

WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude
Silent Prayer

A time to be still and know the presence of God

Call to Worship PWS&D Insert for Advent 1

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.

★ Praise: Come thou long-expected Jesus 110
(Children & Teachers leave for Sunday School)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10

One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**All: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame;
Do not let my enemies exult over me.**

One: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

All: let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

One: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

All: teach me your paths.

One: Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

All: for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

One: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

**All: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

One: Good and upright is the Lord;

**All: therefore the Lord instructs sinners in the way,
leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches them the way they should go.**

One: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep God's covenant and decrees.

Choir Anthem: Bring us Hope by Ruth Elaine Schram

Scripture Readings: Romans 15:1-7, 12-13
Luke 21:25-28

Janet Bruce

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

★ Praise: Hope is a star

Sermon: **Abounding in Hope**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection God, we praise you for the morning 436 (v.1)

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts God of mercy, God of grace 39 (2-3)

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

**Generous God, with the gifts we give this morning and throughout the season
of Advent we glorify you and seek to bring hope to life's journey for the
people of this congregation and the wider community, through our Lord
Jesus Christ...**

★ Praise: Come, Emmanuel
(Children & Teachers return from Sunday School)

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

★ Praise: All earth is waiting 109

★ 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.*

Bring us Hope by Ruth Elaine Schram: Bring us hope, bring us love, bring us peace from above. Bring us hope, bring us love, peace and joy from above. Bring us hope, bring us hope. Bring us light, take our darkness away. Bring us light, turn our night into day. Bring us hope, bring us love, peace and joy from above. Bring us hope, bring us hope. Hope to replace our hopelessness, love to refill our emptiness, our emptiness, peace in the midst of our distress; oh, how we need Your joy! Bring us hope, bring us hope, bring us love; bring us peace, peace and joy from above. Bring us hope, bring us love, peace and joy from above. Bring us hope, bring us hope, bring us hope!

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: November 25 - December 2

SUNDAY Worship & Sunday School - 10am
Library Open – 11:15am
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15am
Reachout @ Ridgetown - 10:30am
Coping with Grief - 2pm
Stephen Ministry - 4:15pm

MONDAY Bible Study - 7pm

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

WEDNESDAY Knitting Circle - 1:30pm
Mission Committee - 6:30pm
Reachout @ Chartwell - 7pm

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

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

SUNDAY Worship & Sunday School - 10am
Reachout sings - 10am
Library Open – 11:15am
Raise the Roof Celebration - 11:15am
Reachout @ Earl's Court - 2pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 9-12
Friday: 12-4

UPCOMING DATES:

Dec 2: Coping with Grief
Dec 16: Carol Fest
Dec 22: Hockey Day in Dorchester
Dec 23: Carolling to shut ins
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services
Dec 27: Hockey Day in Dorchester

TODAY'S HOSTS:

Pat & Brian MacKay
Tom & Jane Vannus
Greg & Susan Stevenson

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Jo-Ann & Ainsley Marshall
Marilyn & Dave McFadden
Charles & Kathy McCartney

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Dec 2: Sue Garner & Holly Williams
Dec 9: Sherri & Kevin Hartman
Dec 16: Sherri & Kevin Hartman
Dec 23: Phyllis & Keith Johnston

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Dec 2: Dan & Patricia
Dec 9: Jane & Cathy
Dec 16: Jackie & Wanda
Dec 23: Laurie & Patricia

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Dec 2: Paul & Patricia
Dec 9: Bruce & Joanne
Dec 16: Brian & Pat
Dec 23: Doris & Yvonne



Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

1st Sunday of Advent

December 2nd, 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
Lizz Thibodeau
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Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God to inspire the members of our Reachout Choir who are singing and sharing the gospel this morning during worship at Mt. Zion Presbyterian Church in Ridgetown.
- ◆ For God's comforting hand to uphold Ron Sumner and his family as they mourn the loss of Ron's great grandson Jack.
- ◆ For the family of Doris Doskas as they grieve her passing.
- ◆ Praise to God for the safe arrival of Jules' family. 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, Margaret Middaugh, Maureen Gaskin, Doris Doskas, Ross Cole.

There will be a time of **CAROL SINGING** at 9:45am on Dec. 16 & 23 before the worship celebration begins. Please arrive early to enjoy this time of singing some of your favourite carols.

Please sign up to look after the **SALVATION ARMY KETTLE** by Tim Horton's in White Oaks mall. Chalmers has looked after this kettle for decades and the tradition continues this year. Nov. 23 - Dec. 24th. Every day except Sundays. Noon - 8pm.

The **ELECTION OF ELDERS** will take place on Sunday, December 9th.

The Stephen Ministry group of Chalmers is hosting a workshop on "**COPING WITH GRIEF THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**" facilitated by Rebecca Machado, Executive Director of the Daya Counselling Centre, from 2-4 pm this afternoon. This workshop may be helpful to you as you work through your grief or as your support someone else who is grieving. All are welcome!



December 2: World Soil Day (Dec. 5)

Soil gives life and supports livelihoods around the world. In Badin, Pakistan, Rabia's life depends on access to rich, fertile soil—she needs it to grow the crops she sells each week at the market. But an especially dry summer has led to severe water shortages in her village. Rabia's soil was too arid to yield the produce she needs. With support from PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Rabia has learned to adopt agricultural practices that use less water. She also received seeds to grow crops that can survive extended dry periods. "This is highly beneficial for farmers like me, who reside in water-scarce areas," shares Rabia.

PWS&D helps farmers adapt to climate change

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

Nothing is more dangerous than to be blinded by prosperity.

John Calvin (1509-1564), theologian and reformer

CHEESE & COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER -

Many thanks to all who placed orders for the cheese & cookie dough fundraiser. Orders will be available for pick-up in the lower hall after church on Dec. 16. Proceeds to the General Fund. Thank you, Pat.

Many thanks to Linda P., Karen K. and Anne G. for answering my request for card tables to use at the church for seasonal decorating as well as general use. Your donation is very much appreciated. Pat MacKay.

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

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

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

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

You are invited to join us. Saturday, December 8, 2018 Sonja Gustafson & Friends bring you Comfort and Joy - A time of Celebration with Sonja Gustafson, Oliver Whitehead-Guitar and Steve Holowitz-Piano You have a choice of two performances

Afternoon: 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Cost \$10.00

Evening: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Cost \$20.00

Church of the Ascension, 2060 Dundas St. E. London For tickets call: 519-451-7780 Online Tickets: events.tickets@ascensionlondon.com

All proceeds from the concert go toward the Ministry of the Church Free Parking - Wheelchair Accessible

We invite you to gather in the church sanctuary on Sunday, December 16th at 3pm for our annual **CAROL FEST**. This will be a time to sing and enjoy carols and hymns for Advent and Christmas along with a time of fellowship and refreshments. Please invite others to this time of singing and celebrating. All are welcome!

RAISE THE ROOF FINAL UPDATE

Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow! After 1 year, 7 months and 11 special events we have finally reached the fundraising goal of \$109,000 to fully pay for the new metal roof.

THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU, THANK-YOU to everyone at Chalmers who supported and helped at the many events, and so generously gave of their time and monetary donations.

Now that the financial goal of \$109,000 has been reached, any further monies received for the Raise the Roof project will be applied to the current financial deficit of Chalmers.

Please join us SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9 in the lower hall following service to share in cake during coffee hour to celebrate the end of the fundraising campaign for the roof.

The fundraising team - Janet Bruce, Yvonne Daniel, Bob Finlay, Pat MacKay and Brenda Webster

Help support The Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre in their **ANNUAL TOY DRIVE**. Bring new, unwrapped gifts to Chalmers until Sunday, Dec. 2nd. Gifts for children & youth aged 8-16 especially needed.

