

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 the **Reachout Gospel Choir** led by Lizz Thibodeau, as they share their Christmas Celebration of Praise!

This Week at a Glance: DECEMBER 18-25

SUNDAY	Livestream and In-Person Worship <i>Reachout Gospel Choir Cantata</i> "Joy—He Shall Reign"	10:00 am
TUESDAY	Session Online Meeting	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup	12:30 pm
THURSDAY	Chalmers Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
SATURDAY	Christmas Eve Worship	7:00 pm
SUNDAY	Carol Sing Livestream and In-Person Christmas Worship	9:45 am 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, m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca.

Worship Volunteers:

	This Week	Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
HOSTS	Keith & Cathy Spooner	Keith & Cathy Spooner	Doug & Janet Bruce
AUDIO VISUALS	Andrea Bruce Josiah Duffin Richard Cote	Tammy McDonald Rose Marie Finlay Marilyn McFadden	Andrea Bruce Richard Cote
Fellowship	Elaine McInnis & MargWard	No Coffee Hour	No Coffee Hour

Thank you, Volunteers!

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

December 18, 2022

4th Sunday of Advent—LOVE

Reachout Gospel Choir Christmas Celebration of Praise



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Interim Moderator

All the People of Chalmers
Tom Hunter
Beth Hickey
Wendy Sibley
Brad Dobbie
Rev. Mavis Currie

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Welcome

Janet Bruce

Call to Worship

PWS&D Advent Liturgy

Readers: Mary MacDonald

With *Hope is a Star* 119 (v. 4)

& Gillian Cote

Praise: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

115 (vv.1,2,4,5)

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Declaration of Pardon

Janet Bruce

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

All: And also with you.



Joy He Shall Reign

*Created by Tony Wood & Michael Farren
Arranged & Orchestrated by Cliff Duren*

REACHOUT GOSPEL CHOIR

Joy He Shall Reign

Tom Ball & Choir

We Are Watching

Come, Let Us Worship the King

I Will Sing

Torry Thibodeau & Choir

What a Beautiful Name with O Come, Let Us Adore Him

Seek and Save

Lynn Ball & Choir

Oh Praise (The Only One)

We Call You Holy

Jim Harrett & Choir

Gloria (Out of Darkness)

Joy Reprise with Joy to the World and Angels from the Realms of Glory

Jason McRonald & Choir

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Maureen Bruff

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *Come Emmanuel*

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

Janet Bruce

Praise: *People Look East*

125 (vv. 1,4,5)

Blessing

Marilyn McFadden

Postlude



Many thanks to the **Reachout Gospel Choir**, for sharing with us this wonderful Celebration of Christmas Praise today!

Hope is a star

Brian A. Wren

Love is a flame that burns in our heart.
Jesus has come and will never depart.

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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Hail to the Lord's Anointed

James Montgomery, Melshior Teschner

Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed,
his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

He brings salvation speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
he saves the poor and needy,
and helps the weak be strong;
they sing who once were sighing,
their darkness turned to light,
for they, who once were dying,
are precious in his sight.

All powers shall bow before him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him,
his praise all people sing,
for he shall have dominion
o'er river, sea and shore,
far as the eagle's pinion
or dove's light wing can soar.

O'er every foe victorious,
Christ on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious,
all blessing and all blest:
the tide of time shall never
his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever:
that name to us is Love.

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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.

People, look east

Eleanor Farjeon

People, look east. The time is near
of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able;
trim the hearth and set the table.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the guest is on the way.

Stars keep the watch. When night is dim
one more light the bowl shall brim,
shining beyond the frosty weather,
bright as sun and moon together.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the star is on the way.

Angels, announce with shouts of mirth
Christ who brings new life to earth.
Set every peak and valley humming
with the word, the Lord is coming.
People, look east and sing today:
Love the Lord is on the way.

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Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing Spirit to strengthen and encourage **Leny Jongepier**.
- ◆ 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 healing for **Helen LeTissier** who is in hospital seriously ill with pneumonia.
- ◆ 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 God's blessing for **Betty Smedley**.
- ◆ For God's wisdom and guidance for Chalmers' **Pastoral Search Committee** as they continue the process of bringing a new Minister to Chalmers.
- ◆ For **healthcare workers** who are under enormous pressure with respiratory illness on the rise.



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!

A Reminder that all donations must be received by the church by December 31 to be receipted for the 2022 calendar year.



December 18: Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, Cyclical PCC supports many important outreach ministries in Canada. One such ministry is the Presbytery of Montreal's Communauté Rivière des Prairies, a new worshipping community in the city's east end. Rivière des Prairies embraces multilingualism in their church services and children's programming, providing an open and welcoming space for newcomers to Canada. Over five different languages and dialects are used by the ministry to connect with newcomers, both in the church family and in the wider community.

Speaking of Stewardship

Time cannot be packaged, ribboned and left under trees for Christmas morning. Time can't be given. But it can be shared.
Cecelia Ahern – novelist

A New Way to Give! Chalmers is now offering **E-Transfer** as a means to support the work of the ministry of the church. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is a simple, E-transfers can be sent to chalmerspclondon@gmail.com. Thank you for your faithful support of the work and ministry of Chalmers.

Christmas Office Hours: the church office will be closed December 26-29, and open Friday December 30 from 8:30 am—2:30 pm. If you have a pastoral care emergency, please contact your elder.

Christmas Reading in the Library...

Tidings of Comfort and Joy – by T. Davis Bunn

Emily is a grandmother. Her daughter and her family are off for a holiday in Hawaii but Marissa, her fourteen year old granddaughter is sick and must stay at Home. Emily has offered to care for her – but Marissa is NOT happy. The trip was her idea, and now her family are off to warm days, warm waters and lots of fun without her.

Marissa sees a picture of her grandmother with a gentleman who is not her grandfather and asks who he is. Emily starts on a tale of young love, disillusionment, friendships and – as in all good love stories, a happy ending.

Emily tells her story of love, war-time problems in London, England, many orphans and help from unexpected sources. Reading to her granddaughter at all times of the day or night when Marissa happened to be awake builds a bond between them that helps Marissa start to heal.

I really enjoyed this story.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays



Kathy McCartney	December 21
John Goodwin	December 22
Holly Williams	December 25
Heather Reid	December 26
John David Biro	December 29

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.

Chalmers Salvation Army Kettle

A few dates & times still open. Please sign up in the Narthex. A chair is available for volunteers to sit. Thank you Chalmers for your decades of support! Contact Andrew Thibodeau with any questions.

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.