

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us for in-person worship this Sunday at 10 am. Please pre-register by Thursday. We will also be livestreaming the service. This can be viewed 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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: NOVEMBER 21-28

SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship Service Stephen Ministry Zoom Meeting	10:00 am 7:00 pm
MONDAY		
TUESDAY		
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pick-up Knitting Circle (in Narthex) Online Prayer Meeting	12:30 pm 1:30 pm 8:00 pm
THURSDAY	Online Community Coffee Hour <i>Choir Rehearsal</i>	7:30 pm 6:30 pm
SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship Service	10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:

Denise will be in the office from Monday to Thursday. Please call ahead before dropping by the church. chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca or call (519) 681-7242 .

Rev. John can be reached by email jbannerman@bellnet.ca or on his cell, 226-919-9180.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

	This Week	Next Week
HOSTS	Amy Kemp, Mark Ranson Yvonne Daniel, Rita McWilliam	Keith & Phyllis Johnston Bill George, Rita McWilliam
A/V	Andrea Bruce, Richard Cote	Tom Vannus, Rose Marie Finlay
Webex	Isla Thibodeau	Marilyn McFadden

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

November 28, 2021

ADVENT I

In-Person & Livestream Worship



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers
Tom Hunter
Beth Hickey
Denise McLay (Interim)
Brad Dobbie
Rev. John Bannerman

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

PWS & D Liturgy—Advent I

One: Hope is a flame that is given by God.

All: Hope for a new world burns in our hearts.

One: Hope burns in the message of the Law and the teaching of the Prophets.

All: Hope is revealed in Jesus Christ.

One: Let us pray:

All: Source of light, burn in our lives and in your world with your renewing hope. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Praise: *Hope is a Star*

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Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

The Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

Special Praise: *The Angel Gabriel*

(Lyrics on p. 3)

Betty Sanderson

Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 42 1-5

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.

All: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

One: When shall I come and behold the face of God?

All: My tears have been my food day and night, While people say to continually, "Where is your God?"

One: These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:

All: How I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

One: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

All: Hope in God; for again I shall praise, my help and my God.

Scripture Readings: Romans 5: 1-5

Matthew 25: 31-40

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise: *All earth is waiting*

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Message: *Abounding in Hope*

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *We give thee but thine own*

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

Praise: *Hark the glad sound*

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Blessing

Musical Postlude

Hope is a star

Brian A Wren, Hope Publishing

Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.

Refrain:

When God is a child there's joy in our song.

The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong, and none shall be afraid.

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,
giving a promise of safety and worth.

Joy is a song that welcomes the

The angel Gabriel from heaven

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The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail,' said he, 'O lowly maiden Mary,'
most highly favoured lady:
Gloria!

'For know a blessed mother you shall be,
all generations praise continually,
your son shall be Emmanuel, by seers fore-
told,' most highly favoured lady:
Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,
'To me be as it pleases God,' she said,
'my soul shall laud and magnify God's
holy name,' most highly favoured lady:
Gloria!

All the earth is waiting

Alberto Taule

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and open furrows await the seed of God.
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true
liberty; it cries out for justice and searches for
the truth.

Thus says the prophet to those of Israel:
'A virgin mother will bear Emmanuel,'
one whose name is 'God with us' our Saviour
shall be; with him hope will blossom once
more within our hearts.

Mountains and valleys will have to be made
plain; open new highways, new highways for
the Lord. He is now coming closer, so come all
and see, and open the doorways as wide as
wide can be.

In lowly stable the Promised One appeared;
yet feel his presence throughout the earth
today, for he lives in all Christians and is with us
now; again, with his coming he brings us
liberty.

We give thee but thine own

Words: William Walsham How
Music: Konig's harmonischer Liederschatz
Arr.: William Henry Havergal

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have it thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus
as stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blessest us,
to thee our first-fruits give.

To comfort and to bless,
to find a balm for woe,
to tend the lonely in distress
is angels' work below.

The captive to release,
to God the lost to bring,
to teach the way of life and peace,
it is a Christ-like thing,

And we believe thy word,
though dim our faith may be:
whate'er for thine we do, O Lord,

Hark the glad sound

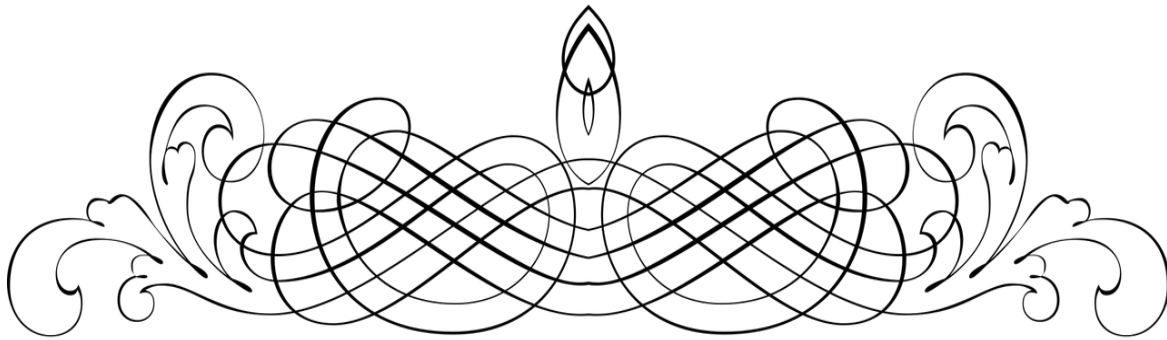
Richmond, Philip Doddridge, Public Domain

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the wounded soul to cure,
to bring the treasures of God's grace,
good tidings for the poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
your welcome shall proclaim,
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with your most honoured name.

You come the broken heart to bind,
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song!

You come the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before you burst,
the iron fetters yield.



Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing for Janice Duffin as she receives treatment in hospital following recent surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Janet Bruce** as she recovers at home following knee surgery.
- ◆ For God's comfort for Sherri Hartman's mother, **Linda Clifford**, who is palliative. May the Lord give strength to Sherri and Kevin as they care for her at home.
- ◆ For the family and friends of **Vivianne Pearse** as they grieve her passing on November 11th.
- ◆ For God's strength and healing for **Linda Bone** as she recovers from foot surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Charles McCartney**, who is recovering at home.
- ◆ For God's healing and pain control for **Joyce Yull**.
- ◆ For healing and pain control for **Vic Laursen** following recent hip surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Leslee Johnston** as she recovers from surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Ken Hall** as he convalesces at home. May the Lord give strength to Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Barry May**.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Betty Smedley, Linda McPherson, and Ross Cole**.
- ◆ For the people of **British Columbia** as they struggle with the devastating effects of the historic rainfall, mudslides, flooding.
- ◆ For God's protection, peace and grace to surround us as we walk through these trying times due to the COVID-19 virus.



Embracing Education in Afghanistan

Khadija is five years old and attends a community-based school in Laghman, Afghanistan. Khadija's older sister did not have the opportunity to attend school, so the Grade One student has wholeheartedly embraced her studies. "I love going to school every day and meeting my friends there. My favourite subject is mathematics." Through the support of Community World Service Asia, a partner of Presbyterian World Service & Development, Khadija and her friends also received school supplies. "One day, after completing my studies, I will become a traffic police officer and guide people in the right direction," said Khadija, smiling.

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship, like faith, must be woven into the fabric of our lives.

Gregory Coulter, professor of philosophy

LIBRARY NEWS

The Second Half – by Lauraine Snelling

An interesting family story. The Sorensens are getting ready to retire. At least Ken is, and Mona is looking forward to taking some time off from her business and doing some travelling – seeing a bit of the world, visiting the grandchildren.

Their son is divorced with two young children, and is an officer in the Army. When he is suddenly facing an overseas assignment at very short notice, he asks his parents to look after his family. This is not something they had been expecting, but also something they feel they must do.

Read on to see how this family story turns out.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

Our Reopening Protocol

1. Please remember to preregister to attend Sunday worship. We have limited seating and can not guarantee your place if you are not registered.
2. As of November 28th, everyone worshipping at Chalmers will need to present their Proof of Double Vaccination at the Registration Desk. Please bring a copy of your PRINTED form with you.
3. For your safety, a 2 meter physical distancing is required both in the Chalmers' building and on the property.
4. Masks must be worn at all times.
5. Please remain seated at the end of the service until a host escorts you out of the Sanctuary.
6. Please exit the building immediately after leaving the Sanctuary. Any visiting may be done with physical distancing in the parking lot.
7. We are allowed to sing with a mask on. No wind instruments are allowed at this time.

The London Public Library will help you get a copy of your vaccination certificate. You will need to take your Health Card and Postal Code to the library. They will assist you at the computer and print your information, free of charge. They do not store any of your personal information.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY: Join us online for a 4 week study of the book, "**Incararnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas**" by Adam Hamilton. Mondays, November 29—December 20, 7—8 pm on Zoom. How God became human in the Christ child of Bethlehem is a mystery. It is difficult to understand and harder to explain. Adam Hamilton explores the why and to what end questions of the Incarnation. Books available for \$10, and printed study materials will be provided. **RSVP** to Rev. John and let him know if you'd like a book.

Year-To-Date Financial Snapshot

Year-To-Date October 31, 2021

Actual Income	\$ 189,442
Budgeted Income (straight line basis)	\$ 213,351
Actual Expenses	\$ 195,048
Budgeted Expenses (straight line basis)	\$ 213,502

Deficit year-to-date is \$ 5,606 which is not unexpected during pandemic times. The "General Offerings" continue under plan (about \$20,000), partially offset by "Canada Helps" donations above plan (\$ 10,000) and wage subsidy support above plan by \$5,000.

Expenses are very close to expected amounts. We are pleased some line items - health & dental, building insurance, and presbytery dues have been fully paid for the year. Please continue to uphold your congregation's financial picture in your prayers.

Respectfully,
Mark Ranson – Convenor Policy & Planning

Chalmers Birthdays this Week

Gary Smith

December 4

Much joy on your birthday!



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, or submitted online through the link found on the home page of our website. It's the perfect time to sign up for PAR!