



# WELCOME!

## ADVENT IV

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20,

## 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.

☺☺☺ 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

CAROL SINGING

WELCOME

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION *Once in Royal David's City* Arthur Hutchings

☺☺ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 36 *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*

☺☺ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Let your Spirit burn in our hearts.

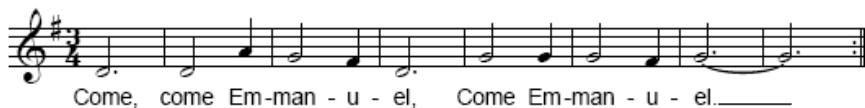
**All: Let your Light shine in our world.**

One: As our Advent time of waiting for  
the birth of the Christ Child draws to an end,

**All: Let the Flame of Your Love warm the place  
where the Christ can be born today.**



☺☺ INTROIT *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 CANDLES

**HYMN 10** *Prepare the Way of the Lord*

*A flame of love burns in our hearts as our journey heads to Bethlehem.*

**HYMN 7** *Hope is a Star (Verses 1, 2, 3 & 4)*

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

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE SCRIPTURES

One: Through scripture we meet the Living God.

**Sung by All: Your word is a lamp to my feet,  
and a light unto my path. VU 956**

First Reading: Micah 5: 2-5a

One: Herein is Wisdom.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

CHORAL READING

*Two Empires*

Peter Faris

*🎵* **HYMN 5** *All Earth is Waiting*

The Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-25

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

**CHOIR CAROL**

John Joubert

*Torches, torches, run with torches all the way to Bethlehem; Christ is born and now lies sleeping, come and sing your song to him! Ah, Roro\*, roro my baby, ah roro, my love, roro; sleep you well, my heart's own darling, while we sing you our roro. Sing, my friends, and make you merry, Joy and mirth and joy again: lo, he lives, the King of Heaven, now and evermore. Amen. (\* Roro = a soothing sound for the infant. Trans. from the Galician by J. B. Trend)*

SERMON *Active Waiting*

*🎵* **HYMN 64** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

## THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**CHOIR CAROL** *The Infant King*

Basque Carol, arr. Anthony Prower

*Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby now reclining, sing lullaby! Hush, do not wake the infant King. Angels are watching, stars are shining, over the place where he is lying: sing lullaby!  
Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now a-sleeping, sing lullaby! Hush, do not wake the infant King. Soon will come sorrow with the morning, soon will come bitter grief and weeping: sing lullaby.  
Sing lullaby! Lullaby baby, now a-doing, sing lullaby! Hush, do not wake the infant King. Soon comes the cross, the nails, the piercing, then in the grave at last reposing: sing lullaby!  
Sing lullaby! Lullaby! Is the babe awaking? Sing lullaby. Hush, do not stir the infant King. Soon will come Easter, gladsome morning, conquering death, its bondage breaking: sing lullaby!*

S. Baring-Gould, alt.

**THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS**

OFFERTORY MUSIC *In dulci jubilo* (Hymn 35)

Dietrich Buxtehude

*🎵* **SONG OF DEDICATION**

Voices United 55

**What can I give him, poor as I am?  
if I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
yet what I can I give him – give my heart.**

*🎵* **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*🎵* **HYMN 48** *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

*🎵* **COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

*🎵* **RESPONSE**

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 *Variations, Joseph est bien marié*

Claude Balbastre

## TODAY

**WELCOME ALL WORSHIPPERS!** We hope that many will choose to remain for a time of conversation and refreshment following this service. Nursery care is available this morning.

The Children and youth will continue to explore themes of Christmas this morning.

*Sox for Warm Feet for the Street are welcomed today in the baskets at the back of the church.*

**Offering Envelopes** for 2010 are available on the pew at the rear of the sanctuary. Doug Reid will be available at the back of the church following the service to answer any questions about envelopes or Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR).

# CHRISTMAS WEEK

**Dec. 24, 2009**

**Christmas Eve**

**4 pm** Christmas Story and Songs for the young & young at heart

**8:30 pm** Carol singing

**9 pm** Worship with Communion

**Dec. 27, 2009**

**10:30 am** Music & Reflection at Chalmers with the people of Sydenham Street United Church

Please note that there will be no programs for Children or Teens on December 27<sup>th</sup> or Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Nursery will be available both of these weeks and children 8 and under are welcome to play there with the care givers. Older children and teens are encouraged to help with the younger children in the Nursery on these two Sundays. Children's Fellowship and *A Place* will resume on Sunday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>.

## PARTICIPANTS

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Dr. Steven Chambers
<b>Music Director</b>	Dr. David Cameron
<b>Storyteller</b>	Rev. Beth Hayward
<b>Choral Readers</b>	Katharine Smithrim, Elaine Bailey, Peter Carlson, Janice Moncrieff, Hannah Faris
<b>Nursery</b>	Marilyn Braden
<b>Children's Fellowship</b>	Wilma McColl, Julia ten Hove
<b><i>A Place</i></b>	Brianne Lewis, Alison Wardlaw
<b>Sound Technician</b>	Bernhard Speicher
<b>Ushers</b>	Peter and Mary Carlson (Captains) Mike Hartlin, Jim Reynolds, Joan Simeon, Jane MacEwen
<b>Counters</b>	Francis & Rosemary MacLachlan
<b>Dec. Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	Men's Group, Tom Challis, Wilmer Hill



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