



CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH

Minister: Rev. Dr. Steven J. Chambers
Music Director: David Cameron
Moderator: Joyce Holden
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Dr. C. Wayne Hilliker

January 20, 2008

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

ORDER OF SERVICE

** Congregation please stand if you are able.

Our ushers have LARGE PRINT bulletins and hearing assist equipment.

Gathering of the People

PRELUDE: *An Elegiac Prelude*

Gerald Bales

** PROCESSIONAL HYMN 326 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

** CALL TO WORSHIP

(From Psalm 40)

One: We have waited patiently for you, O God.

All: You have bent down and heard our cry.

One: You have put a new song in our mouths,
a song of praise to you, our God.

**All: Many shall see and wonder;
many will put their trust in you.**

One: We delight now to do your will, O God.

All: We delight to do your will and sing your praise.

INTROIT

Psalm 130:7

David Cameron

1. Choir only

2. SUNG BY ALL

Organ

O Is - ra-el, hope in the

1. Choir only

2. SUNG BY ALL

Lord; for with the Lord there is

stead - fast love, and great power to re - deem!

** GATHERING PRAYER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

****HYMN 424** *May the God of Hope Go With Us*

*Following the hymn, children
and young people will leave for 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
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First Reading: Isaiah 49: 1-7

One: Herein is Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM:

Gerald Bales

I waited patiently for the Lord, and he inclined unto me and heard my calling. The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; the Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth for evermore. (Psalms 40:1 and 121:7)

The Gospel: John 1:29-42

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

****HYMN 504** *How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord*

SERMON: *The Circle*

The Response of the People

ANTHEM:

Orlando Gibbons

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "What art thou?" And he confessed and denied not, and said plainly, "I am not the Christ". And they asked him, "What art thou then? Art thou Elias?" And he said, "I am not". "Art thou the prophet?", and he answered, "No". Then said they unto him, "What art thou, that we may give an answer unto them that sent us: what sayest thou of thyself"? And he said, "I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord!'" (John 1:19-23)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Orlando Gibbons

**** SONG OF DEDICATION 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 264** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

****COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

****RESPONSE: AMEN!**

POSTLUDE: *Masque*

Denis Bédard

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PARTICIPANTS

MINISTER: Rev. Dr. Steven Chambers

MUSIC DIRECTOR: David Cameron

ASSISTANT ORGANIST: Mark McDonald

ANTHEM SOLOIST: Carolyn Rivera

SCRIPTURE READER: Alex Summers

USHERS: Captain: Jim Reynolds
 Main: Clair Bailey, Betty Daunais, Helen Mathers, Pat Chamberlain, Joe Adams
 Balcony: Douglas & Sarah Smith

COUNTERS: Ed & Elma Lank

COUNTERS FOR NEXT WEEK: Tom Challis & Evelyn Smith

REFRESHMENT HOSTS: John LeGros & Katherine Smithrim

NURSERY: Devon Cross & Mike Hartlin



*The flowers in the sanctuary
are in loving memory of
Barbara Phillips*

TODAY:

January 20 2007

Welcome all worshippers! We hope that many will choose to remain for a time of conversation and refreshment in MacCallum Hall immediately following this service.

... **Nursery care** (birth - 3 years old) upstairs in MacCallum Hall

... Welcome all University and College students.

A Family Winter Welcome

A warm welcome and a fun afternoon awaits families of all shapes and sizes today from 4 to 6 pm in MacCallum Hall. There will be story, song,

craftmaking and food. Books on family, parenting and many other interesting topics will be available.

Everyone is welcome.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

January 27 2007

Assigned readings: Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
I Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23

CALENDAR NOTICE

TODAY

11:30 Refreshments and Conversation in the Hall
4:00 A Family Winter Welcome McCallum Hall

TUESDAY JANUARY 22

12:00 Noon Discussion Group Chalmers House
7:00 Worship Committee Meeting Chalmers House

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 23

7:00 Cross Examination Chalmers House