

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.

For the comfort of our members/visitors with sensitivities to scent, please help us keep Chalmers a scent-free zone. Thank you.

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.

AT A GLANCE: DECEMBER 22-29

- SUNDAY** Worship & Sunday School
Library Open - 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15 am
Caroling to Shut-ins - 6:30 pm
- MONDAY** Hockey Day in Dorchester - 4 pm
Dorchester Arena
- TUESDAY** Christmas Eve Carols & Lessons - 7pm
Candlelight Communion - 10 pm
- WEDNESDAY** *Merry Christmas!*
- THURSDAY** Boxing Day - Church office closed.
- SUNDAY** All Ages Worship - 10 am
Library Open - 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15 am

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:

- * 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:

Keith Spooner & Torry Thibodeau
Mark Ranson & Heather Reid
Pat & Brian MacKay

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Hosts Needed
Bob & Mary Taylor
Dan & Loretta Duffin

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Dec 22: Helen Innes & Sue Garner
Dec 29: Gail McHardy Leitch & Don Leitch
Jan 5: Karen Dutton & Heather Reid
Jan 12: Dave & Marilyn McFadden

COUNTERS:

Dec 22: Patricia & Paul
Dec 29: Heather & Maureen
Jan 5: Todd & Brenda
Jan 12: Doris & Yvonne

IN THE BOOTH:

Dec 22: Colin, Marilyn & Rose Marie
Dec 24: 7pm - Tom, TBD, Rose Marie
10pm - TBD, Marilyn, Richard
Dec 29: Tom, Isla & Lizz
Jan 5: Tom, Rick & Marilyn

IN THE NURSERY:

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

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

December 22, 2019 - 10:00 am

Advent IV



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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Christmas Carol Singing

WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Silent Prayer *A time to be still and know the presence of God*

Call to Worship PWS&D Insert, *Hope is a Star* 119 (v.4)

★ Praise: *All earth is waiting* 109

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.

(Children & teachers leave for Sunday school)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture reading: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Refrain: Turn us again Lord God of hosts and hear your people's cry.

One: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you, who lead Joseph like a flock!

**All: You, who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.
Stir up your might, and come to save us!**

One: Restore us, O God;

All: let your face shine, that we may be saved.

One: O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

**All: You have fed them with the bread of tears,
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
You make us the scorn of our neighbours;
our enemies laugh among themselves.**

One: Restore us, O God of hosts;

All: let your face shine, that we may be saved.

One: But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

**All: Then we will never turn back from you;
give us life, and we will call on your name.**

One: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

All: let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Refrain: Turn us again Lord God of hosts and hear your people's cry.

Choir Anthem: *Soon and very soon* by Jack Schrader & André Crouch

Scripture Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25

Heather Reid

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

★ Praise: *Your Name*

Sermon: **God is with us**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* 114

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts *Christmas offering*

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

★ Praise: *Come, thou long expected Jesus* 122

(Children & teachers return from Sunday school)

Celebrating with the Children & **The Lord's Prayer**

"O Christmas Tree" Children's Presentation

★ Praise: *Hark! The Herald angels sing* (v. 1 in French) 139

★ Commissioning and Benediction

★ Choral Amen

Musical Postlude

CHOIR ANTHEM: SOON & VERY SOON - by Jack Schrader & André Crouch

Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
soon and very soon, we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King. (Repeat)
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

No more dying there, we are going to see the King;
no more dying there, we are going to see the King;
no more dying there, we are going to see the King;
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! We're going to see the King.

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 strength for Vic Laursen following his hip surgery.
- ◆ For the Lord to touch Kristine Hardy with his healing hand as she recovers from recent arm surgery.
- ◆ For peace and strength for Anne Webster, Todd Webster and Kym Abrams and family with the passing of Jack Webster on Tuesday, December 17.
- ◆ 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, and Ross Cole.

CAROL SINGING: there will be carol singing prior to worship this morning, at 9:50 am. Come lend your voice to the singing of these great hymns of celebration!

CAROLING TO SHUT-INS: Join us on this evening 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. All Carolers are invited back to Sue Garner's for hot chocolate after caroling.

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!

ELMWOOD AVE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is open on Christmas Day for a service at 10:30 am. followed by cider and 'seasonal comestibles'. All are welcome to attend.



December 22: The Gift of Giving

As we reflect on giving and receiving this Christmas, let us give thanks for Presbyterians across Canada who are living out the gospel message through their generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. Together, we put our faith into action by equipping congregations, ministries and presbyteries; engaging in evangelism, outreach and discipleship; embracing local, national and international mission work; living out God's call to justice; empowering youth; engaging in healing and reconciliation and creating new faith communities – and so much more! Every gift is a gift of hope. Every gift changes lives. This Christmas we will once again celebrate the greatest gift of all —Jesus Christ our Lord—whose example of giving inspires our own.

Presbyterians Sharing is making a difference

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP December 22

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. - *John 3:16*

POWER OF HOPE CAMPAIGN UPDATE: Chalmers is supporting the "Power Of HOPE" organization until the end of December. Check out the Narthex (lobby) Christmas tree display – 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.

CHEESE ORDERS: Thank you again for your cheese, cookie dough and pizza orders. The profit for the General Fund is \$185.65. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to you all. Blessings, Pat MackKay

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

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)

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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: If you would like a copy of the church directory, please email the office chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca and Wendy will provide one for you.

If you need a replacement **NAME TAG**, or if you do not have a name tag, please sign your name on the list on the name tag table and we will make sure you have one.

Did you know that Mission Committee collects **CANADIAN TIRE MONEY?** It's used to buy much needed sleeping bags for Men's Mission. Look for the box in the Narthex to donate!"

