

## WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude A time to be still and know the presence of God

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship PWS&D Insert - Advent 4

The Peace May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

★ Praise: Hope is a star 119

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture readings: Micah 5:2-5a  
Psalm 80:1-7

**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. R**

Choir Anthem: His name shall be called peace by John Purifoy

Scripture Readings: Luke 1:26-45 Doug Bruce

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

★ Praise: Come, thou long-expected Jesus (110)

Sermon: **Mission Impossible?**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection Emmanuel, Emmanuel 114

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts In the bleak mid-winter 145 (1&4)

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

**God of love, nothing is impossible with you. And so we praise you with our lips  
and our lives, with our gifts of money and our prayers. With Mary we say, "let it  
be with me according to your word."**

★ Praise: Your name (Christmas version)

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

★ Praise: O little town of Bethlehem 165

★ 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.*



**His name shall be called peace by John Purifoy:** For unto us, a Child is born, unto us, a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Peace. The wolf shall lie down with the lamb; the lion and the calf together, and the spirit of a little child shall lead them, and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God, the Prince of Peace, Everlasting Father. With justice and with righteousness, His kingdom will never end, from this day forevermore. For unto us, a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father. For unto us, a Child is born; and His name shall be called Peace.

## 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.

Please note that some fellow worshippers are sensitive to perfumes. We ask that you consider keeping Chalmers scent-free. 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 23 - 30

**SUNDAY** Pre-worship Carol Singing - 9:45am  
All Ages Worship - 10am  
Library Open - 11:15am  
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15am  
Carolling to shut ins - 6:30pm  
Men's Mission Service - 7pm

**Monday** Lessons & Carols - 7pm  
Candlelight Communion - 10pm

**TUESDAY** Christmas Day

**WEDNESDAY** Boxing Day

**THURSDAY** Hockey Day in Dorchester - 4:30pm

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### OFFICE HOURS - DEC 23-30:

Monday: 9-12  
Tuesday: Office Closed  
Wednesday: Office Closed  
Thursday: 9-12  
Friday: 12-4



### UPCOMING DATES:

Dec 23: Carolling to shut ins  
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services  
Dec 27: Hockey Day in Dorchester  
Jan 20: Tasteful Topics  
Jan 25: Volleyball

### TODAY'S HOSTS:

Doug & Janet Bruce  
Dan & Loretta Duffin  
Shirley Andersen & Shirley Hall

### NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Debbie Latta & Wanda MacKay  
Irene Thayer & Heather Reid  
Dennis Smedley & Bev Cameron

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Dec 23: Phyllis & Keith Johnston  
Dec 30: Marg Ward & Holly Williams  
Jan 6: Helen Innes & Sue Garner  
Jan 13: Karen Dutton & Heather Reid

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Dec 16: Jackie & Wanda  
Dec 23: Laurie & Patricia

### OFFERING COUNTERS:

Dec 16: Brian & Pat  
Dec 23: Doris & Yvonne  
Dec 30: Maureen & Heather



# Chalmers Presbyterian Church

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

4th Sunday of Advent

December 23rd, 2018—10:00 am



### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers  
Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Office Administrator  
Caretaker  
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers  
Tom Hunter  
Beth Hickey  
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# Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For comfort and peace for Marg Middaugh as she struggles with her vision.
- ◆ For our Elders elect: Doug Bruce, Yvonne Daniel, Joanne Dickert, Chris Hardy, Mary MacDonald, Patricia Matesic, and Mark Ranson.
- ◆ For God's peace and consolation for Ken and Shirley Hall and their family as they grieve the passing of Ken's brother Robert on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ◆ For God's comforting hand to uphold Ron Sumner and his family as they mourn the loss of Ron's great grandson Jack.
- ◆ Praise to God for the safe arrival of Jules' family: Odette, Bénie, Rachel, Didine, Magali, Naomi, Isaac, and Plamedi. May He continue to surround them as they settle into life in Canada.
- ◆ For God's healing to surround Jack Webster who is now home.
- ◆ For God's peace and hope for Linda Bone as she deals with her cancer diagnosis.
- ◆ For healing and strength for Wendy Lefler who is recovering at home.
- ◆ For God's blessing for Daisy Herbert, Eileen Reid, Linda McPherson, Maureen Gaskin, and Ross Cole.

There will be a time of **CAROL SINGING** at 9:30 this morning before the worship celebration begins.

**EDICT FOR THE ORDINATION/ADMISSION OF ELDERS:** Whereas Doug Bruce, Yvonne Daniel, Joanne Dickert, Chris Hardy, Mary MacDonald, Patricia Matesic, and Mark Ranson, members of this church, have been duly elected to the eldership by this congregation, and have been approved by the session, notice is hereby given that the session will proceed to ordain or admit them to that office on the 30th day of December in the year 2018, at 10 o'clock am, unless some valid objection has been given unto the moderator within ten days from this date.

Today at 6:30pm, gather at the church to **SING CAROLS** to some of Chalmers' sick and shut-in. Please sign up in the narthex so we can plan to have enough cars available.



## December 23: Seeking justice for all

Through gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*, The Presbyterian Church in Canada is working to sow seeds of hope and respond to the justice imperatives of the gospel. God calls us to name injustices, walk with vulnerable people and work with others for the common good. Over the years, Justice Ministries has prepared responses to overtures or motions adopted by General Assembly. These range from statements on genetics, health care, sanctuary for refugees, violence in computer games, the growing gap between rich and poor in Canada and, more recently, inclusion for Presbyterians who are members of the LGBTQI community, the opioids crisis and forced labour. Through Justice Ministries, our church walks with Indigenous peoples on the path towards healing and reconciliation, partners with ecumenical agencies, produces resources and leads workshops on vital justice issues. As followers of Jesus, we are a people of hope.

*Presbyterians Sharing seeks justice for all*

## SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

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*

The **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ENVELOPE** and loose offerings will be divided equally to support the Almanarah Presbyterian Church and PWS&D.

There are lots of cards in the mailboxes. Please check yours often during the Christmas Season.

**HOCKEY DAY IN DORCHESTER!** Thursday, December 27th at 4:30pm (\$5 per player). Meet at the Dorchester Arena in Thames Centre, 2066 Dorchester Road. Helmets are mandatory!

## LIBRARY NEWS

The **CHRISTMAS READING** is out of the shelf, ready for you to sign out and enjoy. Fiction and non-fiction are all on the one shelf - but are separated so that you can see them easily. There are some new books this year, so if you have exhausted our previous reading material - check out the new books and I'm sure you will find something to suit your taste.

**PARENTS:** - the Christmas books for children are on the reading table, including 4 new books. Check them out and think about reading something special to your child / grandchild over this very special season of the year!

Christine Hunter, Librarian

Last Sunday, the Sunday School baked cookies for some of our neighbours. The idea is that the **COOKIES** will then be delivered after the early service on Christmas Eve to: The firehall near the church, the Husky gas station beside the church and the 7/11 gas station/variety store across from the church with a note to let the people working there that they are being thought of on Christmas. If you could help with the delivery of these cookies after the 7pm service on Christmas Eve, please speak to Linda Adamson.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 1pm – 4:30pm **Where?** Westmount Presbyterian Church, corner of Village Green and Wonderland Roads, London.

## DISCUSSION ON THE STUDY PAPER “ON THE QUESTION OF UNITY AND DIVERSITY”

**Who can come?** All ministers and representative elders are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Congregations are also asked to extend an invitation to other elders and lay leaders within your church. It is our hope that every congregation will have at least 2 elders present for this discussion. Please RSVP to Rev. Mavis Currie at [m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca](mailto:m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca) or 519-631-2414 by Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The paper being discussed is available through the office. Please read it in preparation for this event.

The search team for the **FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR** position is pleased to announce the appointment of Denise McLay, effective December 3rd. Denise previously worked as an Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Orillia for eight years. We look forward to introducing and welcoming her to Chalmers in the near future.

The search team - Linda Adamson, Yvonne Daniel, Don Leitch, Bob Taylor

If you do not currently have **OFFERING ENVELOPES** but would like them for 2019, or if you would like to sign up for PAR for the new year, please speak to Lizz or send an email to [lthibodeau@bellnet.ca](mailto:lthibodeau@bellnet.ca)

**CHALMERS' PENS AND PINS** will be for sale in the lower hall following worship. \$5 each.

**POP CANS FUNDRAISING:** Thank you for supporting the pop can venture. This venture supports our Youth Ministry. There is a Rubbermaid bin in the narthex for the pop cans

Winter is here and it's getting cold outside. Let's help keep our neighbours, young and old, in our community warm through the season. Chalmers is collecting new hats, mitts, and gloves to support the **LONDON COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY**. We will be collecting these items until the end December.

Please consider sitting closer to **THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY**, particularly on the north side. When watching the service on the livestream, the sanctuary can look empty even with a full congregation because the front six pews are so bare. This does not look appealing to people who may be searching for a church home.

Indwell is hiring a full-time Regional Manager in London. Please go to our website for details about joining this great team at [indwell.ca/get-involved/careers](http://indwell.ca/get-involved/careers). This posting will remain open until January 21, 2019.