

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us for in-person worship this Sunday at 10 am. Please pre-register by Thursday. We will also be livestreaming the service. This can be viewed 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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: DECEMBER 12-18

SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship Service	10:00 am
MONDAY	Online Advent Bible Study	7:00 pm
	Ukes of London	7:00 pm
	Worship Committee	8:15 pm
TUESDAY	Session Online Meeting	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pick-up	12:30 pm
	Knitting Circle (in Narthex)	1:30 pm
	Online Prayer Meeting	8:00 pm
THURSDAY	Online Community Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
	Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm
SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship Service	10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:

Denise will be in the office from Monday to Thursday. Please call ahead before dropping by the church. chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca or call (519) 681-7242 .

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

	This Week	Next Week
HOSTS	Jane Vannus, Lorna Wilson Bill George, Rita McWilliam	Anita Powell, Karen Dutton Fran Peach, Rita McWilliam
A/V	Tom Vannus, Rose Marie Finlay	Lizz Thibodeau
Webex	Marilyn McFadden	Isla Thibodeau

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Worship Celebration

December 12, 2021

ADVENT III

In-Person & Livestream Worship



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers
Tom Hunter
Beth Hickey
Denise McLay (Interim)
Brad Dobbie
Rev. John Bannerman

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

PWS&D Liturgy—Advent III

One: Joy is the celebration given by God.

All: Joy is the celebration at the birth of the Christ Child.

One: Joy is the celebration when the angels sing “Glory to God in the highest.”

All: We celebrate the joy of Christ coming again.

One: Let us pray:

All: Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your life-giving joy. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Praise: *People in darkness* (Lyrics on p. 3) 124

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

The Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

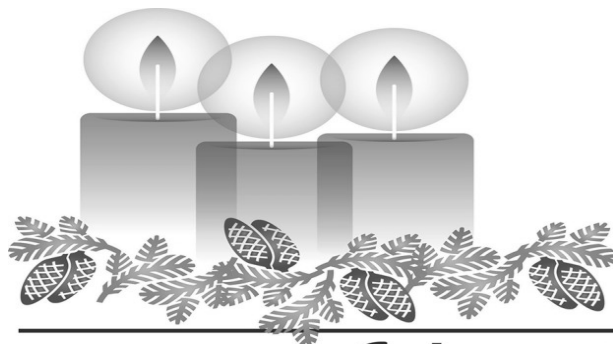
Special Praise *Come With Comfort For Your People* (Lyrics on p. 3) Senior Choir

Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 12: 1-6



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Psalm 126

One: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

**All: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

One: then it was said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

All: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

One: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

**All: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves**

Scripture Readings: Philippians 4: 4-7
John 15: 1-11

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise: *Come, thou long-expected Jesus* (Lyrics on p. 3) 110

Message: Rejoice!

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers’ Life and Mission

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *May the God of hope go with us every day* (Lyrics on p. 3) 726

Offering Prayer, Prayers of the People & **The Lord’s Prayer**

Praise: *Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel* (Lyrics on p. 3) (Vs1-3,6) 122

Blessing

Musical Postlude

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.

Come With Comfort for Your People

Winnagene Hatch

Come with comfort for Your people,
Peace and comfort, mighty God!
Comfort those who live in darkness,
Waiting for the rising of the Lord.

Tell them that all war is ended.
God will reign in peace and love.
Come with comfort for Your people,
Waiting for the rising of the Lord.

The herald cries in the desert:
Prepare the way for the Lord.
Make straight a path before Him,
And hear good news in His Word.

The valleys shall be lifted,
The mountains will be brought low.
He feeds His flock like a shepherd,
And leads where they should go.

Come, O long expected Jesus,
Born to set Your people free.
From our fear and sin release us.
Let us find release in Thee.

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy to heav'n and earth impart.
Fix in us Your humble dwelling.
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Charles Wesley

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

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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, bringing 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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Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel

John Mason Neale

Oh come, Oh come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:
Rejoice, Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

Oh come, Oh come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

Oh come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who order all things far and nigh;
to us the path of knowledge show,
and cause us in her ways to go.

Refrain

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

Refrain

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Please Pray

- ◆ For Bill Campbell and family, and friends of **Evelyn Campbell** as they grieve her passing on December 1st.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Janet Bruce** as she recovers at home following knee surgery.
- ◆ For God's comfort for Sherri Hartman's mother, **Linda Clifford**, who is palliative. May the Lord give strength to Sherri and Kevin as they care for her at home.
- ◆ For God's strength and healing for **Linda Bone** as she recovers from foot surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Charles McCartney**, who is recovering at home.
- ◆ For God's healing and pain control for **Joyce Yull**.
- ◆ For healing and pain control for **Vic Laursen** following recent hip surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Ken Hall** as he convalesces at home. May the Lord give strength to Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Barry May**.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Betty Smedley, Linda McPherson**, and **Ross Cole**.
- ◆ For the people of **British Columbia** as they struggle with the devastating effects of the historic rainfall, mudslides, flooding.
- ◆ For God's protection, peace and grace to surround us as we walk through these trying times due to the COVID-19 virus.



From Hopeless to Hopeful

"I didn't have any hope of living a meaningful life. My left leg was deformed by poliomyelitis at a young age, and I grew up with this challenge," said Monica Akamb, a 45-year-old woman living in northern Ghana. "My biggest challenge, however, transcends the impairment. It has been the negative attitudes and stereotypes of community members and even within my immediate family." Monica explained how her experience with the Garu Community Based Rehabilitation Program (CBR) made a tremendous difference in her life. "Thank God that CBR and PWS&D came to my rescue. They taught my family and the community to treat persons with disabilities with dignity. I learned gardening skills and now grow vegetables for a living. I am able to produce onion, cabbage and lettuce for food and income." The Presbyterian Church in Ghana, supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development, manages this project.

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

Not what I have but what I do is my kingdom. -Thomas Carlyle (1795 – 1781),

RELEASE KITS

Chalmers Mission Committee & Refuge Ministries Canada invite you to donate for individuals who are being released from prison.

Pick up a Release Kit Ziplock bag at Chalmers and fill it with the toiletries & items listed on the instruction sheet. Return your filled kits to the church by December 19th.

Our Reopening Protocol

1. Please remember to preregister to attend Sunday worship. We have limited seating and can not guarantee your place if you are not registered.
2. Everyone worshipping at Chalmers will need to present their Proof of Double Vaccination at the Registration Desk. Please bring a copy of your PRINTED form with you.
3. For your safety, a 2 meter physical distancing is required both in the Chalmers' building and on the property.
4. Masks must be worn at all times.
5. Please remain seated at the end of the service until a host escorts you out of the Sanctuary.
6. Please exit the building immediately after leaving the Sanctuary. Any visiting may be done with physical distancing in the parking lot.
7. We are allowed to sing with a mask on. No wind instruments are allowed at this time.

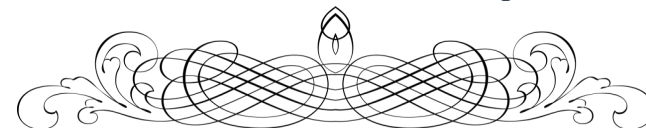
The London Public Library will help you get a copy of your vaccination certificate. You will need to take your Health Card and Postal Code to the library. They will assist you at the computer and print your information, free of charge. They do not store any of your personal information.

LIBRARY NEWS

Terminal 9 – by Patricia Rushford & Harrison James Mac McAllister is a detective who is called to a train depot when one of their retired members is found dead on the railway track. An accident or a homicide? Mac and his new partner, Dana Bennett, are suspicious, especially when there seems to be a cover-up as they try to find out what happened. Then there is a second death, and this time it is no accident!

I enjoyed this book and was kept guessing on the identity of the murderer or murderers until the very end of the book. *Christine Hunter, Librarian*

*Join us for our Christmas Eve Service
December 24th at 730pm*



Edict for the Ordination/ Admission of Elders

Whereas Linda Adamson, Richard Cote, Liz Gough, Jules Mabondo, Andrew Thibodeau and Lorna Wilson, members of this church, have been duly elected to the eldership by Chalmers Presbyterian Church, and have been approved by the Session, notice is hereby given that the Session will proceed to admit them to that office on the 19th day of December in the year 2021, at ten o'clock a.m., unless some valid objection has been given unto the Moderator within ten days from this date.

Chalmers Presbyterian Church, London
Tom Hunter, Clerk of Session

Year-To-Date Financial Snapshot Reporting Date - November 30, 2021

Actual Income	\$ 212,919
Budgeted Income (straight line)	\$ 233,886
Actual Expenses	\$ 212,603
Budgeted Expenses (straight line)	\$ 233,962

A small surplus year-to-date is \$ 316 which is great with the year-end approaching. The "Canada Helps Donations" route continues to perform some \$ 10,000 above plan, and we were blessed with a successful fundraising frozen pie event last month. Expenses are very close to expected amounts, although restricted by current pandemic conditions. Please uphold your congregation's financial picture in your prayers.

Respectfully,
Mark Ranson – Convenor Policy & Planning

Chalmers Birthdays this Week

Ainsley Marshall
Bob Taylor

December 11
December 16

Much joy on your birthday!

