

# CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH

KINGSTON, ONTARIO

JANUARY 11, 2009

BAPTISM OF JESUS

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

## WELCOME !

### 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

PRELUDE *Adagio (Viola Concerto)* G. F. Handel

☪☪ PROCESSIONAL HYMN 84 *O Radiant Christ, Incarnate Word*

☪☪ CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: Out of the water of baptism we rise with new life!

**ALL: Let all that God does be praised!**

ONE: Into new life we go; forgiven, renewed and one  
with Christ.

**ALL: Let all that God does be praised!**

☪☪ Introit *Psalm 29:2 (from the Psalm for today)* David Cameron

1. Choir Only

2. REPEATED BY ALL

*f* As - crite to the Lord the ho - nour of his  
name, and wor - ship in the beau - ty of  
ho li - ness. Psalm 29:2

☪☪ GATHERING PRAYER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

GATHERING AROUND THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*"What has come into being in him was life,  
and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness did not overcome it."* *John 1: 3b - 5*

DEDICATION OF THE CHRIST CANDLE AND LITURGICAL BANNERS

SONG *This Little Light of Mine*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. (3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel, NO! I'm gonna let it shine...(3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let anyone blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine...(3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shine it all over Kingston town, I'm gonna let it shine...(3x)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine...(3X)  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE

*Cassidy Irene Martine Roughton*

Daughter of Ashley Jamie Roughton  
Godparents: Linda St-Onge and Larry Gray

PROMISES OF THE PARENT

CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT

 A NEW CREED

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

**We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.**

## THE ACT OF BAPTISM

### DECLARATION AND CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME

Into the household of faith, we welcome you with joy and thanksgiving.

**We are members of the Body of Christ.  
We are inheritors of God's promise.  
In the name of Christ, we welcome you.**

### PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATE

🌀 **HYMN 644** *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*

### 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: Genesis 1: 1-5

One: Herein is Wisdom.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

James Kent

*Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory and the majesty! Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power, the victory and the majesty: for all that is in the heavens and the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head over all. (1 Chronicles 39:11)*

The Gospel: Mark 1: 4-11

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM O Love, How Deep (Text at Hymn 348) Winnagene Hatch

SERMON *Down to Earth*

🌀 **HYMN 449** *Crashing Waters at Creation*

## THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

O most Compassionate Life-giver,  
may we honour and praise you;  
may we work with you to establish  
your new order of justice,  
peace and love;

Give us what we need for growth,  
and help us, through forgiving others,  
to accept forgiveness.

Strengthen us in the time of testing,  
that we may resist all evil,  
for all tenderness, strength and love  
are yours, now and forever. AMEN

Bill Wallace, Aotearoa/New Zealand

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory Music

Henry G. Ley



**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 320** *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*



COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION



**RESPONSE AMEN!**

POSTLUDE *Allegro (Concerto I)*

G. F. Handel

### CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP AND A PLACE

The Faith Formation Program for children and youth at Chalmers attempts to provide a welcoming environment where children can engage their faith in meaningful ways. Rooted in Biblical story we use a variety of activities to encourage the children to know God's love made known through Jesus. Children are encouraged to ask questions and articulate for themselves the wonder of God's love in their lives and the world.

This Sunday the children in preschool through Grade 1 will begin a four week session on the United Church's Statement of Faith. Through game, drama, music, storytelling and art the children will explore the big concepts of the Trinity, (Creator, Son and Spirit) and Church Mission, in a most age appropriate way. Children in grades two through six will begin a four week session on Bullying. We will explore Bible stories of Bullies in action as we begin to form our own faith based responses to this very real problem.



### 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.

The Christ Candle Stand has been created by Kingston woodworker, Tim Soper.

The material for the banners, pulpit and lectern hangings came from Aleppo, Syria and was stitched by Peg McLean. Travellers with the Rev. Dr. Stan Lucyk will recognize these types of tapestries which they saw woven while in Syria.

## NEXT SUNDAY

January 18, 2009

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

### Assigned Readings

1 Samuel 3: 1-10, (11-20)


1 Corinthians 6: 12-20

Psalms 139: 1-6, 13-18

John 1: 43-51

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Jan 13 **Noon Discussion Group** will meet in Chalmers House
- ◆ Jan 14 **Pastoral Care meeting** will take place at 3:30 pm, in Chalmers House
- ◆ Jan 14 **Biblical Study with Rev. Stan Lucyk on Micah** will meet at 7:30 pm in Chalmers House
- ◆ Jan 20 **Women of Chalmers Potluck Supper** will take place at 6 p.m. in MacCallum Hall. Please bring a dish to share and your own dishes (to minimize dishwashing). After supper, there will be the annual fun silent auction. Bring your unwanted and surplus Xmas presents to recycle and be enjoyed by the other diners who will bid on these treasures. Come and bring a friend.



During December  
*In Memoriam*  
Donations have been made in memory of  
*Robert Hamilton      Elizabeth Hamilton*  
*Jean Jolliffe        Finn Bogstad*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE MODERATOR SAYS...

January is the time we make new resolutions and commitments. Here at Chalmers we have several needs for volunteers, and I hope you will consider how you can help make our congregation "work" smoothly. Here are some ways you may be able to help:

**Counters:** a person is needed to coordinate the volunteers who count the offerings each week. It involves some calling from home to enlist help and getting that information to the office. Two people are needed for each week to count the offering following worship. Could you do this once or twice a year?

**Ushers:** a person is needed to help Mike Hartlin contact and coordinate the volunteers who greet worshippers and take up the offerings. Ushering is a good way to get to know some more Chalmers people and make them welcome. Can you do this for a few Sundays?

**Finance:** this committee oversees our budget along with the treasurer. They need at least two more people to help. If you have interest or skill with finances, this might be a place for your talents to be used.

**Ministry and Personnel:** this committee provides support for our staff and sees that things are done in good order. Encouraging and advocating are ministries that you could offer here.

**All committees** would welcome your suggestions and participation.

**IS THIS YOUR TIME TO STEP UP AND VOLUNTEER  
FOR SOMETHING NEW?**

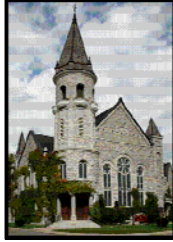
- ◆ **A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE TO WORSHIPPERS AT CHALMERS** In the interest of bringing those who worship at Chalmers closer together, the voluntary use of name tags will be introduced on Feb.1, 2009. Name tags will enable us to call each other by name and get to know one another better. Our goal is to create an atmosphere of greater inclusion in the Chalmers' Congregation.
- ◆ **HANDEL's MESSIAH** Chalmers Choir and Melos will again be joining forces on Good Friday (April 10) to perform *Messiah*, complete, as this year's Good Friday concert. Experienced singers are welcome to join in those preparations, on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm or Thursdays at 9:00pm.
- ◆ **COFFEE HOUR this month is being coordinated by the Ministry and personnel committee**, who gather together to provide a consultative and supportive agency for the staff and for the members and adherents of the congregation; to help staff, members and adherents of the congregation build and maintain healthy relationships for the furthering of the Church's ministry and mission; to fulfill the mandate of the committee as outlined in *The Manual* of The United Church of Canada. If you are interested in being part of this group, please speak to one of this month's coffee servers.



The flowers in the sanctuary are  
 in loving memory of  
*Dr. Roy Spooner & Kathleen (Ferguson) Spooner*  
 from David and Rosalee Spooner, Hilary and John Kraler,  
 Norah and Bill Hewson and Grandchildren.

## PARTICIPANTS

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<b>Assistant Organist:</b>	Mark McDonald
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<b>Ushers:</b>	Captains: Doug and Barb Longsdail
	Francis MacLachlan, Peter Faris, Marg Quigley and Pat Chamberlain
	Balcony: Joan Simeon and Jane McEwan
<b>Counters:</b>	Joyce & David Holden
<b>Jan. Coffee Hour Hosts:</b>	Members of The Ministry & Personnel Committee



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