

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to worship at Chalmers. If you are a guest, visitor or newcomer to Chalmers we reach out to you with hospitality and friendship in Jesus' name. Please take a moment to fill in a guest card—available in the pew holder or from the welcome table. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate, in the box on the welcome table, or given to Rev. John.

There will be a time of **refreshments and fellowship** in the lower hall following worship. The striped mugs at coffee hour are for visitors. Please help our visitors feel welcome.

This morning we welcome our Reachout Choir to share their Christmas Cantata, **Joy! He Shall Reign!**

AT A GLANCE: DECEMBER 15-22

SUNDAY Worship - Reachout Cantata - 10 am
Library Open - 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15 am
Community Carol Fest - 2:30 pm

TUESDAY Care & Share - 1 pm
Seniors' Fitness - 1 pm

WEDNESDAY Knitting Circle - 1:30 pm

THURSDAY Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 pm
Praise Team - 8 pm

FRIDAY Seniors' Satellite - 9 am
Seniors' Euchre - 1 pm

SUNDAY Worship & Sunday School - 10 am
Library Open - 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15 am
Carolling to Shut-ins - 6:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon: 9 am - 3 pm **Tues- Thur:** 12-3 pm
Fri: 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

**Christmas Hours: the church office will be closed Dec 25 & 26, and Dec 30-Jan 1 inclusive. Please call ahead before visiting the church.*

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * Caroling to Shut-ins - Dec 22, 6:30 pm
- * Hockey Day in Dorchester - Dec 23, 4 pm
- * Christmas Eve Worship - Dec 24, 7 pm
& Candlelight Communion Service - 10pm
- * All Ages Worship - Sunday, Dec 29 - 10 am

TODAY'S HOSTS:

Charles & Kathy McCartney
Debbie Scott & Dennis Smedley
Betty & Peter Longmore

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Keith Spooner & Torry Thibodeau
Mark Ranson & Heather Reid
Marilyn & Dave McFadden

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Dec 15: Sherri & Kevin Hartman
Dec 22: Helen Innes & Sue Garner
Dec 29: Gaily McHardy Leitch & Don Leitch
Jan 5: Karen Dutton & Heather Reid

COUNTERS:

Dec 15: Doris & Yvonne
Dec 22: Patricia & Paul
Dec 29: Heather & Maureen
Jan 5: Todd & Brenda

IN THE BOOTH:

Dec 15: Colin, Sue & Rick
Dec 22: Colin, Marilyn & Rose Marie
Dec 24: 7pm - Tom, TBD, Rose Marie
10pm - TBD, Marilyn, Richard
Dec 29: Tom, Isla & Lizz

IN THE NURSERY:

Dec 15: Jackie & Wanda
Dec 22: Laurie & Patricia
Dec 24: 7pm - Pat, Patricia, Sharlet
Dec 29: Leslee & Laurie

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

December 15, 2019 - 10:00 am

Advent III

Reachout Choir Christmas Presentation



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers
Tom Hunter
Beth Hickey
Wendy Sibley
Brad Dobbie
Rev. John Bannerman

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude		
Silent Prayer	<i>A time to be still and know the presence of God</i>	
Call to Worship	PWS&D Insert, <i>Hope is a Star</i>	119 (v.3)
★ Praise:	<i>Oh come, oh come Emmanuel</i>	122 (1-3, 6)
Prayers of Adoration & Confession		
Declaration of Pardon		
The Peace	May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.	
	And also with you.	
	<i>(Children & teachers leave for Sunday school)</i>	

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Joy! He Shall Reign

*Created by Tony Wood & Michael Farren
Arranged & Orchestrated by Cliff Duren*

1.	Joy! He Shall Reign	Kenneth McDonald & Choir
2.	We Are Watching	Jason McDonald & Choir
3.	Come, Let Us Worship the King	Choir
4.	I Will Sing	Torry Thibodeau & Choir
5.	What a Beautiful Name / O Come, Let Us Adore Him	Jim Harrett & Choir
6.	Seek and Save	Lynn Ball & Choir
7.	Oh Praise (The Only One)	Choir
8.	We Call You Holy	Tammy McDonald & Choir
9.	Gloria (Out of the Darkness)	Choir
10.	Joy! He Shall Reign (Reprise)	Kenneth McDonald & Choir

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection	<i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel</i>	114
Chalmers' Life and Mission	<i>(Power of Hope Update)</i>	
The Offering of Our Gifts	<i>We are God's people</i>	472 (2-3)
	<i>(Children & teachers return from Sunday school)</i>	
Offering Prayer, Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer		
★ Praise:	<i>Hark the glad sound</i>	118
★ Commissioning and Benediction		
★ Choral Amen		
Musical Postlude		

★ This symbol is used to invite people to stand. All songs and responses will be projected on the screens.



Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For healing and strength for Carl Suchard, a former member of Chalmers who is receiving care following a diagnosis of leukemia.
- ◆ For healing and patience for Bill George as he recovers at home from recent hip surgery.
- ◆ For healing for Vic Laursen as he recovers from hip replacement surgery he had on Thursday. May the Lord watch over Vic and Grace.
- ◆ For the Lord to touch Kristine Hardy with his healing hand as she recovers from recent arm surgery.
- ◆ May God give peace and strength to Muriel Bertling and her family as they grieve the death of her husband, Doug Bertling.
- ◆ For God to inspire us to be generous in giving our time, talents and treasure for the ongoing work of the Lord in the world.
- ◆ For God's blessing for Eileen Reid, Linda McPherson, Maureen Gaskin, Roy Young, Jack Webster and Ross Cole.

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY: TODAY is our White Gift Sunday. You are invited to support our *Power of Hope* Christmas project and/or give fresh or canned vegetables for our *Care & Share* food ministry. Please bring your white gifts forward to the Christmas Tree prior to the beginning of worship or during the offering.

COMMUNITY CAROL FEST: Join us TODAY at 2:30 pm for a community carol fest. Enjoy singing Christmas carols and share in a time of fellowship with refreshments. All welcome!

CAROL SINGING: there will be carol singing prior to worship next Sunday, December 22 at 9:50 am.

CAROLING TO SHUT-INS: Join us on Sunday, December 22 from 6:30 - 8:30pm as we bring a little Christmas cheer by carol singing to members of the Chalmers church family who are sick or shut-in. Sign up in the narthex today.



December 15: Understanding the past to light the way forward. The Rev. Robinson Christian is a Doctoral student and a pastor in the Church of North India, a PCC partner. While researching material on the impact of the colonial legacy on preaching in India today, Robinson came across the Rev. Dr. Sarah Travis of Knox College in Toronto, author of "Decolonizing Preaching." Robinson and Sarah began to correspond, and International Ministries invited Robinson to study in Toronto for two months. This is what mission is all about. Together we learn from the past, and God illumines a new understanding today. As partners in the Global Church, how can we not engage in these challenging conversations, learning from one another how God works through us?
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SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP December 15

It is not joy that makes us grateful; it is gratitude that makes us joyful.

David Steindl-Rast (1926 -) Catholic Benedictine monk

CONVENOR - WORSHIP COMMITTEE: The Worship Committee is a committee of Session that supports the Minister and Music Director and provides leadership for the worship life of Chalmers. As my term will conclude at the end of December, there is an opportunity for someone to take over this role. If you feel this is something that is of interest, please speak to either Rev John or myself. Thank you for considering this. Maureen Bruff

CALENDARS: Only five 2020 Presbyterian Church Calendars are left for sale. You may purchase your 2020 PCC calendar for only \$5 in the lower church hall this morning following worship.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP: Come celebrate at Chalmers on Tuesday, December 24 at the 7pm Carols & Lessons Family Service, or the 10 pm Candlelight Communion Service. All welcome!

LIBRARY NEWS

Christmas Reading

Parents / Grandparents – there are lots of Christmas Reading books on the Children's reading table. Reading one or two of these books for your little one can bring the real meaning of Christmas into their lives and into their hearts. Please take the time this Advent to read to little ones in your family!

The Christmas books are now on the Christmas Shelf (good place, huh)? Check out the books available and start getting into the mood for a great Christmas. I'm sure there is something there to suit every taste!

Inspirational:

Come to the Manger – Marilou H. Flinkman
A Treasury of Christmas Miracles – Karen Kingsbury
Christmas with Hot Apple Cider – N. J. Lindquist
One Incredible Moment – Max Lucado
The Glory of Christmas – Max Lucado, etc.
Christmas Blessings – Helen Steiner Rice

POWER OF HOPE CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Chalmers continues to support the "Power Of Hope" organization this Advent season. Check out the Christmas tree display in the Narthex (lobby) – including the pamphlets we are using as decorations! Help share the joy of the small "creatures" under the tree as they await much needed items. Girls and boys pajamas sized 6 – 16, children's underwear and socks. Small child-size blankets are also welcome. Your contributions may be placed under the tree, or in the decorated box next to the tree. Join us this season as we support this organization that helps children in times of great stress.

MANY THANKS AGAIN for your support of the cheese & cookie dough fundraiser. Orders are available for pick-up in the lower hall this morning.
~ Pat MacKay



REACHOUT'S CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION

Our final opportunity to share the Christmas message in song will be on **Wed, Dec 18**, 7pm @ Arbor Trace.

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE DRIVE: For over 30 years Chalmers Church has committed to all the volunteer hours for the White Oaks Mall Salvation Army kettle near Tim Hortons. Our kettle consistently raises over \$10,000 annually! The campaign runs daily until **December 23**, no Sundays. **Noon to 8pm**. Sign up sheets in the Narthex. Questions? Speak to Andrew Thibodeau.

2020 GIVING ENVELOPES: Your 2020 giving envelopes are available in the narthex today. Thank you for your faithful support of the ministry of Chalmers Presbyterian Church. If you do not have envelopes and would like some, please contact Wendy in the office.

Financial Report – As of November 30, 2019

INCOME:	
Offerings	\$ 207,830.89
Mission Partnerships	3,824.50
Rent & Other Income	19,447.72
Total Income	\$ 231,103.11
EXPENSES:	
Committee Expense	\$ 4,165.48
Church Building	47,558.21
Manse	5,422.97
Office & General	9,161.17
Salaries	138,258.22
Mission Partnerships	4,203.05
Presbyterians Sharing	21,221.37
Presbytery Assessment	6,279.00
Total Expenses	\$236,269.47
DEFICIT	(\$5,166.36)