

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to worship at Chalmers. If you are a guest, visitor or newcomer to Chalmers we reach out to you with hospitality and friendship in Jesus' name. Please take a moment to fill in a guest card—available in the pew holder or from the welcome table. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate, in the box on the welcome table, or given to Rev. John.

There will be a time of **refreshments and fellowship** in the lower hall following worship. The striped mugs at coffee hour are for visitors. Please help our visitors feel welcome.

AT A GLANCE: JANUARY 12-19

SUNDAY Worship & Sunday School - 10 am
Library Open - 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15 am
Meadow Park Worship - 3:30 pm

MONDAY Ukes of London - 7 pm
Worship Committee Meeting - 7 pm

TUESDAY Care & Share - 1 pm
Seniors' Fitness - 1 pm
Policy & Planning Meeting - 7 pm

WEDNESDAY Knitting Circle - 1:30 pm
Reachout - 7:30 pm

THURSDAY Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 pm
Praise Team - 8 pm

FRIDAY Seniors' Satellite - 9 am
Seniors' Euchre - 1 pm

SUNDAY Worship & Sunday School - 10 am
Library Open - 11:15 am
Tasteful Topics - 11:30 am
Parkwood Hospital Worship - 2 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon: 9 am - 3 pm **Tues - Thurs:** 12-3 pm
Fri: 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * Tasteful Topics - Sun, Jan 19, 11:30 am
- * Glen Cairn Community Dinner - Fri, Jan 24, 5 pm
- * Volleyball - Fri, Jan 24, 7 pm (Supreme Courts)

TODAY'S HOSTS:

Muriel Bertling & John Coy
Shirley Andersen & Fran Peach
Dan & Loretta Duffin

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Karen Dutton & Yvonne Daniel
Chris & Kristine Hardy
Keith & Phyllis Johnston

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Jan 12: Karen Dutton & Heather Reid
Jan 19: No Coffee - Tasteful Topics
Jan 26: Marg Ward & Laurie Bannerman
Feb 2: Charles & Kathy McCartney

COUNTERS:

Jan 12: Bruce & Joanne
Jan 19: Heather & Maureen
Jan 26: Doris & Yvonne
Feb 2: Todd & Brenda

IN THE BOOTH:

Jan 12: Tammy, Sue & Lizz
Jan 19: Tammy, Torry & Rose Marie
Jan 26: Colin, Isla & Lizz
Feb 2: Colin, Sue & Rick

IN THE NURSERY:

Jan 12: Leslee & Cathy
Jan 19: Dan & Wanda
Jan 26: Laurie & Jackie
Feb 2: Patricia & Sharlet

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

January 12, 2020 - 10:00 am

Baptism of the Lord



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
Rev. John Bannerman

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Silent Prayer *A time to be still and know the presence of God*

Call to Worship

One: We are called to serve in the name of Jesus, God's beloved Son,

All: for God calls us by name because we are beloved, too.

One: God has chosen us to be witnesses to God's goodness and forgiveness.

All: So let us worship God who claims us and loves us!

May God's holy name be praised!

★ Praise: *Here I am to worship*

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Merciful God, in baptism you promise us forgiveness and new life. We confess that we prefer our old ways. We resist the new opportunities you set before us. We cling to harmful habits and nurse grudges. We are reluctant to forgive one another. In your loving kindness, have mercy upon us. By your Holy Spirit, move among us so that we might live together with grace and generosity through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Declaration of Pardon

The Peace May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(Children and teachers leave for Sunday school)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture reading: Psalm 29:1-6, 10-11

One: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

All: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

One: Ascribe to the Lord the glorious name;

All: worship the Lord in holy splendor.

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

All: the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

All: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

One: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;

All: the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

One: The Lord makes Lebanon to skip like a calf.

All: and Sirion like a young wild ox.

One: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

All: the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign forever.

One: O Lord, give strength to your people!

All: O Lord, bless your people with peace!

Choir Anthem: *Fall On Me* by Nolan, Williams

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

Sue Garner

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

★ Praise: *You are my all in all*

Sermon: **The Beloved**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection: *Jesus, we are gathered*

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Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts: *God, whose giving knows no ending* 663 (1 & 3) to tune of 534

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, we bring our gifts to you with grateful hearts. Bless our giving and our living so that we may be a blessing to those whom we encounter, through Christ, our Living Lord...

★ Praise: *Christ, when for us you were baptized*

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(Children and teachers return from Sunday school)

Celebrating with the Children & **The Lord's Prayer**

★ Praise: *Love divine, all loves excelling*

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★ Commissioning and Benediction

★ Choral Amen

Musical Postlude

CHOIR ANTHEM: **FALL ON ME** by Nolan, Williams

Fall on me, fall on me. Let Your Spirit fall on me. Descending as a dove, come fill me with Your love. Holy Spirit, fall on me.

Fall on me, fall on me. Let Your Spirit fall on me. Come take away my sin and make me new again. Let Your Spirit fall on me.

Come now and take away my sin. Come now and make me whole again.

Purer in heart, Lord, help me to be. O let Your Spirit fall on me.

Fall on me, fall on me. Let Your Spirit fall on me. May ev'rything I do reflect my love for You.

Let your Spirit fall, O let Your Spirit fall, O let Your Spirit fall on me.

Holy Spirit, fall on me. Amen.

Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For healing and strength for Carl Suchard, a former member of Chalmers who is receiving care following a diagnosis of leukemia.
- ◆ For the Lord to touch Kristine Hardy with God's healing hand as she recovers from recent arm surgery.
- ◆ For God to inspire us to be generous in giving our time, talents and treasure for the ongoing work of the Lord in the world.
- ◆ For God's blessing for Eileen Reid, Linda McPherson, Maureen Gaskin, Roy Young, and Ross Cole.
- ◆ We are shocked and saddened by the tragic explosion and crash of the Ukrainian airliner (flight PS 752) resulting in the deaths of 176 people, including 63 Canadian citizens. May God give comfort and peace to those who grieve the death of beloved family members, friends and colleagues. May we continue to pray for peace with justice.

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**TASTEFUL TOPICS:** Plan on joining us for lunch next **Sunday, January 19** immediately following worship, with special guest, Dawn Bannerman speaking to us about S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). A donation of \$10/person is suggested for the meal. Please sign up in the narthex today!

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VOLLEYBALL: Youth and young adults are invited to join us for recreational volleyball on **Friday, January 24 at 7pm**, at Supreme Courts, 11 Buchanan Court, London. A small fee will be collected to cover the cost of the court. See YOU there!



January 12: Bibi's healthy family

In the village of Ziarat, Afghanistan, Bibi is mother to nine children. For many women like Bibi, having many children is partly due to a lack of access to information about family planning. Frequent pregnancies and limited healthcare facilities contribute to Afghanistan's high maternal mortality rate. When a community health worker from a PWS&D-supported health centre came to examine Bibi, the young mother learned about the benefits of child spacing. "I am advising other women in the village to adopt family planning methods as it is for the betterment of the family as a whole," says Bibi. A woman's ability to choose when to become pregnant helps families improve their well-being, increases economic opportunity and promotes gender equality. *PWS&D protects the health of mothers and children*

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

January 12

God has given us two hands--one to receive with and the other to give with.

Billy Graham (1918-2018), minister, evangelist

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**GLEN CAIRN COMMUNITY DINNER:** On **Friday, January 24 from 5-6:30pm** Chalmers Church is hosting the Glen Cairn Community Dinner. This is a free meal offered to local residents through the Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre. Volunteers are needed! Please visit the table in the narthex and sign up to help with setup/cleanup or to provide sandwiches for the meal. Speak to a member of the Mission Committee if you have any questions. Thank you!

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Shadow of Doubt** – by Terri Blackstock  
Newpointe 911 – Book 2

Detective Stan Sheperd lies comatose in the hospital, a victim of arsenic poisoning. The Newpointe police have a suspect: Celia Shepherd, Stan's wife. Celia is no stranger to such charges. When her first husband died of poisoning, a technicality scuttled the case against her, and Celia got off scot-free. Now it looks like the same old story--only this time, the motive appears plain. An old flame has moved into town under circumstances bound to raise suspicion. And that's just for starters. More evidence is gathering that can put Celia away for good. But attorney Jill Clark thinks the pieces of the puzzle fit together a bit too neatly. Either her client's Christian faith is a sham, or she's the victim of a deadly frame up--and the real killer is still in the area.

*Christine Hunter - Librarian*

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SALVATION ARMY KETTLE UPDATE: On behalf of The Salvation Army, I would like to extend a sincere thank you for your help & support of the 2019 Christmas Kettle Campaign. I am extremely pleased to tell you that we not only reached our goal of \$550,000, but we surpassed it, raising a grand total of \$637,338.30, of which Chalmers' kettle raised over \$8400!! We are so thankful for all of your hard work and commitment to supporting our organization...we could not do what we do without your help! *Andrew Thibodeau extends his thanks to all of the volunteers who donated the 203 hours to the 2019 Kettle Campaign!*

Heartfelt
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

THAT THEY MAY BE ONE: In the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and amidst polarizations, both within Christian traditions and between us, how is Jesus' prayer in John 17, "that they may be one..." being lived today? The current climate of polarization drives wedges within and between Christian communities. Are there signs of hope? Archbishop Nichols will be offering a free, public lecture in the Kenny Theatre at King's University College (266 Epworth Avenue) on **Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 7:00 pm**.

The 2020 theme for the **WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** is: "They showed us unusual kindness" (Acts 28:2). Christians of every tradition are invited to The Chapel at Windermere on the Mount (1486 Richmond St. N.) on **Wednesday, January 18, 2020 at 7:00 pm** to pray for unity within Christ's Body. Coffee and refreshments will follow. Andrea Di Giovanni, a lecturer in Biblical Studies (St. Peter's Seminary and King's University College) will offer the evening's reflection.

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If you need a replacement **NAME TAG**, or if you do not have a name tag, please sign your name on the list on the name tag table and we will make sure you have one.

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Have you considered signing up for **PAR (PRE AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE)?** It's easy to do, makes consistent offerings simple and can be stopped or adjusted easily. Offering is withdrawn directly from your bank account monthly. Forms are available in the narthex, or speak to Wendy in the office.

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Did you know that Mission Committee collects **CANADIAN TIRE MONEY?** It's used to buy much needed sleeping bags for Men's Mission. Look for the box in the Narthex to donate!"