

## WE APPROACH GOD

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

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship      PWS&D Insert

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:      Great is Thy faithfulness      324  
(The church school children and staff depart.)

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture reading:      Psalm 80:1-7

One: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you, who lead Joseph like a flock!

**All: You, who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth  
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.  
Stir up your might, and come to save us!**

One: Restore us, O God;

**All: let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

One: O Lord God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

**All: You have fed them with the bread of tears,  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.  
You make us the scorn of our neighbours;  
our enemies laugh among themselves.**

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Choir Anthem:      Like Gentle Rain / K. Lee Scott

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9

I Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:32-37

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

★ Praise:      Hope is a star (119)

Sermon:      **Professing the Faith**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts      We are God's people      472 (2&3)

Offering prayer

**God of grace and glory, we praise you for your faithfulness. Inspire us to  
be faithful in our living and our giving as we begin the season of Advent  
and as we profess our faith with our words and our actions.**

★ Praise:      Come, Emmanuel

(The church school children and staff return.)

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

**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 your 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 neighbour? **I will.**

★ The Apostles' Creed      539

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Blessing

The Right Hand of Fellowship

★ Praise:      With the Lord as my guide      574

★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' 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 designated box on the welcome table, or given to Rev. John.

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

Today we welcome new members: Georgina Carroll, Beverley Ertl, Chris & Kristine Hardy, Jules Mabondo and Mary MacDonald.

### AT A GLANCE: December 3 – 10

SUNDAY	Worship: Advent 1 – 10am Reachout in Ridgetown - 10:30am Library Open – 11:15am Coffee Fellowship - 11:15am Junior Choir - 11:30am
MONDAY	Romans' Study – 7pm
TUESDAY	Pastoral Care - 9:30am Care & Share - 1pm Seniors' Fitness – 1pm CE & Faith Development - 7pm Human Resources - 6pm Policy & Planning - 7:30pm
WEDNESDAY	Knitting Circle – 1:30pm Reachout at McGarrell Place - 7pm
THURSDAY	Choir - 6:30pm
FRIDAY	Seniors' Fitness – 9am Seniors' Euchre – 1pm Stephen Ministry party - 6pm
SATURDAY	Vocal Recital - 7pm
SUNDAY	Worship: Advent 2 – 10am Library Open – 11:15am Coffee Fellowship - 11:15am Junior Choir - 11:30am Stephen Ministry - 7pm

### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9-3  
Friday 10-4

### UPCOMING DATES:

Dec 22: Carol Singing to shut ins  
Dec 26: Hockey in Dorchester

### TODAY'S HOSTS:

Yvonne Daniel & Helen Innes  
Amy Kemp & Jackie Bannerman  
Holly Williams & Host needed

### NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Pat & Brian MacKay  
Nathan Lewis & Winter Hales  
Janice Hull & Jodi Lewis

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Dec 3: Cathy & Charles McCartney  
Dec 10: Marilyn & Dave McFadden  
Dec 17: Marg Ward & Holly Williams  
Dec 24: No Coffee time

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Dec 3: Patricia Matesic & Jane Vannus  
Dec 10: Leslee Johnston & Joycie Nathaniel  
Dec 17: Patricia Matesic & Dan Duffin  
Dec 24: Heather deHoog & Cathy Spooner



# Chalmers Presbyterian Church

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

First Sunday of Advent

December 3rd, 2017—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  
Rev. John Bannerman

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