

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

Welcome to Worship. Our service today will be in-person and livestreamed through our website at ChalmersLondon.com. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a visitor card, found in the pews, and drop it in the offering plate or the visitor card basket on the information table. **This morning we welcome Reachout Gospel Choir as they share their Christmas Cantata.**

This Week at a Glance: DECEMBER 10—17

SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship <i>Reachout Choir Christmas Cantata</i>	10:00 am
MONDAY	Ukes of London	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Advent Bible Study Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Reachout Choir Rehearsal	10:30 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY	Session Executive Meeting Choir Rehearsal	9:00 am 6:30 pm
FRIDAY	Senior Satellite Exercise	9:00 am
SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship Carol Sing at 9:45 am	10:00 am

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday, 8:30 am—2:30pm. Call 519-681-7242 or email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca with any questions or admin needs.

Rev. Andrew Thompson's office hours are Mondays 9:30—2:30, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:30 am to noon and Fridays, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

MANY THANKS to Pat MacKay for filling in on piano today while Beth Hickey is on vacation.

Volunteers: DECEMBER 10

DECEMBER 17

HOSTS	Carolyn Walker Mary Vair Yvonne Daniel	Bill George Lorna Wilson Ann Hunter
AUDIO VISUALS	Tammy McDonald / Josiah Duffin Josiah Duffin Marilyn McFadden	Torry Thibodeau / Bob Finlay Islay Thibodeau Lizz Thibodeau
FELLOWSHIP	Tom & Jane Vannus	Brian & Pat MacKay
NURSERY	Nursery Available, Unsupervised	Carolyn Walker, Paige Hardy
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Sarah Thompson, Yvonne Daniel	Linda Adamson, Carolyn Walker

CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Worship Celebration

December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent



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. Andrew Thompson

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WE APPROACH GOD

Instrumental Prelude	Pat MacKay
Chalmers' Life and Mission	Bill George
Call to Worship (please see PWS&D Insert) Lighting of the HOPE Candle	Chris & Paige Hardy
Hymn of Praise: <i>People in darkness</i>	124
Prayers of Adoration & Confession, and The Lord's Prayer	
Assurance of Pardon	
The Peace: One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. All: And also with you.	

"For You Alone"

A Cantata by Joel Raney

PRESENTED BY REACHOUT GOSPEL CHOIR

Sing Gloria Sing	
Somebody Build a Manger	
For You Alone	
Glorious Impossible	Lizz, Torry and Islay Thibodeau
What Child is This	
Calypso Carol	
When a Saviour Dreams	Tammy McDonald
Sing Gloria Sing – Reprise	

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering of our Gifts	
Offering Praise: <i>Give thanks with a grateful heart</i>	
Offering Prayer and Prayers of the People	
Hymn of Praise: <i>Joy to the world</i>	153
Benediction	
Hymn of Praise: <i>Emmanuel, Emmanuel</i>	114 (x2)
Instrumental Postlude	Pat MacKay



Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing for **Barry M** who is in hospital receiving treatment for an infection.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Janice C**, who is back in hospital and suffering from COVID.
- ◆ For God's comfort for **Beverley E** whose son, Stan McCarty, passed away November 30, and for healing as she continues to receive care in hospital.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Charles M**, who is dealing with many health concerns; pray also for strength for Cathy as she cares for him.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Holly W**.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers **Helen L, Jackie H, Laura M, Betty S, Ed C, Bill C**.

ADVENT AT CHALMERS



December 17
3rd Sunday in Advent
Carol Sing Before Worship
Elder Ordination/Commissioning

December 24
4th Sunday in Advent
Children's Christmas Program
7pm Christmas Eve Worship
10pm Candlelight Worship, with
Holy Communion

Ordination & Commissioning Service for New Elders

On **Sunday, December 17** during morning worship we will celebrate the ordination and commissioning of 3 elders: **Muriel Bertling, Maureen Bruff and Lizz Thibodeau**.

Mission Moment

December 10: In northern Ghana, people living with disabilities face a range of issues, such as widespread poverty, limited access to livelihood opportunities and health care, and social barriers to full inclusion. Political, environmental, and economic challenges work together to create those difficult conditions. PWS&D works with the Presbyterian Church of Ghana in a Community-Based Rehabilitation (CBR) program to address these challenges through vocational skills training programs such as soap and pomade making. Ateni Lois, a participant in the soap-making class, expresses her gratitude, stating, "We are so grateful to the CBR program and PWS&D for equipping us with the skills to be able to produce soap and pomade for money. Very soon, we will be in good business and will be out of poverty in our respective communities."

Stewardship Moment

The measure of a life, after all, is not its duration, but its donation.
Corrie Ten Boom – Christian writer, public speaker

Advent Bible Study

Continues on Wednesday mornings from 10:30—11:30am, until December 20. We're looking at "**Heaven & Earth: Advent and the Incarnation**" by William H. Willimon. **All are welcome!**

White Gifts Sunday: NEXT Sunday, December 17, Mission & Outreach encourage you to bring non-perishable food items (wrapped in white or unwrapped) to be placed under the tree at the front of the sanctuary during the offering hymn, in support of Chalmers' Care & Share Ministry. Special needs at this time are **cereals, jams and beans** (without pork). Thank you for your support of this vital ministry to our neighbours in need!

From the Library...

Finding Father Christmas / Engaging Father Christmas – by Robin Gunn Jones

I found this to be an interesting book. It is two separate stories, both written by Robin Gunn Jones, both about the same family.

Miranda Carson was an only child. She lived with her mother, an actress, and they had a frugal, but interesting life. There was no father in the picture, but Miranda had a picture of her father that she treasured.

When her mother passed away, she decided to go on a trip and see if she can find her father. Problem was that she lived in America, and the photography studio where the picture was taken was in England – near London.

She set off with many misgivings to see what she could find out about her father.

I think that is enough information to catch your attention. I really enjoyed sorting this all out – I hope you do too.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

URGENT! Kettle Volunteers Needed!!

There are still **MANY** time slots needing to be filled and our shifts begin THIS WEEK. Please visit the table in the narthex today and sign up if you are able to help out with this vital ministry!

Hat/Mitten/Scarf Donations

The ladies of the Knitting Circle are collecting donations of hand-knit or purchased hats, mitts or scarves – these may be placed on the 'mitten tree' in the narthex. We will be donating what we collect at the end of January to a worthy cause.

Christmas Letters are in the mail slots today. Please pick yours up after worship. Elders, please consider taking any you can hand deliver to shut in members of your district. Thank you!

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth, peace among those whom he favors!"

Words of Appreciation

I would like to thank once again the team that did Christmas decorating this year. Thanks to Maureen Bruff, Keith & Phyllis Johnston, Mary MacDonald, Keith Spooner, Islay Thibodeau, Bob Taylor, Joyce Kilbourne, Brian and Pat MacKay. Jesus is the reason for the season! **Pat MacKay**

Thank you so much to my church family, for all your support since Harold's death. The cards, phone calls, flowers, serving at the luncheon, and donations to the memorial fund were most appreciated. You are an amazing group of people. **Doris Tutt and family**

Pre-Service Carol Singing

On **Sunday, December 17** there will be carol-singing before the service begins. Please arrive at 9:45pm to join in! Carol requests may be made of Beth Hickey that morning.

Christmas Eve Orchestra

If you play a musical instrument, you are invited to join our annual Christmas Eve Orchestra to accompany the carols at our 7pm service. Please contact Beth Hickey for more information.

Smoothies are sold out! Frozen Beef & Fruit Pies still available!

Pies \$5/ea. Proceeds to the General Fund. Available Sundays following the service, or by contacting the office.

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Bob Taylor	December 16
Kathy McCartney	December 21