

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.

This Week at a Glance: JANUARY 7—14

SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship Stephen Ministry Meeting (Zoom)	10:00 am 7:00 pm
MONDAY	Worship Committee Meeting Ukes of London	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle	12:00 pm 1:00 pm
THURSDAY	Session Executive Meeting Choir Rehearsal	8:45 am 6:30 pm
FRIDAY	Senior Satellite Exercise Programs	9:00 am
SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am

NEW Office Hours: The church office is closed Mondays, **and open Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 am –2:30 pm.** Call 519-681-7242 or email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca with any questions or admin needs.

Volunteers:

	JANUARY 7	JANUARY 14
HOSTS	Todd Webster Brenda Webster Ann Hunter	Keith Johnston Phyllis Johnston Carolyn Walker
AUDIO VISUALS	Chris Hardy Jack Hardy Richard Cote	Torry Thibodeau Islay Thibodeau Lizz Thibodeau
FELLOWSHIP	Tom & Jane Vannus	Gord & Mary Vair
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Sarah Thompson, Marilyn McFadden	Linda Adamson Judy Steward

CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Worship Celebration

January 7, 2024

Epiphany



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers
Lizz Thibodeau
Beth Hickey
Wendy Sibley
Brad Dobbie
Rev. Andrew Thompson

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WE APPROACH GOD

Instrumental Prelude

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Andy Thibodeau

Call to Worship

One: We have come to praise God, who has done wonderful things among us.

All: In Jesus, the Christ, God has shown us love, giving light for our darkness, and strength for all our days.

One: Sing praise to God's name, bow before God in prayer, open your hearts to God's saving word.

All: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

Hymn of Praise: *We three kings*

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Prayers of Adoration & Confession & **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: Will You Come and See the Light? by Brian Wren

Celebrating with the Children

Hymn of Praise: *Forever*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 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 he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**All: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**

One: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,

All: until the moon is no more.

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 Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Yvonne Daniel

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Message: **Following the Star**

Hymn of Praise: *God of mercy, God of grace*

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WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *God forgave my sin / Freely, freely*

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Offering Prayer, Prayers of the People

Hymn of Praise: *He leadeth me*

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Benediction

Choral Amen

Instrumental Postlude

CHOIR ANTHEM Will You Come and See the Light, by Brian Wren

Will you come and see the light from the stable door? It is shining newly bright, though it shone before.
It will be your guiding star, it will show you who you are. Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you step into the light that can free the slave? I will stand for what is right, it will heal and save.
By the pyramids of greed there's a longing to be freed. Will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you tell about the light in the prison cell? Though it's shackled out of sight, it is shining well.
When the truth is cut and bruised, and the innocent abused, will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you join the hope, alight in a young girl's eyes, of the mighty put to flight by a baby's cries?
When the lowest and the least are the foremost at the feast, will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

Will you travel by the light of the babe new born? In the candle lit at night, there's a gleam of dawn,
And the darkness all about is too dim to put it out: will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

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Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing for **Barry M** who is receiving care in Parkwood. Pray for strength for Edna as she cares for him.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Janet B**, as she recovers from shoulder surgery.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Continued prayers for God's comfort for the family of **Janice and Ed Carrier** who both passed away the week before Christmas.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Holly W**.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers **Helen L, Jackie H, Laura M, Betty S, and 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

January 7: When the Rev. Lora Nafziger visited her sister in Nepal in 2022, she never imagined that she would return as Staff Care and Counselling Advisor with United Mission to Nepal (UMN). A faith-based international NGO, UMN strives to help all Nepalis achieve a fuller life through medical and community development programs. Responding to God's call, Lora departed for Kathmandu in early January 2024 with her spouse Mitch Rhodes and their two youngest children. Lora, who is also a clinical social worker, will provide spiritual and emotional support to expatriate UMN staff and Nepali staff. She is jointly supported by the PCC through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing and Mennonite Mission Network.

Stewardship Moment

"On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."

Matthew 2:11

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

#2 Two Reasons to Run

This book starts with Jane Hardy, Chief of Police for Pelican Harbor, discovering that her son did not die in that Commune 15 years ago. She meets up with him and his father and immediately falls in love with her 15 year old son. She struggles with the fact that her father had lied to get her out of the Commune, but her father and her son are soon enjoying each other's company.

There is an oil platform just off the coast of Pelican Harbor, and Keith McDonald, one of the workmen on board this rig, sends a scary message to Jane Hardy telling her of a plan to cause an explosion on the rig. This would be bad news in so many different ways, but then Keith disappears and Jane has to try and find out what exactly is going on. Where is Keith and is the rumour of an explosion really true?

Another very exciting read.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Hope Edwards	January 7
Amy Tran	January 9
Andy Thibodeau	January 13
Bill Campbell	January 14
Debbie Munro	January 14
Rose Marie Finlay	January 14
Betty Sanderson	January 17

Care & Share Corner

In 2023 Care and Share volunteers worked tirelessly to serve the needy in our community. Our client base **increased by 55%**, as more and more households cannot feed their families. Your continued support of this vital ministry is greatly appreciated! Financial gifts are always needed, and pantry needs this month are: **baked beans (no pork), and fruit juice.**

Giving at Chalmers

We are so thankful for your generous and faithful support of the work and ministry at Chalmers. Offerings can be giving through the offering plate, e-transfer, Canada Helps or PAR (pre-authorized remittance). Contact the office for more information.

Safe Food Handling Course

A reminder to all who signed up to take the Safe Food Handling Course here at Chalmers **NEXT 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.

