captains) Peter Faris, Peg McLean, Rie Kidman Joan Simeon, Jane MacEwen (Balcony)
Counters	Francis and Rosemary MacLachlan
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