

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 26– JANUARY 2

SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am
TUESDAY	NO Care & Share this week	
WEDNESDAY	Online Prayer Meeting	8:00 pm
SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:

Denise will be in the office on Wednesday, December 29th & Thursday, December 30th, and will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, January 4th. Our regular church hours are Mon-Thurs, 930-430pm. Rev. John can be reached by email jbannerman@bellnet.ca or on his cell, 226-919-9180.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

	This Week	Next Week
HOSTS	Yvonne Daniel, Rita McWilliam John & Lillian Cree	Keith & Phyllis Johnston, Amy Kemp, Rita McWilliam
A/V	Tammy McDonald, Torry Thibodeau, Lizz Thibodeau	Andrea Bruce, Marilyn McFadden
Webex	Isla Thibodeau	Lizz Thibodeau

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

December 26, 2021

1st Sunday after Christmas

In-Person & Livestream Worship



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Carol: *Good Christians, all rejoice* (Lyrics on p. 3)

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Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

**God of our lives and the time in which we live,
we know you are with us through thick and thin,
in times of great joy and at moments of disappointment.
We confess we sometimes feel let down when the excitement
of Christmas day has passed.
Our hope seems to get folded away with the gift wrap,
our energy for the future feels a bit tattered.
Forgive us when our faithfulness flickers like a Christmas
candle burning down.
Renew our hope and energy for the year ahead
through the steadfast grace of Christ our Lord.**

The Peace One: May the peace of Christ be with you
All: And also with you.

Carol Story

Carol: *'Twas in the moon of wintertime* (Lyrics on p. 3)

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WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 148: 1-6, 11-14

One: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights!

All: Praise the Lord, all the angels; praise the Lord, all the host of heaven!

One: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars!

Praise the Lord, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

**All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, who commanded and they were created,
who established them forever and ever, and fixed their bounds,
which cannot be passed.**

One: Rulers of the earth and all peoples, leaders and all judges of the earth!
Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted,
whose glory is above earth and heaven.**

One: The Lord has raised up a horn for the people, praise for all the faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to their God.

All: Praise the Lord!

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 1:1-4

Luke 2: 1-20

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Carol Story

Carol: *Il est né* (Lyrics on p. 3) (vs 1,2 & 4) 169

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Special Praise *Mary's Little Boy Child* Kim Poser

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering of our Gifts:

Offering Praise: *Christmas Offering* (Lyrics on p. 3)

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

Carol Story

Carol: *Go, tell it on the mountain* (Lyrics on p. 3) 133

Blessing

Musical Postlude

Good Christians, all rejoice

John Mason Neale

Good Christians, all rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;

now give heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ is born today,
ox and ass before him bow,
and he is in the manger now.
Christ is born today;
Christ is born today.

now you hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this.
He has opened heaven's door,
and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this;
Christ was born for this.

now you need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save,
calls you one and calls you all
to gain the everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save;
Christ was born to save.

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'Twas in the moon of wintertime

Huron, Jean de Brebeuf, Frederick Jackisch

'Twas in the moon of wintertime,
when all the birds had fled,
that mighty Gitchi Manitou
sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim,
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:

Refrain:
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
In excelsis gloria.

Within a lodge of broken bark
the tender Babe was found;
a ragged robe of rabbit skin
enwrapped his beauty round,
but, as the hunter braves drew nigh,
the angel song rang loud and high:

Refrain

The earliest moon of wintertime
is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on
the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt
with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.

Refrain

O children of the forest free,
the kin of Manitou,
the holy child of earth and heaven
is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant boy,
who brings you beauty, peace and joy

Refrain

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Il est né

Andrew Donaldson

Refrain:
Il est né, le divin enfant,
jouez, hautbois, résonnez musettes;
il est né, le divin enfant;
chantons tous son avènement.

Faithful sages through ages long,
Prophets sang of the Saviour's coming:
Faithful sages through ages long,
Prophets sang of the promised dawn.

Refrain

Jesus, Sovereign and Holy One,
We adore you, before you kneeling;
Jesus, Sovereign and Holy One,
Dwell in us, make our hearts your throne!

Refrain
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Christmas Offering

Paul Baloche,

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star
While angels sang to lowly shepherds
Three Wiseman seeking truth, they traveled from afar
Hoping to find the child from heaven
Falling on their knees, they bow before
the humble Prince of Peace.

Refrain
I bring an offering of worship to my King
No one on Earth deserves the praises that I sing
Jesus, may you receive the honor that you're due
O Lord, I bring an offering to you.

O Lord, I bring an offering to you.

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Go, tell it on the mountain

African-American traditional; Ad. John W. Work

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.

Refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled,
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour's birth!

Refrain

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

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 comfort and peace for Sherri and Kevin Hartman and their family as they grieve the passing of **Linda Clifford**, Sherri's mother.
- ◆ 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** who continues to receive care in hospital.
- ◆ 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 blessing for **Betty Smedley**, **Linda McPherson**, and **Ross Cole**.
- ◆ For God's protection, peace and grace to surround us as we walk through these trying times due to the COVID-19 virus.

Thank you...

Thank you to Kim Poser for filling in on piano for the next 2 Sundays as Beth enjoys some vacation time. We are blessed to have Kim share her talents with us.



Mission Moment – Giving Gifts through Service

For Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church, the practice of gift giving is a year-round commitment. Every day, the congregation provides "gifts" through programs and services to families living on the Mistawasis Plains Cree Reserve in Northern Saskatchewan. The ministry's elders also share gifts in less tangible but equally important ways. The congregation is blessed with wise, strong leaders who act as role models for Mistawasis' youth, helping to provide them with a solid foundation in spirituality and education. Youth programming offers teachings from the medicine wheel as well as instruction in music and Bible study—gifts that will serve the youth well as they grow into the leaders of tomorrow. Mistawasis Memorial PC is supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing.

For Christ, there was no room in the inn; we pray for those who seek shelter. Christ had to flee his birthplace; we pray for those who seek refuge. Christ read scripture as a child; we pray that God's wisdom will enlighten our minds and direct our paths.

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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 December Birthdays

Heather Reid

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