

## 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. Please plan on joining us for coffee fellowship in the lower hall following worship today.

### This Week at a Glance: DECEMBER 3—10

<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-Person & Livestream Worship <i>Holy Communion &amp; Baptisms</i>	10:00 am
<b>TUESDAY</b>	CE & Faith Development Meeting	7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Pastoral Care Team Meeting Advent Bible Study Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Reachout Choir Rehearsal	9:30 am 10:30 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Senior Satellite Exercise	9:00 am
<b>SATURDAY</b>	'Starry Night' Advent Event	4:00pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-Person & Livestream Worship <i>Reachout Choir Christmas Cantata</i>	10:00 am

**Office Hours: Monday to Thursday, 8:30 am—2:30pm.** Call 519-681-7242 or email [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto:chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca) with any questions or admin needs.

**Rev. Andrew Thompson's office hours** are Mondays 9:30—2:30, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:30 am to noon and Fridays, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

### Volunteers: DECEMBER 3

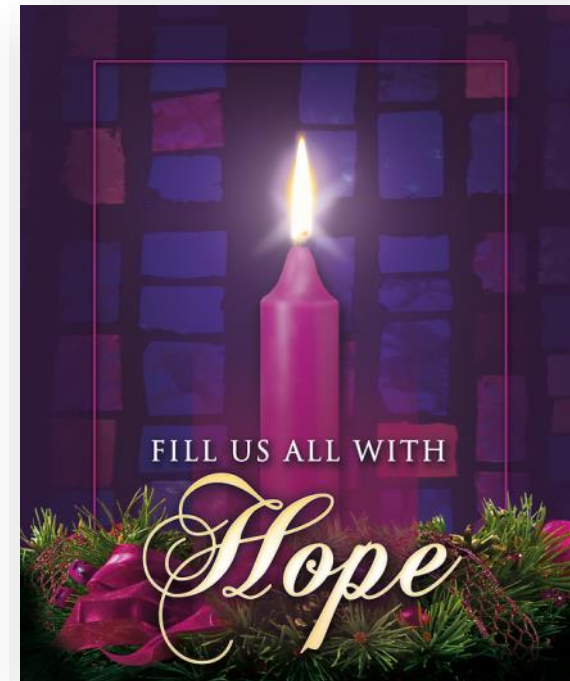
### DECEMBER 10

<b>HOSTS</b>	Wanda MacKay Brian & Pat Mackay	Carolyn Walker Mary Vair Yvonne Daniel
<b>AUDIO VISUALS</b>	Andrea Bruce Jack Hardy Rose Marie Finlay	Tammy McRonald Josiah Duffin Marilyn McFadden
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Carolyn Walker & Muriel Bertling	Tom & Jane Vannus
<b>NURSERY</b>	Nursery Available, Unsupervised	Nursery Available, Unsupervised
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	Linda Adamson, Judy Steward	Sarah Thompson, Yvonne Daniel

## CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Worship Celebration

December 3, 2023

*First Sunday of Advent*



### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers  
Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Office Administrator  
Caretaker  
Pastor

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

Instrumental Prelude

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Andy Thibodeau

Call to Worship (please see PWS&D Insert)

Lighting of the HOPE Candle

Lizz & Islay Thibodeau

**Hymn of Praise:** *Hope is a star*

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Prayers of Adoration & Confession, and **The Lord's Prayer**

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: *Bring Us Hope* by Ruth Elaine Schram

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** (please refer to blue insert)

Today we gather to celebrate the baptism of  
Destiny, Serenity, Blessed, Robert & Jordan Villers

Praise Time: *Come, thou long expected Jesus*

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## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 46

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake  
in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

One: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**All: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;  
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

One: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God's voice resounds, the earth melts.

**All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

One: Come, behold the works of the Lord

See what desolations God has brought on the earth.

**All: The Lord makes wars to cease to the end of the earth;  
Breaks the bow, shatters the spear; burns the shields with fire.**

One: "Be still and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

**All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Mark 13:24-37

Islay Thibodeau

One: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Message: **First Sunday of Advent: Hope**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering of our Gifts

**Offering Praise:** *Give thanks with a grateful heart*

Offering Prayer

**Hymn of Praise:** *All who hunger, gather gladly*

274 (w. 1, 2 & 4)

*(Children return from Sunday School)*

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Invitation

Affirming our Faith as we Confess the Apostle's Creed (unison)

Prayer

Remembering the Story

Sharing the Bread and Wine

Prayer after Communion

**Hymn of Praise:** *O Come, O come, Emmanuel*

122 (w. 1,2,6 & 7)

Benediction

**Hymn of Praise:** *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

114 (x2)

Instrumental Postlude

**Choir Anthem: Bring Us Hope, An Anthem for Advent**, by Ruth Elaine Schram

Bring us hope, bring us hope, bring us love; bring us peace, peace and joy from above.

Bring us hope, bring us love, peace and joy from above. bring us hope, bring us hope, bring us hope.

Bring us light, take our darkness away. Bring us light, turn our night into day.

Bring us hope, bring us love, peace and joy from above. Bring us hope, bring us hope, bring us hope.

Hope to replace our hopelessness, love to refill our emptiness, our emptiness,  
peace in the midst of our distress; Oh, how we need Your joy!

## Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing for **Barry M** who is in hospital receiving treatment for an infection.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Janice C**, who is back in hospital and suffering from COVID.
- ◆ For God's healing and comfort for **Beverley E** as she continues to receive care in hospital.
- ◆ 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** as she recovers from a stroke.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers **Helen L, Jackie H, Laura M, Betty S, Ed C, Bill C.**

## ADVENT AT CHALMERS



**December 3**  
1st Sunday in Advent  
Communion & Baptisms

**December 10**  
2nd Sunday in Advent  
Reachout Choir Cantata

**December 17**  
3rd Sunday in Advent  
Carols before Service

**December 24**  
4th Sunday in Advent  
7pm Christmas Eve Worship  
10pm Candlelight Worship

*Please Join Us!*

## Mission Moment

**December 3:** In Malawi, Jennifer joined a program for orphans and vulnerable children (OVC) supported by PWS&D. When she was in Grade 5, Jennifer lost both of her parents to HIV and was cared for by her great-aunt. Jennifer is also HIV positive and is undergoing treatment. Through the OVC program, Jennifer received training in tailoring as well as beekeeping. Now 19 years old, Jennifer has just had her first honey harvest, yielding 5 kg of honey, which she sold to buy food. Jennifer now dreams of volunteering with a local tailor, hoping to secure a paid job in the field. With the skills she learned from this program, Jennifer is able to live positively with HIV and earn a livelihood to support herself.

## Stewardship Moment

Since you get more joy out of giving joy to others, you should put a good deal of thought into the happiness that you are able to give.

*Eleanor Roosevelt – former First Lady of the USA, political figure, diplomat, and activist*

## Advent Bible Study

Join our Bible study on Wednesday mornings from 10:30—11:30am, beginning November 29 and running for 5 weeks. We'll be looking at "*Heaven & Earth: Advent and the Incarnation*" by William H. Willimon. **All are welcome!**

## Salvation Army Kettle 2023

Just a few time slots left for Chalmers portion of the Kettle campaign! Check out the sign up sheet today in the narthex - let's get all these times and dates filled in. Thank you for volunteering!

## From the Library...

**Homespun Christmas** – by Renee Demarca, etc.

There are four stories in this book – each by a different author, but the whole book is about the town of Hope and each story adds to the whole! By the end of the book, I was totally enjoying getting to know the town and the people who loved there.

I found this to be an unusual and interesting book with the basic town and the inhabitants appearing in each story, and each story adding to the whole tale of this small town and its strengths, weaknesses and determination to welcome newcomers.

Loved it!

Christine Hunter, Librarian

## Hat/Mitten/Scarf Donations

One of our ladies in the knitting group donated several pairs of knitted mittens and we decided we would like to add hats and more mittens to the donation. We will have a box in the vestibule for anyone wishing to contribute. They don't have to be hand knitted but can be purchased. We will donate what we collect at the end of January to a worthy spot.

*Joyce Kilbourne, Chalmers Knitting Circle*



**Chalmers Presbyterian Church Youth**  
**Gingerbread House Building Contest**

**Saturday, December 9 @ 7:00 pm**  
Join in the Advent Event at 4pm, stay for supper and then show off your building skills!!  
**Friends Welcome!**  
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## ALL Chalmers Volunteers!

I hope to have the volunteer schedule for January to March 2024 out by mid-December. Can each of you please email me as soon as possible with any dates (vacation etc.) you know you will **NOT** be available during those months? I will try to schedule around any of these exceptions. **MORE HOSTS AND COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** Please contact the church office if you can help. Thanks very much! *Wendy*



Chalmers C.E. Committee presents:  
**"Starry Night"**  
*an Advent Event*  
**Saturday, December 9, 2023**  
4:00 - 6:00 pm  
We'll enjoy fun activities for **ALL AGES**,  
and share a meal together!  
Sign up today in the narthex!

## Frozen Beef & Fruit Pies and Mint Smoothies still available!

Pies \$5/ea. Mint Smoothies \$3 or 2 for \$5. Proceeds to the General Fund. Available Sundays following the service, or by contacting the office.

## Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Gary Smith	December 4
Carolyn Walker	December 7
Becky Bolton	December 8
Jason McDonald	December 8

