

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

Welcome to worship. Our services are in-person and live-streamed 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. Today we welcome **Rev. Michael Stol** to lead worship. NOTE: *There will be no coffee time today following worship.*

This Week at a Glance: JANUARY 1—8

SUNDAY JANUARY 1	Livestream and In-Person Worship Rev. Michael Stol	10:00 am
TUESDAY	Pastoral Care Team Meeting C.E. & Faith Development Meeting	9:30 am 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup	12:00 pm
SUNDAY JANUARY 8	In-Person and Livestream Worship Elizabeth MacLeod	10:00 am

Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday to Friday, 8:30 am–2:30 pm. Please contact the church office with any needs or concerns (519) 681-7242 or email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca. **Rev. Mavis Currie** is Chalmers' Interim Moderator. For emergency Pastoral Care she may be reached at her church office, (519) 631-2414, on her cell (519) 860-1380 or by email, m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca.

Worship Volunteers:

	THIS SUNDAY	NEXT SUNDAY
HOSTS	Muriel Bertling Carolyn Walker Ann Hunter	Keith Johnston Phyllis Johnston Maureen Bruff
AUDIO VISUALS	Torry Thibodeau Isla Thibodeau Lizz Thibodeau	Tammy McDonald Josiah Duffin Marilyn McFadden
Fellowship	No Coffee Hour	Carolyn Walker & Heather Reid

Thank you, Volunteers!

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

January 1, 2023

New Year's Day



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Interim Moderator

All the People of Chalmers
Tom Hunter
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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Like Joseph and Mary, we want to protect the child Jesus.

All: We want him to be safe and sound.

One: And when something unexpected happens, we are frightened.

All: We wonder what we should have done differently.

One: Lord, in this day, help us to remember that God is ever with us.

All: let us place our trust in God's loving presence as we grow in our own faith. Amen.

Praise: *Standing at the portal* 811

Prayers of Adoration, Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

All: And also with you.

Celebrating with the Children: Video "My Winter Morning Routine"

Praise: *One more step upon the world I go* 641

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 148

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: Praise the Lord from the earth,

All: you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!

One: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

All: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

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 Reading: Luke 2:41-52 Chris Hardy

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Choir Anthem: *Were you there on that Christmas night?* by Natalie Sleeth

Message: Always at Home

Praise: *O God our help in ages past* 330

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission Lorna Wilson

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *In the Bleak Midwinter* 145 (v.4)

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

Praise: *How brightly beams the morning star* 180

Benediction

Musical Postlude

Standing at the portal

Frances R. Havergal

Standing at the portal of the opening year,
words of comfort meet us, hushing every fear;
spoken through the silence
by God's loving voice,
tender, strong and faithful, making us rejoice.

Refrain:

*Onward then, and fear not,
children of the day;
for God's word shall never,
never pass away.*

"I, your God, am with you: do not be afraid;
I will help and strengthen; do not be dismayed,
for I will uphold you with my own right hand;
you are called and chosen in my sight to stand.

Refrain

God will not forsake us and will never fail;
God's eternal covenant ever will prevail.
Resting on this promise, what have we to fear?
God is all-sufficient for the coming year.

Refrain

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In the bleak mid-winter

Christina G. Rossetti

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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One more step along the world I go

Sydney Carter

One more step along the world I go.
One more step along the world I go.
From the old things to the new,
keep me traveling along with you.

Refrain:

And it's from the old I travel to the new.
Keep me traveling along with you.

Round the corners of the world I turn.
More and more about the world I learn.
All the new things that I see
you'll be looking at along with me.

Refrain

As I travel through the bad and good,
keep me traveling the way I should.
Where I see no way to go,
you'll be telling me the way, I know.

Refrain

Give me courage when the world is rough.
Keep me loving though the world is tough.
Leap and sing in all I do.
Keep me traveling along with you.

Refrain

You are older than the world can be.
You are younger than the life in me.
Ever old and ever new,
keep me traveling along with you.

Refrain

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O God, our help in ages past

Isaac Watts

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne,
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

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How brightly beams the morning star

Johan A. Schlegel; Translation: Catherine Winkworth

How brightly gleams the morning star!
What sudden radiance from afar
doth glad us with its shining?
Brightness of God that breaks our night
and fills the darkened souls with light,
who long for truth were pining!

*Newly, truly, God's word feeds us,
rightly leads us, life bestowing.
Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing.*

All praise the One who comes to save,
who conquered death,
and scorned the grave!
Each day new praise resoundeth;
the Truth the Life who once was slain,
the Friend whom none shall trust in vain,
with grace for aye aboundeth.

*Sing then; right then; tell the story
filled with glory, till these praises
flood with light earth's darkest places.*

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CHOIR ANTHEM: Were You There on That Christmas Night? by 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?

Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing Spirit to strengthen and encourage **Leny Jongepier**.
- ◆ For God's comfort and peace for **Leny Jongepier** and **Carolyn Walker** and family with the sudden passing of Leny's son and Carolyn's brother, Andre, on December 24.
- ◆ We pray for comfort and healing for **Betty Cross** as she recovers at home.
- ◆ For healing for **Helen LeTissier** who is recovering back at Glendale Crossing.
- ◆ For **Jackie Harrett** who is adjusting to life in Dearness Home.
- ◆ For God's peace and encouragement for **Beverly Ertl**.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Anita Powell** as she recovers from knee surgery.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Betty Smedley**.
- ◆ For God's wisdom and guidance for Chalmers' **Pastoral Search Committee** as they continue the process of bringing a new Minister to Chalmers.
- ◆ For **healthcare workers** who are under enormous pressure with respiratory illness on the rise.



January 1:

When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we express our faith. **Together, we continue Christ's ministry by engaging in vibrant and faithful ministries in our communities, our country and around the world.** Together, we call for justice and act with compassion. We support ministries with Indigenous people, both in and outside Canada. We send mission staff to accompany international partners. We support ministries that provide aid for refugees, people involved in the sex trade and all who are vulnerable to exploitation. We start and build new faith communities and encourage and support congregations renewing their ministries. Together, we are making a difference. *Together, we are Presbyterians Sharing!*

We give thanks for the start of a new year. May God give us hope, joy and peace for the year ahead.

Speaking of Stewardship

Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action and that action is service.

Mother Teresa – nun, missionary

*Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the **Lord**, whose name alone is exalted, whose glory is above earth and heaven.*

Psalm 148:12-13

From the Library...

Whose Waves These Are – by Amanda Dykes. This is a well written, interesting story that keeps you reading until the very last page to find out how the saga ends.

Starting in 1945, the story starts with twin boys, Roy and Robert Bliss. They are 18 years old and a letter has just arrived at their house calling Roy into service in the Second World War. But Roy is married, and his wife Jenny is expecting their first child. Robert decides that he should go to war in Roy's place – and since they are identical twins – who will know the difference? But Roy is adamant – he has been called and he will go.

The story jumps to 2001 and Ann Bliss enters the story – great-niece of Robert. Ann has been corresponding with Robert (GrandBob) regularly and when she hears that he is in the hospital she takes a leave of absence from her job in Chicago and heads to Ansel-by-the-Sea.

A very interesting, unusual story that flips a few times between 1945 and 2001. What is the secret behind the big tower that Bob was building. Anne finds the answer in a fantastic ending to the story! WOW!

Christine Hunter, Librarian

A New Way to Give! Chalmers is now offering **E-Transfer** as a means to support the work of the ministry of the church. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is a simple, secure way to ensure 100% of givings go to support the church. E-transfers can be sent to chalmerspclondon@gmail.com. Thank you for your faithful support of the work and ministry of Chalmers.

Care & Share Needs

We are well stocked for egg cartons for the time being, but can always use more plastic bags. As far as food goes, canned vegetables and brown beans are always welcome. Thank you for your faithful support of Care & Share.

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays



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

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. Forms are available in the church office, or we can send you one by email.

Chalmers COVID Protocols

- 1) Please **do not enter** the Chalmers building if you have symptoms of COVID-19. If you test positive, please do not return to the church until you have tested negative.
- 2) Masks are **recommended** in the building.
- 3) Physical distancing of 2 m maintained in the building at all times.
Please respect the comfort level of others with respect to masking and physical distancing.
- 4) Food & beverages are permitted if numbers are kept to a minimum, and groups use their own disposable supplies.

