

## 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.

For the comfort of our members/visitors with sensitivities to scent, please help us keep Chalmers a scent-free zone. 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 29-JAN 5

**SUNDAY** All Ages Worship - 10 am  
Library Open - 11:15 am  
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15 am

**MONDAY** Church Office Closed

**TUESDAY** Church Office closed

**WEDNESDAY** *Happy New Year!*

**SUNDAY** Worship & Sunday School - 10 am  
Library Open - 11:15 am  
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15 am

## OFFICE HOURS:

**Mon:** 9 am - 3 pm **Tues- Thur:** 12-3 pm  
**Fri:** 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- \* Tasteful Topics - Sun, Jan 19, 11:30 am
- \* Glen Cairn Community Meal - Fri, Jan 24
- \* Volleyball - Fri, Jan 24, 7 pm (Supreme Courts)

Heartfelt   
**THANKS**  
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

## TODAY'S HOSTS:

Linda Powers & Maureen Bruff  
Bob & Mary Taylor  
Dan & Loretta Duffin

## NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Todd & Brenda Webster  
Doug & Janet Bruce  
Lorna Wilson & Bill George

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Dec 29: Gail McHardy Leitch & Don Leitch  
Jan 5: Dave & Marilyn McFadden  
Jan 12: Karen Dutton & Heather Reid  
Jan 19: No Coffee - Tasteful Topics

## COUNTERS:

Dec 29: Heather & Maureen  
Jan 5: Todd & Brenda  
Jan 12: Doris & Yvonne  
Jan 19: Patricia & Paul

## IN THE BOOTH:

Dec 29: Tom, Isla & Lizz  
Jan 5: Tom, Rick & Marilyn  
Jan 12: Tammy, Sue & Lizz  
Jan 19: Tammy, Torry & Rose Marie

## IN THE NURSERY:

Dec 29: Leslee & Laurie  
Jan 5: Laurie & Jane  
Jan 12: Leslee & Cathy

# Chalmers Presbyterian Church

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

December 29, 2019 - 10:00 am

1st Sunday after Christmas



## Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers  
Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Office Administrator  
Caretaker  
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers  
Tom Hunter  
Beth Hickey  
Wendy Sibley  
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## WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Silent Prayer *A time to be still and know the presence of God*

Call to Worship

★ Praise: *Angels from the realms of glory* 146 (1,2 & 5)

Prayers of Adoration & Confession:

**God of mercy and loving-kindness, you sent Christ among us as a gift to be the light of the world and to reveal your love to all people. We confess that our sins and pride hide the brightness of your light; we waste our gifts, we ignore cries for justice, and we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us and make us new.**

Declaration of Pardon

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

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

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!**

Special Praise

Bob Finlay

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 63:7-9  
Matthew 2:1-12

Grace Hardy

One: The Gospel of the Lord

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

★ Praise: *Away in a manger* 149

Sermon: **Christmas Gifts**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection *Il est né (refrain in French)* 169 (1 & 4)

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts *In the bleak mid-winter* 145 (1 & 4)

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

★ Praise: *The people that in darkness* 171

Celebrating with the Children & **The Lord's Prayer**

★ Praise: *O little town of Bethlehem* 165

★ 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.



## Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For healing and strength for Carl Suchard, a former member of Chalmers who is receiving care following a diagnosis of leukemia.
- ◆ For healing and strength for Vic Laursen following his hip surgery. May the Lord watch over Vic & Grace.
- ◆ For the Lord to touch Kristine Hardy with God's healing hand as she recovers from recent arm surgery.
- ◆ For peace and strength for Lorna Wilson as she grieves the death of her mother, Jean Elizabeth MacDonnell, who died December 19 at age 101 in Calgary.
- ◆ 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 Eileen Reid, Linda McPherson, Maureen Gaskin, Roy Young, and Ross Cole.

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**TASTEFUL TOPICS:** Plan on joining us for lunch on Sunday, January 19 immediately following worship, with special guest, Dawn Bannerman speaking to us about S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). A donation of \$10/person is suggested for the meal. Please sign up in the narthex today!

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**REACHOUT** will be starting rehearsals on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:30 pm for our spring presentation. If you like to sing we'd love to sing with you! Reachout is a multi-generational choir - grade 7 and older are all welcome. If you are a returning singer, please have a look through your music for He Keeps Me Singing, Indescribable, Top Anthems 2, Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone, and Just as I am. Please let Lizz know which you have and which you need.



### December 29: Empowering rural women

In Africa, women comprise about 60 per cent of the agricultural labour force. And yet, structural barriers and social norms prevent many women farmers from making decisions about agricultural practices on their farms. So that vulnerable communities can rise above hunger, it is essential that women are able to make choices about land, resources and which crops to grow. With the help of PWS&D, this transformation is taking place in Kamisimbi County of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. In a place where many farming families struggle to meet their food needs, PWS&D is providing seeds and training in conservation agriculture and encouraging women to take the lead in agricultural decision-making. Empowering rural women translates to better food security and the improved well-being of households and communities.

*PWS&D empowers rural women*

### SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

#### December 29

When we think of stewardship we start with the point that everything – even the air that we breathe – is not ours; it is given to us.

*Mike Graves, professor of preaching*

### POWER OF HOPE CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

Another few bags of donations were delivered to Power of HOPE just prior to Christmas. Thank you for your overwhelming generosity to this worthwhile cause! Many children in crisis situations will have been blessed by your donations. If you still have donations to bring in, please place them in the box by the Christmas tree in the narthex by Dec 30.

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Private Justice** – by Terri Blackstock  
Newpointe 911 – Book 1

A dark shadow of fear has fallen over Newpointe, Louisiana. First one, then another of the town firemen's wives has been murdered, a third has barely escaped an attempt on her life. Incredible as it seems, a serial killer is stalking this sleepy little southern community. And Mark Branning's wife may be next on the list. Mark is determined to protect her. But keeping Allie alive won't be easy -- not with their own marriage already dying a bitter death. Unless they renew their commitment to each other and to God, someone else may settle their problems . . . Permanently. And time to decide is running out.

Terri Blackstock writes a very good, exciting murder mystery .... And this series is no exception.

*Christine Hunter, Librarian*

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**POP CAN FUNDRAISING:** Thank you for supporting the pop can venture. This venture supports our Youth Ministry. In 2019 we raised \$163.65 for the youth! There is a Rubbermaid bin in the narthex for the pop cans.

**CHURCH DIRECTORY:** If you would like a copy of the church directory, please email the office [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto:chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca) and Wendy will provide one for you.

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If you need a replacement **NAME TAG**, or if you do not have a name tag, please sign your name on the list on the name tag table and we will make sure you have one.

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Did you know that Mission Committee collects **CANADIAN TIRE MONEY**? It's used to buy much needed sleeping bags for Men's Mission. Look for the box in the Narthex to donate!"

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Have you considered signing up for **PAR (PRE AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE)**? It's easy to do, makes consistent offerings simple and can be stopped or adjusted easily. Offering is withdrawn directly from your bank account monthly. Forms are available in the narthex, or speak to Wendy in the office. If you would prefer to have **offering envelopes**, Wendy can supply you with a box.

