

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 19-25

SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship Service	10:00 am
MONDAY	Online Advent Bible Study	7:00 pm
TUESDAY		
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
FRIDAY	Chalmers Christmas Eve Service	7:30 pm
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	Anita Powell, Karen Dutton Fran Peach, Rita McWilliam	Yvonne Daniel, Rita McWilliam
A/V	Lizz Thibodeau, Andrea Bruce	Lizz Thibodeau
Webex	Isla Thibodeau	Isla Thibodeau

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Worship Celebration

December 19, 2021

ADVENT IV

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 IV

One: Love is a gift of God.

All: Love burns in our hearts.

One: Love is warmth in a world that is often bitter and cold.

All: In Jesus Christ, we receive God's gift of love.

One: Let us pray:

All: Source of light, shine in our lives and in your world with your unending love. Through Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Praise: *Hope is a star*

(Lyrics on p. 3)

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Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

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

All: And also with you.

Special Praise *Were You There on That Christmas Night?* (Lyrics on p. 3)

Senior Choir

Celebrating with the Children *A Candle is Burning*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 96: 1-6

One: O sing to the Lord a new song;

All: sing to the Lord, all the earth.

One: Sing to the Lord, bless God's name;

All: proclaim God's salvation from day to day.

One: Declare the Lord's glory among the nations,

All: the Lord's marvelous works among the peoples.

One: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

All: to be revered above all gods.

One: For all the gods of the peoples are idols,

All: but the Lord made the heavens.

One: Honor and majesty are in God's presence,

All: strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary.

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 7: 10-17, Matthew 1: 18-25

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise: *Come Emmanuel*

(Lyrics on p. 3)

Message: God is with us!

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Time for Refection: *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

(Lyrics on p. 3)

(x2) 114

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Offering of our Gifts: *In the bleak mid-winter*

(Lyrics on p. 3)

(vs 1,2 & 4) 145

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

Ordination/Admission of Elders

One: There are varieties of gifts,

All: but the same Spirit;

One: There are varieties of services,

All: but the same Lord;

One: There are varieties of activities,

All: but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

One: To each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

All: to use it for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ,

All: and individually members of it.

1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27 adapted

Narration of the steps

Preamble

The Vows (elders-elect)

The ordination of elders in a congregation, if their leadership and ministry are to be fruitful, involves responsibilities for both the elders and the people of the church. These questions therefore I direct to you, the members and adherents of this congregation, so that you may renew your obligations to this shared ministry.

1. Do you confess your faith in God as creator and ruler of the world, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your inspiration and strength? **We do.**
2. Do you receive Linda Adamson, Richard Cote, Liz Gough, Jules Mabondo, Andrew Thibodeau, and Lorna Wilson as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead you in the way of Christ? **We do.**
3. Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions as they guide you, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church? **We do.**

Ordination / Induction Prayer

Declaration

Praise: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

(Lyrics on p. 3)

(Vs1-2,5) 115

Blessing & Musical Postlude

Hope is a star

Brian A. Wren, Joan Collier Fogg

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on 'til the morning is bright.

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

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.

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

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

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.

Were You There on That Christmas Night?

Natalie Sleeth, arr Larson

Were you there, were you there on that
Christmas night, when the world was filled
with a holy light? Were you there to behold
when the wonder foretold came to earth?

Did you see, did you see how they hailed
him King, with the gifts so rare that they
chose to bring? Did you see how they
bowed as they praised him aloud at his
birth?

Did you hear how the choirs of angels sang
at the glory of the sight? Did you hear how
the bells of heaven rang all through the
night?

Did you know, did you know it was God's
own Son, the salvation of the world begun?
Did you know it was love that was sent from
above to the earth?

Were you there?

Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Bob McGee

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
His name is called Emmanuel.
God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

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God with us, revealed in us,
His name is called Emmanuel.

In the bleak mid-winter

Christina G. Rossetti,

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind
made moan; earth stood hard as
iron, water like a stone; snow had fall-
en, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold him,
nor earth sustain; heaven and earth
shall welcome him when he comes to
reign: in the bleak midwinter a stable
place sufficed the Lord God incar-
nate, Jesus Christ.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a
lamb; if I were a Wise Man, I would do
my part; yet what I can I give him:
give my heart.

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Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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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 pre-
cious in his sight.

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.



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.



Mission Moment – Sharing Hope

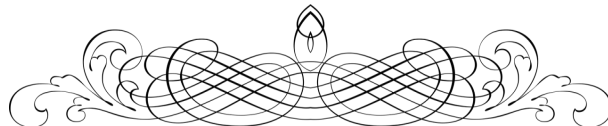
We are a vibrant denomination, working together to put our faith into action. Through Presbyterians Sharing, we participate in God's mission together: building strong congregations, serving vulnerable people, seeking justice, walking with Indigenous people, and sharing God's love and hope around the world. We share hope when a new faith community meets for the first time. We share hope when a child in Romania escapes poverty through education. We share hope when an Indigenous woman in Taiwan reads the Bible in her own language for the first time. We share hope when a boarding home resident confides in a trusted visitor. All of this is possible because of generous gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. When we put our gifts in God's hands, God does remarkable things!

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

As I give, I get.

Mary McLeod Bethune (1875 – 1955), educator, philanthropist, civil rights activist

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



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.

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Kathy McCartney
Holly Williams
Heather Reid

December 21
December 25
December 26

Much joy on your birthday!



LIBRARY NEWS

The Duet - by Robert Elmer

This is a very interesting, family story. Joan Horton is a piano teacher, and a professor at a prestigious music college in New York. She has a married daughter who is expecting her first baby, so she decides to take a year's sabbatical and temporarily locate to the small town of Van Dalen in Washington, to reacquaint with her daughter and of course get to know her new granddaughter. As she starts to take in pupils in her new home, she meets Gerrit Appeldoorn, an elderly gentleman who definitely has his own view of the world, and loves to share his opinions with anyone who is in earshot. Therein starts an interesting, sometimes fiery friendship between these mismatched two! And Gerrit is a dyed-in-the-wool Dutch Reformer, while Joan belongs to the much freer Church of the Nazarene! I really enjoyed this book with its different views on farming, religion and just about every subject in between. Can they ever find meeting place between two different worlds?

Christine Hunter, Librarian