

## CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us for **livestream** worship this Sunday. The service will be available through our website at [chalmerslondon.com](http://chalmerslondon.com). The live stream 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: DECEMBER 13-20

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Carol Sing	9:45 am
	Livestream Worship—Advent III	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am
	Stephen Ministry Online Supervision	7:00 pm
<b>MONDAY</b>	Worship Committee Online Meeting	7:00 pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Care & Share	12:30 pm
	Session Online Meeting	7:30 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Online Prayer Meeting	8:00 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Virtual Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Online Carol Sing	9:45 am
	Livestream Worship—Advent IV	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am

### OFFICE HOURS:

The church and church office remain closed to visitors. Wendy is in the office Monday 12-3 pm, and Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9am—12 pm. Please email [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto:chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca) with any questions or needs. Rev. John can be reached at his home phone (519) 681-9876 or cell phone (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

December 13, 2020

ADVENT III

(Livestream Worship)



### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

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## WE APPROACH GOD

Online Carol Sing (9:45 am)

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

PWS & D Liturgy—Advent III

One: In this season of Advent, we celebrate God's joy.

**All: Knowing that Christ is coming to bring healing and wholeness to the world is a source of delight!**

One: When we gather for worship it is a celebration, an opportunity to rejoice in all that God is doing among us and beyond us.

**All: We welcome our neighbours and celebrate God's goodness.**

One: Even when we face difficulty and trouble we sing a song of faith, confident that Jesus is able to redeem our suffering world.

**All: Together, we are a sign of God's joy for the world.**

(The candle is lit)

One: Let us pray:

**All: God of transformation, we rejoice that you lift up the lowly and bind up the broken hearted. We marvel at your power to change hearts and lives. Fill us with your Spirit this season so that our voices declare your goodness and our lives proclaim your mercy in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Praise: *Oh come, Oh come, Emmanuel* (Lyrics on p. 3)

122 (1, 3 & 6)

Celebrating with the Children

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Psalm 126

One: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

**All: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

One: then it was said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."

**All: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**

One: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

**All: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.  
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46-55

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Praise: *Shout for joy to the Lord* (Lyrics on p. 3) *66 (refrain only, 2x)*

Sermon: **Mary's Song**

Special Praise: *I Will Sing* (Lyrics on p. 3) Torry Thibodeau (solo) & Reachout Singers

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *May the God of hope go with us every day* (Lyrics on p. 3) 726

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

Praise: *People in darkness* (Lyrics on p. 3) 124

The Blessing

Musical Postlude



## Oh come, oh come Emmanuel

John Mason Neale

O come, o come, Emmanuel  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lowly exile here,  
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Wisdom from on high,  
and order all things far and nigh; to us  
the path of knowledge show, and  
cause us in her ways to go.

Refrain

Oh come, thou Dayspring,  
come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
and death's dark shadow put to flight.

Refrain

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## Shout for joy to the Lord

Andrew Donaldson

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth;  
serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come with thanksgiving,  
Sing joyful songs;  
it is God who made us.

(Repeat)

Paraphrase Psalm 100 © 1990, Andrew Donaldson

## May the God of hope go with us every day

Alvin Schutmaat

May the God of hope  
go with us every day  
filling all our lives with love  
and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice  
speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope  
to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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## The Lord's Prayer (Unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power  
and the glory, for ever. Amen

## People in darkness

Dosia Carlson, Ken Stright, Jeanne Stright

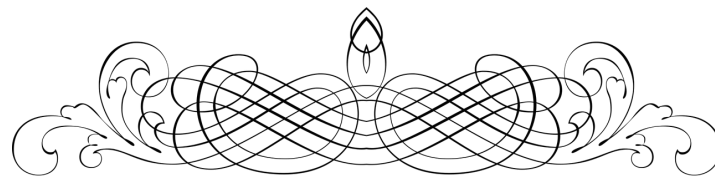
People in darkness are looking for light.  
Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.  
People with blindness are longing for sight.  
Come, Lord Jesus Christ.  
These days of adventure when all people  
wait are days for the advent of love.

People with sickness are praying for health  
Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.  
People in poverty want to have wealth.  
Come, Lord Jesus Christ.  
These days of adventure when all people  
wait are days for the advent of hope.

People in trouble would like to be free.  
Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.  
People with arguments want to agree.  
Come, Lord Jesus Christ.  
These days of adventure when all people  
wait are days for the advent of peace.

People in sadness are trying to sing.  
Come, come, come, Jesus Christ.  
Bells in the steeple are waiting to ring.  
Come, Lord Jesus Christ.  
These days of adventure when all people  
wait are days for the advent of joy.

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## Special Praise

### I Will Sing

Krissy Nordhoff, Michael Farren, Tony Wood

I know the news that I just heard could surely bring  
me shame, I'll never walk these streets the same,  
everything has changed. But I have heard the  
voice of God, and though there may be pain,  
Yet, I will sing

I don't have all the answers; there's no way I  
could explain; I know there'll be a cost for me  
that may seem hard to pay. But, I can feel the  
strength of God grow stronger every day  
So I, I will sing

Refrain: *Sing of a king who's coming,  
sing of the joy and wonder.  
Sing of this holy mystery,  
sing of the One who's with me.  
Sing of the Hope of glory, yes, I will sing.*

I can't see it clearly, but You'll have the final say.  
Your promise it will be fulfilled and soon for all  
displayed. The whole earth will then rejoice,  
my ears will hear it ring,  
'til then I will sing

Refrain

Through the scorching desert sands armies  
combing through the land, hiding from their evil  
threats, running til I'm out of breath.  
Trusting when I'm so afraid, counting down uncer-  
tain days Til I see Him face to face,  
I will

Refrain

Yes, I will sing

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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 **Jim Gill** who is recovering following surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Liz Gough** and **Evelyn Campbell** as they both recover from recent falls.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Betty Smedley**, **Linda McPherson**, and **Ross Cole**.



### December 13

#### Halidu's Shop Equips Others

In Ghana, Halidu manages a prosperous and bustling training centre where he teaches kente weaving and dressmaking. When Halidu was young, he developed a sore that led to his leg being amputated. During his recovery, Halidu enrolled in a Presbyterian World Service & Development -supported program that equips people with disabilities with skills to obtain a livelihood. During workshops, he learned vocational skills that included weaving, tailoring and dressmaking. Today, Halidu is using what he learned during his recovery to lead a healthy, productive life and run a successful business.

#### SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

##### December 13

"If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one."

*Mother Theresa (1910-1997), nun, missionary*

#### CHALMERS ONLINE COMMUNITY COFFEE

**HOUR:** ON ZOOM every Thursday evening at 7:30pm. We'll open up at 7:15 pm to allow time for setup. Meeting ID and password remain the same weekly—see your email for details. If you have any questions contact Sue at 226-663-4735.

**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!

## LIBRARY NEWS

We have some more donated and new books for the library.

### Devotional

Psalms to soothe a Ladies Heart – Bethany House

### Fiction

The Broken Road Trilogy – by Richard Paul Evans

The Broken Road #1  
The Forgotten Road #2  
The Road Home #3

A Family Under the Christmas Tree – by Traci Reed

Jacob's Bell – by John Snyder

Selah – by Lisa T. Bergren  
The Sugar Baron's Daughters #3

The Timepiece – by Beverly Lewis  
Sequel to The Tinderbox

### POWER OF HOPE – MISSION TEAM 2020

The mission team is pleased to announce we are again supporting the "Power Of HOPE" organization this Advent season. Items most needed this year are girl's pyjamas (and underwear) sizes 8 to 14 and boy's pyjamas (underwear) 6 to 16. Also shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. All contributions to be contained in plastic bags, or the original purchase plastic. Please deliver to the church 12 – 3 on Mondays, or 9 – 12 Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, place contributions in the bin outside the door and ring the bell. There is no need to enter the building. Join us this season as we support this organization that helps young people in times of great stress. - Mission Team

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** The Province of Ontario continues to implement restrictions on public gatherings, in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. At their meeting on November 17, Chalmers Session decided that **online worship will continue for the month of December**. 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.

**PRE-SERVICE CAROL SING:** Join us Sunday mornings, December 13 and 20, for an online pre-service carol sing beginning at 9:45am. Contact the church office early in the week to request your favourite carols. (519)681-7242 or email [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto:chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca).

**CHALMERS SUNDAY SCHOOL** For the Advent season we will hold online Sunday school on Sunday mornings from 11-11:45 am. For login information please



*"O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!"*