

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.

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 8-15

SUNDAY Worship, 10 am
Library Open - 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15 am

TUESDAY Care & Share - 1 pm
Seniors' Fitness - 1 pm
Session - 7 pm

WEDNESDAY Knitting Circle - 1:30 pm

THURSDAY Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 pm
Praise Team - 8 pm

FRIDAY Seniors' Satellite - 9 am
Seniors' Euchre - 1 pm

SUNDAY Worship - Reachout Cantata - 10 am
Library Open - 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15 am
Community Carol Fest - 2:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * Reachout Christmas Cantata - Dec 15, 10am
- * Community Carol Fest - Dec 15, 2:30 pm
- * Caroling to Shut-ins - Dec 22, 6:30 pm
- * Hockey Day in Dorchester - Dec 23, 4 pm
- * Christmas Eve Worship - Dec 24, 7 pm
& Candlelight Communion Service - 10pm

TODAY'S HOSTS:

Jane Vannus & Holly Williams
Pat & Brian MacKay
Hosts Needed

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Charles & Kathy McCartney
Debbie Scott & Dennis Smedley
Betty & Peter Longmore

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Dec 8: Holly Williams & Debbie Scott
Dec 15: Sherri & Kevin Hartman
Dec 22: Helen Innes & Sue Garner
Dec 29: Gaily McHardy Leitch & Don Leitch

COUNTERS:

Dec 8: Brian & Pat
Dec 15: Doris & Yvonne
Dec 22: Patricia & Paul
Dec 29: Heather & Maureen

IN THE BOOTH:

Dec 8: Tom, Sue & Rose Marie
Dec 15: Colin, Sue & Rick
Dec 22: Colin, Marilyn, Rose Marie
Dec 24: 7pm Rick, TBD & Rose Marie
10pm Rick, Marilyn & TBD

IN THE NURSERY:

Dec 8: Jane & Cathy
Dec 15: Jackie & Wanda
Dec 22: Laurie & Patricia
Dec 24: TBA
Dec 29: Leslee & Laurie

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

December 8, 2019 - 10:00 am

Advent II



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers
Tom Hunter
Beth Hickey
Wendy Sibley
Brad Dobbie
Rev. John Bannerman

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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 (see PWS&D insert)

★ Praise: *Hope is a star*

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Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Declaration of Pardon

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

(Children & teachers leave for Sunday school)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

One: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

**All: May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.**

One: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

**All: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

One: May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**All: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.**

One: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,

All: until the moon is no more.

One: May his name endure forever,

All: his fame continue as long as the sun.

One: May all the nations be blessed in him,

All: may they pronounce him blessed.

One: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**All: Blessed be God's glorious name forever; may the glory of the Lord fill the
whole earth. Amen and Amen.**

Choir Anthem: *Waiting* by Jay Althouse

Scripture Reading: Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Chris Hardy

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

★ Praise: *Come, Emmanuel*

Sermon: **Bearing Fruit**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection *Prepare the way of the Lord*

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Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts *I do give*

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

**Holy God, the Giver of all good things, from you all blessings flow. Out of the
abundance of your love we bring you these gifts of money. As you have blessed us,
may you bless others through the ministry of your church. And may your reign of
peace, joy and love be deepened as we seek to bear fruit for you through our Lord
Jesus Christ....**

★ Praise: *People in darkness*

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(Children & teachers return from Sunday school)

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

★ Praise: *On Jordan's bank*

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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.

Waiting, by Jay Althouse

We are waiting, we are waiting to see His face. We are hoping, we are praying to know His grace.

We are waiting, we are waiting for a star shining bright, for a baby, a Saviour tonight.

Refrain: Immanuel, to You we sing: the Prince of Peace, the mighty King.

O come to set us free, and we will find our rest in Thee.

When we see Him, will we know Him, a tiny child? Will we tremble, at a Savior, so tender and mild?

He is coming, He is coming; we have waited long. Christ the Savior, now hear our sweet song.

Refrain

We are waiting. We are waiting. We will find our rest in Thee.

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 patience for Bill George as he recovers at home from recent hip surgery.
- ◆ May God give peace and strength to Muriel Bertling and her family as they grieve the death of her husband, Doug Bertling. The funeral service for Doug Bertling was held at Chalmers on December 3. The flowers in the front of the sanctuary have been placed in loving memory of Doug by Muriel and his family.
- ◆ 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, Jack Webster and Ross Cole.

REACHOUT CHRISTMAS CANTATA: Next Sunday, December 15, Reachout Choir will be presenting their Christmas Cantata, "He Shall Reign" here at Chalmers in the 10 am worship service.

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY: Next Sunday, December 15 will be our White Gift Sunday. You are invited to support our *Power of Hope* Christmas project and/or bring fresh or canned vegetables for our *Care & Share* food ministry. Please bring your white gifts forward to the Christmas Tree prior to the beginning of worship or during the offering.

COMMUNITY CAROL FEST: Join us Sunday, December 15 at 2:30 pm. Enjoy singing Christmas carols and share in a time of fellowship with refreshments. All welcome!

CHRISTMAS EVE HOSTS: We are in need of three more people to host for the 7 pm Christmas Eve Service. If you will be attending and would be willing to host, please contact the church office.



December 8: Human Rights Day (Dec. 10)
For Ahmad and Sarah and their daughters Reem and Rana, each day brought distress, thinking about what the future might hold. Their home in Al Raqqa, Syria had been bombed, and acts of brutal violence were taking place in their own neighbourhood. The family escaped to Kfarbo and forged a home in a cramped, unfurnished apartment. Navigating the streets of a brand-new city, in a country broken by over eight years of civil conflict, Ahmad and Sarah prayed each day for peace and relief from hunger. Their prayers were answered when the family received their first food and hygiene basket through a PWS&D-supported project with Canadian Foodgrains Bank partners. "It came at the right moment," says Ahmad.
PWS&D responds to those living in danger or exile

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP December 8

I will give thanks to the Lord with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. Psalm 9:1

OUR DAILY BREAD: The quarterly devotional for December - February is available in the hutch in the Narthex. Although this is a free publication, donations are gratefully accepted in the box beside the booklets.

CONVENOR - WORSHIP COMMITTEE: The Worship Committee is a committee of Session that supports the Minister and Music Director and provides leadership for the worship life of Chalmers. As my term will conclude at the end of December, there is an opportunity for someone to take over this role. If you feel this is something that is of interest, please speak to either Rev John or myself. Thank you for considering this. Maureen Bruff

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the cookie dough, pizza and cheese fundraiser. Orders will be available for pickup on December 15. ~ Pat MackKay.

LIBRARY NEWS

Christmas Reading

Parents / Grandparents – there are lots of Christmas Reading books on the Children's reading table. Reading one or two of these books for your little one can bring the real meaning of Christmas into their lives and into their hearts. Please take the time this Advent to read to little ones in your family!

The Christmas books are now on the Christmas Shelf (good place, huh)? Check out the books available and start getting into the mood for a great Christmas. I'm sure there is something there to suit every taste!

Fiction:

Merry and Bright – Debbie Macomber
The Judge who Stole Christmas – Randy Singer
One perfect Day – Lauraine Snelling
In the Days of the Angels – Walter Wangerin Jr.
The Great Christmas Bowl – Susan May Warren

Short Stories:

Homespun Christmas – Renee DeMarco etc.
The Christmas Heirloom – Karen Witemeyer etc.
An Old Fashioned Christmas – Sally Laity etc.

GUEST OFFERING ENVELOPES: In an effort to be conscious of waste, we are using leftover numbered offering envelopes as guest envelopes. If you use an envelope from the pew, please ensure your name and address are included on the back for receipt purposes. Thank you.

POWER OF HOPE CAMPAIGN UPDATE: Chalmers continues to support the "Power Of Hope" organization this Advent season. Check out the Christmas tree display in the Narthex (lobby) – including the pamphlets we are using as decorations! Help share the joy of the small "creatures" under the tree as they await much needed items. Girls and boys pajamas sized 6 – 16, children's underwear and socks. Small child-size blankets are also welcome. Your contributions may be placed under the tree, or in the decorated box next to the tree. Join us this season as we support this organization that helps children in times of great stress.

REACHOUT'S CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION season is almost upon us! We have been practicing hard and working on memorizing our words and parts. We are looking forward to sharing the Christmas message on the following dates:

Sun, Dec 15, 10am @ Chalmers Church

Wed, Dec 18, 7pm @ Arbor Trace

If you would like a copy of the **CHALMERS DIRECTORY** (phone numbers & addresses), email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca and Wendy will print one off for you.

SALVATION ARMY KETTLE DRIVE: For over 30 years Chalmers Church has committed to all the volunteer hours for the White Oaks Mall Salvation Army kettle near Tim Hortons. The Salvation Army kettles support the same mission that we have with our church: Sharing the love of Christ by being an example of service to others. Our kettle consistently raises over \$10,000 annually! The campaign runs **Friday, November 22 to December 23**, no Sundays. **Noon to 8pm.** Sign up sheets in the Narthex. Questions? Speak to Andrew Thibodeau.

CHRISTMAS TREES are available for purchase at St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church, 910 Huron Street, London weekdays from 3-8pm, Saturdays 9-8pm and Sundays 1-5pm.

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For
unto
you is
born this
day in the
city of David
& a savior, which
is Christ the Lord.
Luke 2:11