

WE APPROACH GOD

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

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship Colossians 3:16-17

One: Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

All: And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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

★ Praise: O Come all ye faithful (159)

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!

Choir Anthem: Child of Peace, Child of Hope arr. by Jay Rouse

Scripture Readings: Luke 2:41-52 Rick Cote

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

★ Praise: See amid the winter's snow 168 (1-2, 4-5)

Sermon: **Amazed and Astonished**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection Jesus, friend of all the children 656

Chalmers' Life and Mission

★ Praise: Your name (Christmas Version)

Affirmation of Baptism: A Public Profession of Faith

The Presentation

The Questions to the new professing members

★ The Questions to the congregational members and adherents:

Do you reaffirm your faith in God your Creator, in Jesus Christ your Saviour and Lord,
and in the Holy Spirit you Teacher and Advocate? **I do.**

Do you accept these people as your sisters and brothers in the Lord? **I do.**

Will you be faithful in supporting them, in loving them, and in working with them to serve
God and neighbor? **I will.**

★ The Apostles' Creed 539

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Blessing

The Right Hand of Fellowship

The Offering of Our Gifts When we are living 630

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

**Christ Jesus, born of Mary, born in the fullness of time, you have given of
yourself so freely and completely. Help us, who have received your grace, to
give generously in our turn, so that we may feel the pleasure of giving as well as
the joy of receiving in your name ...**

★ Praise: Pour out your Spirit from on high 581

Ordination / Admission of Elders

One: There are varieties of gifts,

All: but the same Spirit;

One: There are varieties of services,

All: but the same Lord;

One: There are varieties of activities,

All: but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

One: To each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

All: to use it for the common good.

One: Together we are the body of Christ,

All: and individually members of it

1 Cor. 12:4-7, 27 adapted

Narration of the steps

Preamble

The Vows (elders-elect)

The ordination of elders in a congregation, if their leadership and ministry are to be fruitful, involves responsibilities for both the elders and the people of the church. These questions therefore I direct to you, the members and adherents of this congregation, so that you may renew your obligations to this shared ministry.

1. Do you confess your faith in God as creator and ruler of the world, in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as your inspiration and strength? **We do.**
2. Do you receive Doug Bruce, Yvonne Daniel, Joanne Dickert, Chris Hardy, Mary MacDonald, Patricia Matesic, and Mark Ranson, as elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead you in the way of Christ? **We do.**
3. Do you agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions as they guide you, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church? **We do.**

Ordination / Induction Prayer

Declaration

The Right Hand of Fellowship

★ Praise: Unto us a child is born

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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.*



Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

1st Sunday after Christmas Day

December 30th, 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

Lizz Thibodeau

Brad Dobbie

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Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For comfort and peace for Marg Middaugh as she struggles with her vision.
- ◆ 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 Dec. 1st.
- ◆ 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, Maureen Gaskin, and Ross Cole.

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**SAVE THE DATE!** Saturday January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
1pm – 4:30pm **Where?** Westmount Presbyterian Church, corner of Village Green and Wonderland Roads, London.

**DISCUSSION ON THE STUDY PAPER “ON THE QUESTION OF UNITY AND DIVERSITY”**  
**Who can come?** All ministers and representative elders are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Congregations are also asked to extend an invitation to other elders and lay leaders within your church. It is our hope that every congregation will have at least 2 elders present for this discussion. Please RSVP to Rev. Mavis Currie at [m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca](mailto:m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca) or 519-631-2414 by Thursday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

The paper being discussed is available through the office. Please read it in preparation for this event.



## December 30: Where there's a wheel, there's a way

In a region of Saint-Marc in Haiti, three vehicles holding four nurses, a community health worker, medication and 200 kg of Nourimanba—a high calorie food that saves lives—arrive at a primary school, transforming it into a health post for the treatment of severe malnutrition. Supporting local partners through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, PWS&D is bringing care to children whose families can't afford medical expenses or the cost of travel to medical facilities. In a region where malnutrition is a leading cause of child mortality, this support is vital. “Since they started mobile clinics, the number of hospitalizations for children with severe malnutrition has decreased dramatically,” says Dr. Martine André, head of pediatrics at Saint-Nicholas Hospital in Saint-Marc. *PWS&D brings care to remote communities*

## SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one. *Mother Teresa (1910-1997), nun, missionary, Saint*

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

We have 2 donated books to add to our New Book shelf:

Fiction - **Threads of Suspicion** - by Dee Henderson.

This is another Evie Blackwell Cold Case Inspirational - **More Stories for the Heart** - by Alice Gray

Also, I am looking for one more person to help with the library on Sunday mornings. You would be needed one Sunday a month on a regular basis. If you are interested in the worthwhile job - please talk to me and I can give you more details of what is expected of our Library Helpers.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

## 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.

Today we welcome Sam Boyd, Andrea Bruce, and Debbie Latta who will profess their faith in the triune God and become professing members of Chalmers Presbyterian Church. Please give a special welcome to Sam, Andrea and Debbie and pray for them as they worship and serve Christ.

We celebrate the ordination / admission of our new elders today: Doug Bruce, Yvonne Daniel, Joanne Dickert, Chris Hardy, Mary MacDonald, Patricia Matesic, and Mark Ranson. On January 1, 2019, they will begin a six-year term of service as elders of Chalmers Church.

## AT A GLANCE: December 23 - 30

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

TUESDAY New Year's Day

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## OFFICE HOURS - DEC 31-JAN 4:

Monday: 9-12  
Tuesday: Office Closed  
Wednesday: Office Closed  
Thursday: 9-12  
Friday: 12-4

## UPCOMING DATES:

Jan 20: Tasteful Topics  
Jan 25: Volleyball

## TODAY'S HOSTS:

Debbie Latta & Wanda MacKay  
Irene Thayer & Heather Reid  
Dennis Smedley & Bev Cameron

## NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Gail McHardy-Leitch & Don Leitch  
Karen Dutton & Maureen Bruff  
Keith Spooner & Amy Kemp

## COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Dec 30: Marg Ward & Holly Williams  
Jan 6: Helen Innes & Sue Garner  
Jan 13: Karen Dutton & Heather Reid  
Jan 20: Tasteful Topics

## OFFERING COUNTERS:

Dec 30: Maureen & Heather

