

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

Welcome to worship. Our services are in-person and live-streamed through our website at chalmerslondon.com. The video link is found on the home page. We encourage you to let us know you have joined us online by filling in the short response form. Today we welcome **Rev. Michael Stol** to lead worship. **There is no coffee hour this morning due to the Advent Event.*

This Week at a Glance: DECEMBER 11—18

SUNDAY	Livestream and In-Person Worship <i>3rd Sunday of Advent—JOY</i> Stephen Ministry Meeting	10:00 am 7:00 pm
MONDAY	Ukes of London	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Reachout Choir Rehearsal	12:30 pm 1:00 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY	Chalmers Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
FRIDAY	Seniors' Satellite Recreation	9:00 am
SUNDAY	Livestream and In-Person Worship <i>4th Sunday of Advent—LOVE</i>	10:00 am

Office Hours:

Tuesday—Friday, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Please contact the church office with any needs or concerns (519) 681-7242 or email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca.

Rev. Mavis Currie is Chalmers' Interim Moderator. For emergency Pastoral Care she may be reached at her office, (519) 631-2414, on her cell (519) 860-1380 or by email,

Worship Volunteers:

	This Week	Next Week
HOSTS	Keith & Phyllis Johnston Fran Peach	Heather Reid Keith & Cathy Spooner
AUDIO VISUALS	Torry Thibodeau Jack Hardy Lizz Thibodeau	Andrea Bruce Josiah Duffin Richard Cote
Fellowship	Keith & Phyllis Johnston	Brian & Pat MacKay

Thank you, Volunteers!

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

December 11, 2022

3rd Sunday of Advent—JOY

In-Person and Livestream Worship



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Interim Moderator

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Tom Hunter
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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship PWS&D Advent Liturgy Readers: Chris & Grace Hardy

Reader 1: We are people of joy.

Reader 2: *God causes flowers to bloom in the desert; the wilderness is glad and breaks into song.*

All: We open our eyes and we are surprised by joy in our lives!

Reader 1: The third candle of Advent reminds us that we are called to live as people of joy.

Reader 2: *We light this candle, recalling moments of laughter, great beauty and deep faith.*

(Lighting of the candle of JOY)

Praise: *Hope is a Star* 119 (v.3)

Reader 1: Let us pray:

All: Holy One, regardless of what happens in our lives or in our world, may we reflect the warmth and wonder of this flame. Make your church a place of joy and life in our community. Amen.

Praise: *On Jordan's Bank* 126 (vv. 1,2,3,5)

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Peace: One: May the peace of the Christ Child be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Celebrating with the Children Gord Vair

Praise: *People in darkness* 124

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46-55

One: And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

All: for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

One: Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

All: for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

One: His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

All: He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

One: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

All: he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

One: He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

All: according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:39-45 Lorna Wilson

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Choir Anthem: *Comfort and Joy*, by Pepper Choplin

Sermon: *Leaping for Joy* Rev. Michael Stol

Praise: *Oh come, oh come Emmanuel* 122 (vv. 1,6,7)

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission Bill George

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *Come Emmanuel* 114

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

Praise: *May the God of hope* 726

Blessing

Postlude



Hope is a star

Brian A. Wren

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
telling the world that the Saviour is born.

Refrain: *When God is a child
there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first
and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.*

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People in darkness

Dosia Carlson

People in darkness are looking for light.
Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.
People with blindness are longing for sight.
Come, Lord Jesus Christ.
These days of adventure
when all people wait
are days for the advent of love.

People with sickness are praying for health
Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.
People in poverty want to have wealth.
Come, Lord Jesus Christ.
These days of adventure
when all people wait
are days for the advent of hope.

People in trouble would like to be free.
Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.
People with arguments want to agree.
Come, Lord Jesus Christ.
These days of adventure
when all people wait
are days for the advent of peace.

People in sadness are trying to sing.
Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.
Bells in the steeple are waiting to ring.
Come, Lord Jesus Christ.
These days of adventure
when all people wait
are days for the advent of joy.

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On Jordan's bank

Latin: Charles Coffin Trans: John Chandler

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.

Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home
where such a mighty guest may come.

For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward:
without thy grace, we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.

All praise, eternal Son, to thee,
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom, with the Father, we adore,
and Holy Spirit, evermore.

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Comfort and Joy (An Advent Carol), Pepper Choplin

Tidings of comfort, we bring tidings of comfort,
we bring tidings of comfort, we bring tidings of comfort and;

Refrain:

Tidings of comfort and joy; we bring tidings of comfort and joy.

Prophets and angels have given to us the great and glorious news.

When we read from the pages the joy of the ages, the human spirit will soar.

All the people are waiting to hear tidings of comfort and joy.

There's a voice in the wilderness calling: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
Make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Refrain

Every valley shall be exalted, ev'ry mountain shall be made low.

Make the crooked straight, Make the rough places plain,
and see the glory of God.

Refrain

CHOIR ANTHEM

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Oh come, Oh come Emmanuel

13th C. translation, John Mason Neale

Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lowly exile here
until the son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Oh come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Oh come, desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart, one mind;
bid envy strife and discord cease,
and be thyself our source of peace.

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Come, Emmanuel

Sue C. Smith, David Moffat

Come, O come, Emmanuel
Holy One, Deliverer, Redeemer.
Free us from our darkness
and lead us to your light.
Lord, we need the hope
that only you can give, you can give.

So come, O come, Emmanuel
Come, O come, Emmanuel.

Come, O come, Emmanuel.
You alone will be the one we worship.
Make your home among us
and fill us with your love.
With our songs and praises
we invite you in, we invite you in.

So come, O come, Emmanuel
Come, O come, Emmanuel
O come, O come Emmanuel
Come, O come... Emmanuel.

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May the God of hope go with us every day

Alvin Schutmaat

May the God of hope
go with us every day,
filling all our lives
with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice
speed us on our way,
brining light and hope
to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all.
Working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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Please Pray

- ◆ For God's tender care and comfort Christine Hunter's brother, **Colin**, with the passing of his wife, Margaret.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Vic Laursen**, and **Betty Smedley**.
- ◆ For God's healing Spirit to strengthen and encourage **Leny Jongepier**.
- ◆ For God's encouragement for **Barry May** who is convalescing at home.
- ◆ We pray for comfort and healing for **Betty Cross** as she recovers at home.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Peter Longmore** as he recovers from heart surgery, and strength for **Betty** as she supports him.
- ◆ For **Jackie Harrett** who is adjusting to life in Dearness Home.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Anita Powell** as she recovers from knee surgery.
- ◆ For comfort for **Svitlana, Volodymyr and Nina** as they grieve the passing of Myla
- ◆ For God's wisdom and guidance for Chalmers' **Pastoral Search Committee** as they continue the process of bringing a new Minister to Chalmers.



Christmas Worship
at Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Christmas Eve Service
Saturday, December 24, 2022
7:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship
Sunday, December 25, 2022
10:00 am

O come, let us adore Him!



December 11: In Nepal, 70-year-old Dhani Gharti found a boil on the sole of her foot. When she sought treatment, Dhani received a diagnosis of leprosy. Despite taking medication for a year, Dhani's wound kept coming back. One day, Dhani's friend told her about the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Shining Hospital, a Christian hospital run by the International Nepal Fellowship, where she thought Dhani could get more successful treatment. **"Every time I visit the Shining Hospital with my wounded foot, the nurses always welcome me and give the best medical care.** They always show love and care while dressing my wounds," shared Dhani.

Speaking of Stewardship

Share with God's people who are in need.
Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:13 NIV

Chalmers Salvation Army Kettle

We are back to donating hours to the Kettle Campaign! Our kettle is located between the Bay and Tim Hortons in White Oaks Mall. A few dates & times still open. Please sign up in the Narthex. A chair is available for volunteers to sit. In 2019 our kettle raised over \$12,000, which contributed important ministry to those in need in the London area. Thank you Chalmers for your decades of support! Contact Andrew Thibodeau with any questions.

Christmas Reading in the Library...

The Gift of Christmas Present – by Melody Carlson

Christine has been doing some family research. Her mother is dead and her father is in Brazil teaching at a Mission. Christine knows she was adopted at birth, and in doing some research she finds information that tells her that her biological grandmother lives in the same town where Christine is now enrolled at College.

Christine decides to go knock on her 'grandmothers' door and just try to talk to her. When Mrs. Daniels comes to answer this door, she assumes that Christine is applying for the job of housekeeper. Mrs. Daniels is a talker, and doesn't really stop to hear what Christine has to say – so Christine accepts the job offered and starts to keep house for Mrs. Daniels.


Will she ever get to know this lady who is her maternal grandmother? Sometimes it seems like it will never happen.

I really enjoyed this story with the family relationships under scrutiny – and many obstacles always appearing in Christine's path to peace.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

Chalmers Birthdays this Week

Ainsley Marshall	December 11
Bob Taylor	December 16
Ailsa Leitch	December 17



Christmas Zoom Coffee Hour: Come one, come all! Join us at 7:30pm on **Monday, December 19** for Christmas fun and fellowship. Bring your own refreshment and your Christmas spirit as we once again gather on Zoom! Please contact **Marilyn McFadden** at (519)680-7947 with any questions.

Zoom link will be available through Chalmers' website and in the Facebook group.

Knitting Circle: We're taking a break over the Christmas holiday. Our last Wednesday gathering for 2022 will be on December 14, and we will start up again January 11, 2023. Have a lovely Christmas break!

Chalmers COVID Protocols

- 1) Please **do not enter** the Chalmers building if you have symptoms of COVID-19. If you test positive, please do not return to the church until you have tested negative.
- 2) Masks are **recommended** in the building.
- 3) Physical distancing of 2 m maintained in the building at all times.
Please respect the comfort level of others with respect to masking and physical distancing.
- 4) Food & beverages are permitted if numbers are kept to a minimum, and groups use their own disposable supplies.