

## CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us for **online** worship this Sunday. The service will be available through our website at [chalmerslondon.com](http://chalmerslondon.com). The video link is found on the home page. We encourage you to let us know you have joined us by filling in the short response form.

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: JANUARY 3—10

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Online Worship	10:00 am
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Pastoral Care Online Meeting	9:30 am
	CE & Faith Development Online Meeting	6:45 pm
	Policy & Planning Online Meeting	7:30 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Care & Share *NEW PICK-UP TIME	12:30 pm
	Session Executive Online Meeting	7:00 pm
	Mission Committee Online Meeting	7:30 pm
	Online Prayer Meeting	8:00 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Online Community Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Virtual Sunday School	9:00 am
	Online Worship	10:00 am
	Stephen Ministry Online Supervision	7:00 pm

### OFFICE HOURS:

The church building and office remain closed to the public. *Wendy will be in the office Mondays 12-3 pm, Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9am—12pm. Please call ahead before dropping by the church.*

Please email [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto:chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca) with any questions or needs. Rev. John can be reached on his home phone (519) 681-9876 or cell (226) 919-9180. Regular updates will be posted on the home page of our website, [www.chalmerslondon.com](http://www.chalmerslondon.com). You may also find up to date information on the **Chalmers Presbyterian Church Ministries Group** Facebook page.

# Chalmers Presbyterian Church

## Worship Celebration

January 3, 2021

Epiphany Sunday

(Online 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

One: Arise, shine; for your light has come.

**All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**

One: Lift up your eyes and look around.

**All: We shall see and be radiant; our hearts shall rejoice.**

One: For the Lord will be our everlasting light and our glory.

**All: And so we bring to God our worship this morning.**

Carol: *The First Nowell* (Lyrics on p. 3) 136 (vv. 1, 3 & 5)

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

Celebrating with the Children (*What is Epiphany?* video)

Carol: *As with Gladness Men of Old* (Lyrics on p. 3) 172 (1, 3 & 5)

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 72:1-4, 10-14

One: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

**All: May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice.**

One: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness.

**All: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

One: May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,  
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

**All: May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.**

One: For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.

**All: He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.**

One: From oppression and violence he redeems their life;

**All: and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Message: \_\_\_\_\_

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Special Praise: Les anges dans nos campagnes (Angels we have heard on high)  
(Lyrics on p. 3) The Mabondo Family

The Offering of our Gifts

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

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

Carol: *We Three Kings* (Lyrics on p. 3) 173

The Blessing

Musical Postlude



“When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins:

to find the lost, to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart.”

The Work of Christmas, by Howard Thurman

## The First Nowell

English traditional

The first nowell  
the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds  
in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they  
lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night  
that wish so deep.

Refrain

*Nowell, nowell, nowell, nowell!  
Born is the King of Israel!*

And by the light of that same star,  
three wise men came from country far;  
to search for a king was their intent,  
and to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain

Then entered in those wise men three,  
full reverently upon their knee,  
and offered there in his presence  
their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Refrain

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## As With Gladness Men of Old

William Chatterton, Conrad Kocher

As with gladness men of old did  
the guiding star behold;  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright:  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
ever more be led to thee.

As they offered gifts most rare  
at thy cradle rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

In that heavenly country bright  
need they no created light:  
thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down;  
there forever may we sing  
hallelujahs to our King.

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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. (2x)*

O Lord, I bring an offering to you.

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## We Three Kings

John H. Hopkins Jr.

We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

*O star of wonder, star of light,  
star of royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.

Refrain

Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh,  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshipping God on high.

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom,  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and sacrifice:  
hallelujah, hallelujah,  
sounds through the earth and skies.

Refrain

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## SPECIAL PRAISE

### Les anges dans nos campagnes

(Angels We Have Heard on High)

Traditional French Carol

Les anges dans nos campagnes  
ont entonné l'hymne des cieux,  
et l'écho de nos montagnes  
redit ce chant mélodieux.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Bergers, pour qui cette fête ?  
Quel est l'objet de tous ces chants ?  
Quel vainqueur, quelle conquête  
mérite ces cris triomphants ?

Refrain

Ils annoncent la naissance  
du libérateur d'Israël  
et pleins de reconnaissance  
chantent en ce jour solennel.

Refrain

Cherchons tous l'heureux village  
qui l'a vu naître sous ses toits  
offrons-lui le tendre hommage  
et de nos cœurs et de nos voix.

Refrain

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## Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God's strength and peace for **Elaine and Gordon McInnis** as they grieve the passing of Elaine's mother, who lived in Scotland. Due to the pandemic, Elaine is not able to travel there.
- ◆ For God's healing and pain control for **Joyce Yull** as she receives care and treatment for a broken hip at Victoria Hospital.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Jo-Ann Marshall** as she recovers at home from leg surgery. May God give her strength and peace during her time of convalescence.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Ken Hall** as he recovers at home after enduring a fall late last year. May the Lord give strength to Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Evelyn Campbell** as she recovers from a fall.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Edna May** who is in Victoria Hospital following a fall.
- ◆ For God's peace and comfort for the families of **John Martens** and **Henry Harder** who died, and healing for those who were injured, in the building collapse on Wonderland Road on December 11.
- ◆ For God's protection, peace and grace to surround us as we walk through these trying times due to the COVID-19 virus.
- ◆ 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.



**January 3**

### **Frank and Joyce's Fields**

In Gwebe village in Malawi, Frank and his wife, Joyce, proudly look over their lush fields. For the past three years, Frank has been using conservation agriculture techniques that were taught to him by Presbyterian World Service & Development partners to help him harvest more. Conservation agriculture teaches farmers to protect and improve soil fertility, conserve water and make locally available resources into fertilizers. Over the years, Frank became a lead farmer in his village. His thriving fields are a reminder of how efficient conservation agriculture can be, setting an example as he teaches and empowers other farmers to use the same methods to increase their harvest.

### **SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP**

**January 3**

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything, and may provide in abundance for every good work. *2 Corinthians 9:8*

### **CHALMERS ONLINE COMMUNITY COFFEE**

**Hour: Resumes January 7th.** Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. Download the Webex app from your app store on your tablet or phone, or go to [webex.com](http://webex.com) to log into the meeting on computer. Contact Sue at 226-663-4735.

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

### The Cost of Betrayal

**Betrayed** – by Dee Henderson

**Deadly Isle** – by Dani Pettrey

**Code of Ethics** – by Lynette Eason

This is a book comprised of three novellas by well known authors. Let me give you a little insight into each story.

**Book 2: Deadly Isle:** Julia and Teni are long time friends who love to challenge each other to athletic races of all different kinds. Today it is a race to swim from the shore to a certain buoy out in the river. But Teni has just broken up with her boyfriend and her mind is just not on this race. When she gets to the end of the race, Julia is not there. Then Teni notices something that looks like blood on the side of the buoy. Has Julie had an accident? Read on to find out the answer to this important question. Another interesting read.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

**CHALMERS SUNDAY SCHOOL :** Sunday School will take a break on January 3 and then start back on online beginning on January 10 at 11 am. For login information contact [chalmers.sunday.school@gmail.com](mailto:chalmers.sunday.school@gmail.com).

Thanks, Judy

**CARE & SHARE** resumes January 6, moving to **Wednesday** food pick up in the New Year. Our long-time Care & Share coordinator, Joanne Dickert is passing the torch to Heather Reid in January. **Many thanks** to Joanne for her faithful leadership of this crucial program!

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** At their meeting on December 15 Chalmers Session decided that **online worship will continue for the month of January 2021.** All regular programming at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, save Care & Share, has been suspended and the church and office are closed. Mail, Email and phone messages are being monitored on a regular basis.

### **CHALMERS VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING:**

Join us for a weekly online prayer meeting. We will meet on Webex, every Wednesday evening at 8 pm for about an hour. Visit our website, or check your email for login instructions. All Welcome!

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Offering envelopes are available at the church office. Wendy will be in the week of January 4, Monday 12-3 pm, and Tues, Thurs, Fri 9 am—12 pm. Secure, contact-free pickup available. If you are not able to pick up, please contact the church office. If you do not have envelopes and would like them, please email or call Wendy.

**ONLINE DONATIONS:** Thank you for your continued, faithful support of Chalmers Presbyterian Church during this time of physical distancing. Offerings may be mailed in to the church, dropped in the mailbox, or submitted online through the link found on the home page of our website.