



WELCOME!

ADVENT II  
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6, 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

CAROL SINGING

WELCOME

MUSIC FOR REFLECTION *People Look East (Hymn 9)* Robert Powell

☞☞ **PROCESSIONAL HYMN 18** *There's a Voice in the Wilderness*

☞☞ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Let your Spirit burn in our hearts.

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



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

**All: Let your ribbon of Peace draw us together into  
a circle of love 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*

*The promise of peace on the Advent journey.*

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

*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: Isaiah 40: 1-11

One: Herein is Wisdom.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel: Luke 1: 39-56

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**ANTHEM** *Magnificat in C*

Charles Villiers Stanford

*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)

SERMON *A Vibrant Now*

 **HYMN 899** *Song of Mary*

# THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

## A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Prelude in E* Frédéric Chopin

SILENCE

PRAYER

☪☪ **HYMN** *When Painful Mem'ries* Tune: Kingsfold  
When painful mem'ries haunt each day and dreams disturb the night,  
When life is washed with shades of grey and phantoms fill our sight,  
Christ, stay beside us and embrace the child who dwells within;  
Come, healer, touch ourselves with grace; restore our lives again.

When dreams at last bring peace and rest, and fear has lost control,  
When, tried by struggle, we are blessed with rightful mind and soul,  
Stay close beside us as before, to guide us all our days.  
Christ, take the lives that you restore and fit them for your praise.

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## ANTHEM

Michael Capon

*Of all the Spirit's gifts to me, I pray that I may never cease to take and treasure most these three: love, joy, and peace. The Spirit shows me love's the root of every gift sent from above; of every flower, of every fruit, that God is love. The Spirit shows if I possess a love no evil can destroy, however great is my distress, then this is joy. Though what's ahead is mystery, and life itself is ours on lease, each day the Spirit says to me: go forth in peace! We go in peace, but made aware that in a needy world like this our clearest purpose is to share love, joy, and peace. (Fred Pratt Green)*

## THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC *Sicilienne* Antonio Vivaldi

☪☪ **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 44** *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

☪☪ COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

☪☪ **RESPONSE Amen!**

POSTLUDE *We All Believe in One God* Johann Sebastian Bach  
(BWV 680)



The flowers in the sanctuary  
are placed in loving memory of  
*Carole Challis*  
from the family.

## 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.

### WARM FEET FOR THE STREET

You are invited to pick up a pair or two of socks this morning and  
stuff them with useful items for people who will be in need  
– and possibly on the streets of our city – this year. Please return  
the socks to church by Sunday, December 20th for distribution at  
Martha's Table Christmas dinner on December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE STUDENTS CHRISTMAS GATHERING

5:30PM IN CHURCH HOUSE

### REMEMBERING 14 WOMEN AT

#### L'ECOLE POLYTECHNIQUE DE MONTREAL

6PM Memorial Service	Wallace Hall, John Deutsch University Centre (JDUC) 2nd Floor, 87 Union Street
630PM Candlelight Vigil	Wallace Hall to Macdonald Hall
7PM Film " <i>Polytechnique</i> "	followed by panel discussion. at Macdonald Hall 128 Union St

## NEXT SUNDAY

Dec. 13, 2009

Advent III

Carol singing at 10:05 am

A Service of Music and Readings at 10:30 am

### 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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec 7 ♦ MUSIC, BROADCAST AND ARTS COMMITTEE**  
will meet at 12:15pm in Chalmers House
- Dec 7 ♦ OUTREACH COMMITTEE** will meet at 7pm in Chalmers House
- Dec 8 ♦ COORDINATING COUNCIL OF ELDERS** will meet in MacCallum Hall at 7pm
- Dec 11 ♦ A BAROQUE CHRISTMAS** 7:30 pm
- Dec 13 ♦ ADVENT III**  
10:05 am Carol Singing  
10:30 am Worship, Music and Readings
- Dec 20 ♦ ADVENT IV**  
10:05 am Carol Singing  
10:30 am Worship  
*Sox for Warm Feet for the Street*
- Dec 24 ♦ CHRISTMAS EVE**  
4:00 pm Christmas Story & 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

### **CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP & A PLACE**

Please try not to be distracted by the smell of warm chocolate drifting through the sanctuary this morning: that's the youth of *A Place* creating some lovely Christmas chocolates. Be sure to bring your spare change next week to purchase some yummy chocolate Christmas gifts!

The children will be sharing just as great a time upstairs this morning as we sing Christmas carols with Elma, listen to the Christmas story and create our own wonderful gifts to share with a special someone.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY** is looking for Christmas gift donors for a child or a family in their care. If you are interested in contributing please call: Terri Lachance, Volunteer Coordinator, Frontenac Children's Aid Society, at 613-542-7351 ext. 3370 or email: [terri.lachan@frontcas.ca](mailto:terri.lachan@frontcas.ca)
  
- ◆ **DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE 2010** of the Canadian Bible Society copies are available at the back of the church.
  
- ◆ **THE BENEVOLENT FUND OF CHALMERS** assists people in our community who are in need. Your gift may provide someone with a meal at Martha's Table, transportation to an important medical appointment, food, children's clothing or even work boots for a new job start. The ministers oversee these funds for people in our community. Envelopes can be found at the back of the church if you wish to make a donation.
  
- ◆ **DRAMATIC READING GROUP** If you would like to read aloud and join a group preparing dramatic readings of Scripture and other materials, please contact Peter Faris after church or by phone at 613-547-3371.
  
- ◆ **STAMP PROGRAM** As you receive more mail with the approach of Christmas, please remember to bring in any cancelled stamps from home or your office to Chalmers House or place at the back of the church. This excellent program exchanges used stamps for new ones.

## PARTICIPANTS

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Dr. Steven Chambers
<b>Music Director</b>	Dr. David Cameron
<b>Organ &amp; Piano</b>	Fran Harkness
<b>Postlude</b>	Kyungmi Alexis Lee, Chalmers Organ Scholar
<b>Storyteller</b>	Rev. Beth Hayward
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Erica Wyncoll
<b>Nursery</b>	Laura Elgin, Sarah Richardson
<b>Children's Fellowship</b>	Elma Lank, Julia ten Hove
<b>A Place</b>	Alison Wardlaw, Linda Steinberg
<b>Sound Technician</b>	Bernhard Speicher
<b>Ushers</b>	Captains: Peter & Mary Carlson Peter Faris Doreen and Roy Morrison Balcony: Jane MacEwen, Joan Simeon
<b>Counters</b>	Barb and Doug Logsdail
<b>Dec. Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	Men's Group Peter Faris, Tom Challis



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