



# WELCOME!

CHRISTMAS EVE 9:00 PM  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2009

## CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH

KINGSTON, ONTARIO

☞☞ Congregation please stand if you are able.  
For your convenience the ushers have  
LARGE PRINT bulletins and hearing assist equipment.

### GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

8:30 PM CAROL SINGING

PRELUDE *Come, Saviour of the Nations*

☞☞ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 36 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

☞☞ CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The word is made flesh and dwells among us.

All: **Alleluia, Alleluia!**

One: The Light has come to guide our way and give us hope.

All: **Glory to God on high and peace to all God's people.**

☞☞ CHORAL INTROIT

David Cameron

*O come, let us adore him, only-begotten of the Father; he is full of grace and truth.*

GATHERING PRAYER

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of stable, stars and surprise, of light and hope and new life: open our eyes and hearts to your presence in this world; forgive our obsession with property and possessions; forgive our compromises and narrow vision. Open us to your grace, that we might hear again the song of the angels and respond with a song in our hearts and new-born hope in our lives. Amen**

*(Silence for Private Prayer)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

☞☞ DOXOLOGY 59 *Joy to the World!*

### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S 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: Isaiah 9:2-7

One: Herein is Wisdom.

All: **Thanks Be to God.**

HYMN 47 *Still, Still, Still (please remain seated)*

The Gospel: Luke 2:1-20

One: The Gospel of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: **Glory to You, O Christ.**

Choir Carol

Arthur Henry Brown, arr. David Cameron

*When Christ was born of Mary free in Bethlehem that fair city, angels sang there with mirth and glee, "In excelsis gloria!"*

*Herdsmen beheld these angels bright, to them appearing with great light, who said, "God's son is born this night, in excelsis gloria!"*

*This King is come to save mankind in scripture promised as we find; therefore this song have we in mind, "In excelsis gloria!"*

*Grant us, O Lord, for thy great grace, in heaven in bliss to see thy face, where we may sing to thy solace: "In excelsis gloria!"*

*(Carol text, 15<sup>th</sup> century)*

SERMON

☞☞ HYMN 67 *Silent Night*

# THE SERVICE OF THE TABLE

INVITATION

THE PEACE

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Of the Father's Love Begotten (Hymn 61)*

D. Cameron

OFFERTORY HYMN **60** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*Our gifts of wine, bread and money will be brought to the Table.*

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: God be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift our hearts in prayer.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

All: **It is good to give God thanks and praise.**

Gracious God, at this blessed Christmas feast, ...

Therefore, with the angels who sang glory to you in the highest and peace to your people on earth, with your people in all ages, and the whole company of heaven, we join in the song of unending praise, singing:

Sanctus David Cameron

*mf* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might; *f* heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. *mp* Bles - sed is  
(Choir)  
he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho - san -  
(All)  
na, Ho - san na in the high est.

Truly holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ...

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**We proclaim Jesus, Crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND POURING OF THE CUP

*Communion will be shared in individual glasses.*

*You are invited to come forward by the centre aisle and return to your seat by one of the side aisles.*

*During the distribution, the choir will sing Harold Darke's setting of Hymn 55, 'In the bleak midwinter', and you are then invite to join in the singing of Hymns 58 and 47.*

PRAYER

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

🎵 **HYMN 91** *The First Nowell*

🎵 COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

🎵 **RESPONSE Amen!**

POSTLUDE *In dulci jubilo (Hymn 35)*



J. S. Bach

### AT CHRISTMAS

As we gather to celebrate anew the story of the first Christmas we are touched by the wonder of the season and the mystery of a love so great. Chalmers is a spiritual community that seeks to wrestle deeply with the meaning of God's love for this world and us in it. If you find yourself wondering about the big questions, God's role in the world, your call to action as a person of faith, Chalmers is a community that welcomes you on the journey. We don't offer simple answers, rather we seek to provide space for people of all ages to grow in faith. To learn more about our mission and programs please be in touch directly with one of our ministers.

Blessings to you as you share the joy of the Christmas season.

## NEXT SUNDAY

Dec. 27, 2009

Christmas I

A joint service of Christmas celebration for the congregations of Sydenham Street United and Chalmers United at Chalmers. Come and join in the stories and music of Christmas Season.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** is now closed and will reopen on January 4th.

For emergency pastoral care concerns over the Christmas – New Year's period, please call (613) 484-2836.

### PARTICIPANTS

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