

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. 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: DECEMBER 27—JANUARY 3

SUNDAY	Online Worship	10:00 am
TUESDAY	NO Care & Share this week	
WEDNESDAY	Online Prayer Meeting	8:00 pm
SUNDAY	Online Worship	10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:

The church and church office remain closed to the public. Wendy will be in the office on Thursday, the 31st of December 9 am-12 pm, and will resume regular office hours on January 4 (Mon 12-3 pm, Tues, Wed, Thurs 9am—12pm.)

Please email 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. You may also find up to date information on the **Chalmers Presbyterian Church Ministries Group** Facebook page.

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Worship Celebration

December 27, 2020

1st Sunday after Christmas

(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

Carol: *Angels from the realms of glory* (Lyrics on p. 3) 146 (1, 2 & 5)

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

Church School Christmas Presentation: "Quarantinemas"

Carol Story

Carol: *What child is this?* (Lyrics on p. 3) 161

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Psalm 148

One: Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise the Lord in the heights!

All: Praise the Lord, all the angels; praise the Lord, all the host of heaven!

One: Praise the Lord, sun and moon; praise the Lord, all you shining stars!

Praise the Lord, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

**All: Let them praise the name of the Lord,
who commanded and they were created,
who established them forever and ever,
and fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

One: Praise the Lord from the earth,

**All: you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling God's command!**

One: Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

All: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

One: Rulers of the earth and all peoples, leaders and all judges of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

**All: Let them praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is exalted,
whose glory is above earth and heaven.**

One: The Lord has raised up a horn for the people, praise for all the faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to their God.

All: Praise the Lord!

Scripture Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Matthew 1:19-25

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Carol Story

Carol: *Hark! The herald angels sing* (Lyrics on p. 3) 139

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Special Praise: *When I Think Upon Christmas* by King, Tan, Sieff Wendy Sibley
(Lyrics on p. 3)

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *In the bleak mid-winter* (Lyrics on p. 3) 145 (vv.1 & 4)

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

Carol Story

Carol: *Go, tell it on the mountain* (Lyrics on p. 3) 133

The Blessing

Musical Postlude

Angels from the realms of glory

James Montgomery

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story,
now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain:

Come and worship, come and worship;
worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night:
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant Light.

Refrain

Though an infant now we view him,
he shall fill his Father's throne,
gather all the nations to him;
every knee shall then bow down.

Refrain

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In the bleak mid-winter

Christina Rossetti

In the bleak mid-winter, frosty wind made
moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a
stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on
snow,
in the bleak mid-winter long ago.

What can I give him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb;
if I were a Wise Man, I would do my part;
yet what I can I give him, give my heart.

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What child is this?

William Chatterton

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high;
the virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.

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Hark! The herald angels sing

Charles Wesley

Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King,
peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;
join the triumph of the skies;
with the angelic host proclaim,
'Christ is born in Bethlehem.'

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing
glory to the newborn King.

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!
Hail the incarnate deity!
Pleased on earth with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Refrain

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the sun of righteous ness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild, he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise the lost of earth,
born to give us second birth.

Refrain

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Go, tell it on the mountain

African-American traditional; Ad. John W. Work

Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere.
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.

Refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled,
when lo, above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Saviour's birth!

Refrain

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

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.



December 27 Sharing the Gift of Language

The PCC's partnership with the Protestant Theological Institute (PTI) in Cluj-Napoca, an ancient city in Romania, began with the overseas appointment of Brian Johnston in 1997. Supported by Presbyterians Sharing, Brian taught English at the Seminary of the Hungarian Reformed Church in Romania until 2016. After retirement, Brian continued to organize musical concerts with students and others at the Institute. The PCC's partnership with this Reformed seminary in Eastern Europe continues with an annual grant for the English teacher. Theological students must pass an English exam as a requirement for ordination. In thanking the PCC, Dr. Vilmos József Kolumbán, Rector of PTI, added, "Your financial contribution to the limited resources that we have is an extremely valuable input towards fulfilling our goals."

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP December 27

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *John 3:16*

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 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 : We hope you enjoyed the our Christmas pageant this morning. Our Sunday School is blessed to have some very talented families! Special thanks go to Grace and Chris for writing the script, to Lizz for editing the recording and to Grace, Paige, Jack, Torry, Isla, Chris and Linda for performing. Sunday School will take a break on December 27 and January 3 and then start back on online beginning on January 10 at 11 am. *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.

POWER OF HOPE 2020 CAMPAIGN

"Heartfelt thanks for the kind donations that your congregation gave to Power of HOPE this Christmas Season. The love and support from your congregation is greatly appreciated, especially through this hard time with COVID-19." Power of HOPE has posted a thank you and pictures of all the donations on their Facebook page, which has been shared on the Chalmers Church Ministries Group.

Karen Green—Power of HOPE

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 Thursday, December 31 from 9 am—12 pm, and 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.