

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 2 Sarah Karniej-Hecht & Kenneth McDonald

★ Praise: Hail to the Lord's Anointed 113

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Declaration of Pardon

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

And also with you.

(The church school children and staff depart.)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

O Holy Night!

Narrator: May Lee Jarvis

- ◆ Come Adore Him Medley Choir
- ◆ Emmanuel Choir
- ◆ O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Choir
- ◆ Be it unto me Tammy McDonald & Torry Thibodeau
- ◆ Joseph The Men
- ◆ O Holy Night! Choir
- ◆ The One Choir
- ◆ The Manger Worship Medley Choir
- ◆ Come Adore Him (Finale) Choir

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection Emmanuel, Emmanuel 114

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts

**I come, oh Lord, I come to praise, in joyful thanks my voice to raise.
Take me, oh Lord, I give my all, help me to heed thy loving call.**

Words and music by Tom & Christine Hunter

(The church school children and staff return.)

Offering Prayer, Prayers of the People and **The Lord's Prayer**

**God of peace, with these gifts of money we worship you and pray for the
advent of your reign where peace and justice prevail, through Jesus Christ
our Lord...**

★ Praise: Comfort, comfort you my people 113

★ 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.*



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 9 - 16

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

MONDAY Bible Study - 7pm
Ukes of London - 7pm

TUESDAY Care & Share - 1pm
Seniors' Fitness - 1pm
Session - 7pm

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

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

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

SUNDAY Worship & Sunday School - 10am
Reachout @ Tilsonburg - 10:30am
Library Open - 11:15am
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15am
Worship @ Parkwood - 2pm
Carol Fest - 3pm
Worship @ Meadowpark - 3:30pm
Stephen Ministry - 7pm

OFFICE HOURS - DEC 10-14:

Monday, Tuesday Thursday: 9-12
Wednesday: closed
Friday: 12-4

UPCOMING DATES:

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:

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Keith & Phyllis Johnston
Chris & Kristine Hardy
Debbie Scott & Barb Jessop

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Dec 9: Sherri Hartman & Phyllis Johnston
Dec 16: Sherri & Kevin Hartman
Dec 23: Phyllis & Keith Johnston
Dec 30: Marg Ward & Holly Williams

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

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

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Dec 9: Bruce & Joanne
Dec 16: Brian & Pat
Dec 23: Doris & Yvonne
Dec 30: Maureen & Heather



Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 9th, 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
Brad Dobbie
Rev. John Bannerman

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Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For our Elder nominees: Doug Bruce, Yvonne Daniel, Joanne Dickert, Chris Hardy, Mary MacDonald, Patricia Matesic, and Mark Ranson.
- ◆ 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, Margaret Middaugh, Maureen Gaskin, and 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.

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

Only professing members of Chalmers may vote for elders. Professing members should vote for those nominees that they believe should be called to eldership.

Once you have completed the ballot please place it in the envelope provided and sign the envelope. Please do not sign the ballot. Please put the sealed envelope in the ballot box on the table in the narthex.

Thank-you for participating in the process of electing elders for Chalmers Church.

Please pick up your Christmas letter from the mailboxes in the narthex.



December 9: Human Rights Day (Dec. 10)

In many parts of the world, girls face barriers to education and other opportunities to earn a living. In Afghanistan, Zarmina felt frustrated by her community's belief that a girl's place is in the home and not in the classroom. In an effort to make life better for her daughters, Zarmina participated in gender equality training with PWS&D partners. Zarmina shared what she learned about a child's right to an education with other mothers, fathers and village leaders. As a result of her advocacy, the community now enthusiastically supports girls' education. "We hope that one day there will be no child out of school, not only in our community, but in the entire country."

PWS&D is making a difference for girls around the world

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

Asking people for money is giving them the opportunity to put their resources at the disposal of advancing the Reign of God.

Henri Nouwen, theologian (1932-1996)

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!

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.

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

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.

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.



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 today, SUNDAY, DEC. 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

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

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