

## CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

**Welcome to Worship.** Our service today will be in-person and livestreamed through our website at ChalmersLondon.com. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a visitor card, found in the pews, and drop it in the offering plate or the visitor card basket on the information table.

**We thank Linda Adamson for leading us in worship this morning.**

### This Week at a Glance: DECEMBER 31—JANUARY 7

<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am
<b>TUESDAY</b>	CE & Faith Development Committee Mtg	7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Pastoral Care Team Meeting Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle	9:30 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am

**NEW Office Hours:** Please note, office hours will change in the new year: the office will be closed Mondays, and open **Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 am -2:30 pm.** Call 519-681-7242 or email [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto:chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca) with any questions or admin needs.

### Volunteers:

	DEC 31	JANUARY 7
<b>HOSTS</b>	Bill George Lorna Wilson Joyce Kilbourne	Todd Webster Brenda Webster Mary Vair
<b>AUDIO VISUALS</b>	Andrea Bruce Josiah Duffin Richard Cote	Chris Hardy Jack Hardy Richard Cote
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	No Coffee Fellowship	Tom & Jane Vannus
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	No Sunday School	Sarah Thompson, Marilyn McFadden

## CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Worship Celebration

December 31, 2023

*1st Sunday after Christmas*



### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers  
Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Office Administrator  
Caretaker  
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers  
Tom Hunter  
Beth Hickey  
Wendy Sibley  
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## WE APPROACH GOD

Instrumental Prelude

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Chris Hardy

Call to Worship

One: Oh, sign to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord all the earth.

**All: Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

One: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

**All: For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**

One: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

**All: Honour and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

**Hymn of Praise:** *Joy to the world*

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Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace: One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Choir Anthem: Were You There on that Christmas Night? By Natalie Sleeth

Celebrating with the Children

**Hymn of Praise:** *Go tell it on the mountain*

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## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 148: 1-14

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

Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!

**All: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!**

**Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!.**

**One:** Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them for ever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

All: Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command.

**All: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!**

**Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!**

**One:** Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted;**

**his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people,**

**praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!**

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 61:1-10

Luke 2:22-40

Janet Bruce

One: The Gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Message: **Encounter in the Temple**

Linda Adamson

Hymn of Praise: *Blest be the God of Israel*

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering of our Gifts

**Offering Praise:** *Be still and know that I am God*

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

**Hymn of Praise:** *Standing at the portal*

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Benediction

Choral Amen

Instrumental Postlude

**CHOIR ANTHEM** **Were You there on that Christmas Night** by Natalie Sleeth

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?

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## Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing for **Barry M** who has been transferred to Parkwood for further care. Pray for strength for Edna as she cares for him.
- ◆ For God's comfort for the family and friends of **Janice Carrier**, who passed away on Monday, December 18.
- ◆ For God's comfort for **Beverley E** as she continues to receive care in hospital.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Jim G**, who is suffering from Long Covid, receiving care at Parkwood.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Charles M**, who is dealing with many health concerns; pray also for strength for Cathy as she cares for him.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Holly W**.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers **Helen L, Jackie H, Laura M, Betty S, Ed C, Bill C**.



A **Teen Challenge Ministry Team** will be joining us on Sunday, January 21, 2024 in our 10 am service. Plan on joining us for this dramatic presentation of testimonies and stories of finding freedom from addiction!

## Mission Moment

### December 31: One Mission, Two Funds

Your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing and Presbyterian World Service & Development make a difference!

**Presbyterians Sharing** supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Congregations are encouraged to raise an accepted allocation each year.

**Presbyterian World Service & Development** is the PCC's development and relief agency. PWS&D raises funds directly from congregations and individuals and through government grants—over and above gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. International Ministries mission staff funded through Presbyterians Sharing, often work with PWS&D partners.

## Stewardship Moment

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God with thanksgiving and extol God with music and song.

*Psalm 95: 1-2*

## Soup'er Sunday

Following the Teen Challenge presentation on **Sunday, January 21, 2024** we will have a Soup'er Sunday luncheon with our guests. Please sign up in the narthex today, letting us know how many in your family will attend whether you are able to bring soup, and what kind you'll bring. Thanks!

## From the Library...

**The Pelican Harbor Series** – by Colleen Coble

### #1 - One Little Lie

Charles Hardy has just retired as chief of Police for the town of Pelican Harbor. His daughter, Jane, is elected as the new Chief of Police and feels that although she is petite, she is up to this new challenge. Justice has always been so important to her.

But she carries a secret. Jane spent the first 15 years of her life in a Commune, and had a baby when she was 15 years old. Just after her baby was born, there was an attack on the commune. A serious fire ensued and Jane's father told her to get in the car – that they were leaving this life. But where was her baby? She wasn't going to leave without him – until her dad told her that the baby had died.

Just after Jane is made Chief of Police, her father is arrested for theft. Jane cannot believe this and sets out to find out exactly what is going on, who is behind this, and why! Could it reflect back to his days in the cult? Is someone targeting her father for some reason?

An interesting, exciting read!

Christine Hunter, Librarian

## NEW Office Hours

The Church office will reopen January 2. In the new year, church office hours will be:

**Tuesday—Friday, 8:30 am—2:30 pm.**

The office will be closed Mondays.

## Care & Share

Many thanks to all who contributed to our White Gift Sunday in support of the Care & Share food assistance program. In January, registration day for Care & Share will change to **Tuesday**, with food pickup continuing as usual on Wednesdays. The need is greater than ever. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

## Hat/Mitten/Scarf Donations

We will continue to receive donations of hats, mits, gloves, scarves into the New Year! The ladies of the Knitting Circle are thankful for your generosity. We will be donating what we collect at the end of January to a worthy cause.

## Safe Food Handling Course

A reminder to all who signed up to take the Safe Food Handling Course here at Chalmers on Saturday, January 13. The course will run from 9am to 3pm and will take place in the lower hall. If you are NOT able to attend please contact the church office ASAP.

## Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Tom Duffin	January 5
Tammy McDonald	January 5
Hope Edwards	January 7
Amy Tran	January 9

## Offering Envelopes

For those who have requested them, 2024 offering envelopes are available in the narthex today. If you would like envelopes, or to use our Pre-Authorized Remittance program, please contact the church office.