

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us for **livestream** worship this Sunday. The service will be available through our website at chalmerslondon.com. The live stream 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 6—13

SUNDAY	Livestream Worship—Advent II	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am
	Stephen Ministry Online Meeting	7:00 pm
MONDAY	Online Bible Study—Final Session	7:00 pm
TUESDAY	Care & Share	12:30 pm
	Policy & Planning Meeting	7:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	Online Prayer Meeting	8:00 pm
THURSDAY	Virtual Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
FRIDAY	Stephen Ministry Virtual Christmas Party	7:00 pm
SUNDAY	Livestream Worship—Advent III	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am
	Stephen Ministry Online Supervision	7:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

The church and church office remain closed to visitors. Wendy is in the office Monday 12-3 pm, and Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9am—12 pm. Please email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca with any questions or needs. Rev. John can be reached at his home phone (519) 681-9876 or cell phone (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 6, 2020

ADVENT II

(Livestream 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

PWS & D Liturgy—Advent II

One: In this season of Advent, we celebrate God's peace.

All: Jesus Christ, born the Prince of Peace, calls our community to justice and leads us in the way of peace.

One: We call one another to honesty and humility and respond to each other with abundant grace and forgiveness.

All: Our community values relationships. We live in harmony with one another even when we disagree, and strive to glorify God in everything we do.

One: Our community longs for unity. We work together with other churches and organizations, and live out God's reconciling love for all the world to see.

All: Together, we are a sign of God's peace in the world.

(The candle is lit)

One: Let us pray:

All: God of all people and all nations, you break through the cynicism of our world and lead us like a gentle shepherd. Open our eyes to see the signs of your coming kingdom and inspire us to participate in all you are doing in Jesus' name. Amen.

Praise: *On Jordan's Bank*

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Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Psalm 85:8-13

One: Let me hear what God will speak, for the Lord will speak peace to the people, to the faithful, to those who turn to God on their hearts.

All: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God, that glory may dwell in our land.

One: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

All: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.

One: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

All: Righteousness will go before the Lord, and make a pathway for God.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

Mark 1:1-8

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise: *All earth is waiting*

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Sermon: **Repent?**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Special Praise: *Let there be peace on earth* by Jackson Miller & Miller Bob Finlay

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *God forgave my sin / Freely, freely*

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

Praise: *Comfort, comfort you my people*

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The Blessing

Musical Postlude

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

by Jackson-Miller & Miller

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth

The peace that was meant to be.

With God as our father brothers all are we.

Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

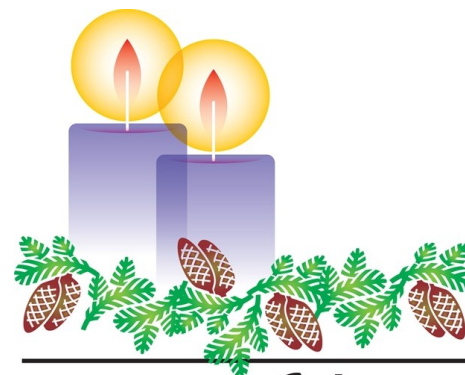
Let peace begin with me let this be the moment now.

With every step I take let this be my solemn vow.

To take each moment and live each moment

with peace eternally.

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

Please *PRAY*

- ◆ 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 **Jim Gill** who is recovering following surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Liz Gough** and **Evelyn Campbell** as they both recover from recent falls.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Betty Smedley**, **Linda McPherson**, and **Ross Cole**.

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**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 or contact Wendy at 519-681-7242. All Welcome!

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CHALMERS SUNDAY SCHOOL For the Advent season we will hold online Sunday school on Sunday mornings from 11-11:45 am. For login information please email the church.



December 6 Youth Clubs Make a Difference

In Malawi, 20-year-old Layton had been engaging in unsafe sexual behaviours. Several of Layton's friends attended Presbyterian World Service & Development -supported youth clubs, where they would get together and discuss how to achieve a world without AIDS. His friends warned him about the consequences of his actions and shared information they learned at the youth club. Layton never thought to attend these meetings until one day when his friends persuaded him to get an HIV test. Anxious about the results—which eventually came back negative—Layton knew he needed to change his life. Deciding to join the youth club himself, he reflected, "I think my friends from youth club saved my life. I joined them so that we can save many from such behaviours."

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP December 6

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8

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**CHALMERS ONLINE COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUR:** WE ARE BACK ON ZOOM every Thursday evening at 7:30pm. We'll open up at 7:15 pm to allow time for setup. Meeting ID and password remain the same weekly—see your email for details. If you have any questions contact Sue at 226-663-4735.

## LIBRARY NEWS

We have some more donated and new books for the library.

### Devotional

Psalms to soothe a Ladies Heart – Bethany House

### Fiction

The Broken Road Trilogy – by Richard Paul Evans

The Broken Road #1  
The Forgotten Road #2  
The Road Home #3

A Family Under the Christmas Tree – by Traci Reed

Jacob's Bell – by John Snyder

Selah – by Lisa T. Bergren  
The Sugar Baron's Daughters #3

The Timepiece – by Beverly Lewis  
Sequel to The Tinderbox

### POWER OF HOPE – MISSION TEAM 2020

The mission team is pleased to announce we will again support the "Power Of HOPE" organization this Advent season. Items most needed this year are girl's pyjamas (and underwear) sizes 8 to 14 and boy's pyjamas (underwear) 6 to 16. Also shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. All contributions to be contained in plastic bags, or the original purchase plastic. Please deliver to the church 12 – 3 on Mondays, or 9 – 12 Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, place contributions in the bin outside the door and ring the bell. There is no need to enter the building. Join us this season as we support this organization that helps young people in times of great stress. - Mission Team

### CHALMERS ONLINE BIBLE STUDY:

Concludes on Webex Monday night at 7pm. We are looking at the topic of the Sabbath. Login details available through Chalmers' website.

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SALVATION ARMY KETTLES: Sadly, due to the pandemic, Chalmers is not able to help out with the Salvation Army Kettle program this year. If you would like more information or to make a donation contact the Centre of Hope at (519) 661-0343 or email hope@centreofhope.ca.

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**COVID-19 UPDATE:** The Province of Ontario continues to implement restrictions on public gatherings, in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. At their meeting on November 17, Chalmers Session decided that **online worship will continue for the month of December**. 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.

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PRE-SERVICE CAROL SING: Join us Sunday mornings, December 13 and 20, for an online pre-service carol sing beginning at 9:45am. Contact the church office early in the week to request your favourite carols. (519)681-7242 or email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca.

