

## WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude A time to be still and know the presence of God

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship PWS&D Insert - Advent 3

Grace Hardy & Audrey Baldwin

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Declaration of Pardon

The Peace May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

★ Praise: Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel

122 (1, 3 & 5)

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture readings: Isaiah 12:2-6

Psalm 100

**Refrain: 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.**

**All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
Come into God's presence with singing.  
Know that the Lord is God. The Lord made us; we belong to God.  
We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.**

**Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving,  
and God's courts with praise.  
Give thanks to the Lord, bless God's name.  
For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,  
God's faithfulness to all generations. R**

Choir Anthem: Light an Advent Candle by Becki Slagle Mayo

Scripture Readings: Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-20

Chris Hardy

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

★ Praise: People in darkness

(124)

Sermon: **Justice and Joy**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection Holy, holy, holy

303 (Eng, Sp, Fr)

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts May the God of hope

726 (2x)

(The church school children and staff return.)

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

**God of justice and joy, we know that you love cheerful givers. We give these gifts of money, not glumly or under constraint, but with joy and generosity so that your justice and peace may be experienced by all, through Jesus Christ our Lord ...**

★ Praise: Come, Emmanuel

Celebrating with the Children and **The Lord's Prayer**  
PAN Medical Mission to El Salvador

★ Praise: Hark the glad sound

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★ Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Musical Postlude

★ *This symbol is used to invite people to stand. All songs and responses will be projected on the screens.*



### Light an Advent Candle by Becki Slagle Mayo

Advent is a time of hope, of waiting for the light to lead us to the promised One to break the dark of night. Light a candle, our Messiah will come. Light a candle for the promised One. Advent is a time of peace, the ancient prophets tell. A King will be born in Bethlehem, our Lord, Emmanuel. Light a candle, our Messiah will come. Light a candle for the Promised One. Advent is a time of joy, of looking for the star. Just as the wisemen long ago, followed from afar. Advent is a time of love, as we await Christ's birth. The Prince of Peace, Emmanuel, will bring God's love to earth. Light a candle, light a candle of hope. Light a candle, light a candle of joy. Light a candle of love. Light a candle, our Messiah will come!

## CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to worship at Chalmers. If you are a guest, visitor or newcomer to Chalmers we reach out to you with hospitality and friendship in Jesus' name. Please take a moment to fill in a guest card—available in the pew holder or from the welcome table. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate, in the box on the welcome table, or given to Rev. John.

Please note that some fellow worshippers are sensitive to perfumes. We ask that you consider keeping Chalmers scent-free. Thank you.

There will be a time of refreshments and fellowship in the lower hall following worship. The **striped mugs** at coffee hour are for visitors. Please help our visitors feel welcome.

### AT A GLANCE: December 16 - 23

**SUNDAY** Pre-worship Carol Singing - 9:45am  
Worship & Sunday School - 10am  
Reachout @ Tillsburg - 10:30am  
Library Open - 11:15am  
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15am  
Worship @ Parkwood - 2pm  
Carol Fest - 3pm  
Worship @ Meadowpark - 3:30pm  
Stephen Ministry - 7pm

**TUESDAY** Care & Share - 1pm  
Seniors' Fitness - 1pm

**WEDNESDAY** Knitting Circle - 1:30pm  
Reachout @ Arbor Trace - 7pm

**THURSDAY** Choir - 6:30pm  
Praise Team - 8pm

**FRIDAY** Senior's Satellite - 9am  
Seniors' Euchre - 1pm

**SATURDAY** Hockey Day in Dorchester - 7pm

**SUNDAY** Pre-worship Carol Singing - 9:45am  
All Ages Worship - 10am  
Library Open - 11:15am  
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15am  
Carolling to shut ins - 6:30pm  
Men's Mission Service - 7pm

### OFFICE HOURS - DEC 10-14:

Monday - Thursday: 9-12  
Friday: 12-4

### UPCOMING DATES:

Dec 16: Carol Fest  
Dec 22: Hockey Day in Dorchester  
Dec 23: Carolling to shut ins  
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Services  
Dec 27: Hockey Day in Dorchester

### TODAY'S HOSTS:

Keith & Phyllis Johnston  
Chris & Kristine Hardy  
Debbie Scott & Barb Jessop

### NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Doug & Janet Bruce  
Dan & Loretta Duffin  
Shirley Andersen & Shirley Hall

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Dec 16: Sherri & Kevin Hartman  
Dec 23: Phyllis & Keith Johnston  
Dec 30: Marg Ward & Holly Williams  
Jan 6: Helen Innes & Sue Garner

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Dec 16: Jackie & Wanda  
Dec 23: Laurie & Patricia

### OFFERING COUNTERS:

Dec 16: Brian & Pat  
Dec 23: Doris & Yvonne  
Dec 30: Maureen & Heather



# Chalmers Presbyterian Church

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 16th, 2018—10:00 am



### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers  
Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Office Administrator  
Caretaker  
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers  
Tom Hunter  
Beth Hickey  
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# Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For our Elders elect: Doug Bruce, Yvonne Daniel, Joanne Dickert, Chris Hardy, Mary MacDonald, Patricia Matesic, and Mark Ranson.
- ◆ For God's peace and consolation for Ken and Shirley Hall and their family as they grieve the passing of Ken's brother Robert on December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ◆ For God's comforting hand to uphold Ron Sumner and his family as they mourn the loss of Ron's great grandson Jack.
- ◆ Praise to God for the safe arrival of Jules' family: Odette, Bénie, Rachel, Didine, Magali, Naomi, Isaac, and Plamedi. May He continue to surround them as they settle into life in Canada.
- ◆ For God's healing to surround Jack Webster who is now home.
- ◆ For God's peace and hope for Linda Bone as she deals with her cancer diagnosis.
- ◆ For healing and strength for Wendy Lefler who is recovering at home.
- ◆ For God's blessing for Daisy Herbert, Eileen Reid, Linda McPherson, Margaret Middaugh, Maureen Gaskin, and Ross Cole.

There will be a time of **CAROL SINGING** at 9:45am on Dec. 16 & 23 before the worship celebration begins. Please arrive early to enjoy this time of singing some of your favourite carols.

**EDICT FOR THE ORDINATION/ADMISSION OF ELDERS:** Whereas Doug Bruce, Yvonne Daniel, Joanne Dickert, Chris Hardy, Mary MacDonald, Patricia Matesic, and Mark Ranson, members of this church, have been duly elected to the eldership by this congregation, and have been approved by the session, notice is hereby given that the session will proceed to ordain or admit them to that office on the 30th day of December in the year 2018, at 10 o'clock am, unless some valid objection has been given unto the moderator within ten days from this date.

**CHEESE & COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER** - Cheese will be available for pick-up in the lower fall following worship today. Thank you, Pat.



## December 16: A learning experience in rural Ontario

In the book of Acts, the disciples traveled far and wide to share the good news of Christ. Through the Rural and Remote Ministry Grant, seminary students are able to gain ministry experience in a rural and remote congregation during the summer. Emily Webb, a Master of Divinity student, participated in a recent placement opportunity at Knox Presbyterian Church in Bayfield, ON. Through this opportunity, Emily was able to develop skills in leading Sunday worship, preaching and pastoral care. Emily's enthusiasm for mission and worship was a blessing to Knox Bayfield and, in turn, the congregation provided a supporting and encouraging summer placement for Emily.

*Presbyterians Sharing supports seminary students*

## SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

We should travel light and live simply. Our enemy is not possessions, but excess.

*John Stott (b. 1921) Anglican clergyman*

We invite you to gather in the church sanctuary today at 3pm for our annual **CAROL FEST**. This will be a time to sing and enjoy carols and hymns for Advent and Christmas along with a time of fellowship and refreshments. Please invite others to this time of singing and celebrating. All are welcome!

Winter is here and it's getting cold outside. Let's help keep our neighbours, young and old, in our community warm through the season. Chalmers is collecting new hats, mitts, and gloves to support the **LONDON COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY**. We will be collecting these items until the end December.

The **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ENVELOPE** and loose offerings will be divided equally to support the Almanarah Presbyterian Church and PWS&D Mission trip to El Salvador

## LIBRARY NEWS

The **CHRISTMAS READING** is out of the shelf, ready for you to sign out and enjoy. Fiction and non-fiction are all on the one shelf - but are separated so that you can see them easily. There are some new books this year, so if you have exhausted our previous reading material - check out the new books and I'm sure you will find something to suit your taste.

**PARENTS:** - the Christmas books for children are on the reading table, including 4 new books. Check them out and think about reading something special to your child / grandchild over this very special season of the year!

Christine Hunter, Librarian

Please sign up to look after the **SALVATION ARMY KETTLE** by Tim Horton's in White Oaks mall. Chalmers has looked after this kettle for decades and the tradition continues this year. Nov. 23 - Dec. 24th. Every day except Sundays. Noon - 8pm.

The Sunday School is baking cookies this week for some of our neighbours. The idea is that the **COOKIES** will then be delivered after the early service on Christmas Eve to: The firehall near the church, the Husky gas station beside the church and the 711 gas station/variety store across from the church with a note to let the people working there that they are being thought of on Christmas. If you could help with the delivery of these cookies after the 7pm service on Christmas Eve, please speak to Linda Adamson. Children are going directly to Sunday School this morning to get started on the baking!

This year, there are going to be two **HOCKEY DAYS IN DORCHESTER!** Saturday, December 22nd at 7pm (\$10 per player) and Thursday, December 27th at 4:30pm (\$5 per player). Meet at the Dorchester Arena in Thames Centre, 2066 Dorchester Road. Helmets are mandatory!

Sunday, December 23rd at 6:30pm, gather at the church to **SING CAROLS** to some of Chalmers' sick and shut-in. Please sign up in the narthex so we can plan to have enough cars available.

The search team for the **FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR** position is pleased to announce the appointment of Denise McLay, effective December 3rd. Denise previously worked as an Administrative Assistant/Bookkeeper for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Orillia for eight years. We look forward to introducing and welcoming her to Chalmers in the near future.

The search team - Linda Adamson, Yvonne Daniel, Don Leitch, Bob Taylor

If you do not currently have **OFFERING ENVELOPES** but would like them for 2019, or if you would like to sign up for PAR for the new year, please speak to Lizz or send an email to lthibodeau@bellnet.ca

**CHALMERS' PENS, PINS AND PCC CALENDARS** will be for sale in the lower hall following worship. \$5 each.

**POP CANS FUNDRAISING:** Thank you for supporting the pop can venture. This venture supports our Youth Ministry. There is a Rubbermaid bin in the narthex for the pop cans

There are lots of cards in the mailboxes. Please check yours often during the Christmas Season.

