

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

Welcome to Worship. Our service today will be in-person and livestreamed through our website at chalmerslondon.com. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a visitor card, found in the pews, and drop it in the offering plate or the visitor card basket on the information table. the visitor card basket on the information table. Please join us for coffee fellowship in the lower hall immediately following worship today.

Pastoral Christmas letters are now available in the narthex letterboxes for pickup!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: DECEMBER 15 — DECEMBER 22

SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am
TUESDAY	Session Meeting	7:00pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup (by appointment only) Knitting Circle Reachout Choir	2:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:30pm—9:00pm
THURSDAY	Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm—8:00pm
FRIDAY	Senior Satellite Exercise Programs	9:00am—11:45am
SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are the following:

Tuesday - Thursday 8:30am – 2:30pm, Friday 8:30am – 4:30pm

These hours are posted on the church office door for your reference. For any questions or admin needs, feel free to reach the office by phone (519) 681-7242, or email office@chalmerslondon.com.

VOLUNTEERS: DECEMBER 15

DECEMBER 22

HOSTS	Marg Ward Maureen Bruff Mary Vair	Wanda MacKay Pat Mackay Brian Mackay
AUDIO VISUALS	Chris Josiah Marilyn	Chris Richard Jack
FELLOWSHIP	Keith & Cathy Spooner	Gord & Mary Vair
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Linda Adamson, Carolyn Walker, Judy Steward, Paige Hardy	Christmas Presentation All Available Teachers

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

December 15th, 2024

Third Sunday of Advent



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers	All the People of Chalmers
Clerk of Session	Lizz Thibodeau
Music Director	Beth Hickey
Office Administrator	Rachelle Goebel
Caretaker	Brad Dobbie
Pastor	Rev. Andrew Thompson

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* Signifies to stand if you are able

WE APPROACH GOD

Instrumental Prelude

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Doug Bruce

Call to Worship (please see PWS&D Insert)

Brenda & Todd Webster

Lighting of the Candle of Joy

***Hymn of Praise:** *Good Christians, All Rejoice*

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Prayers of Adoration & Confession, & **The Lord's Prayer**

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace:

One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

The Gospel of John 1:1-14

Gord Vair

One: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



REACHOUT GOSPEL CHOIR PRESENTS: "THE GLORY OF THE LIGHT"

Featuring songs by Joseph M. Martin and Lloyd Larson & Douglas E. Wagner

1. **Who is this King of Glory?**

2. **Carols of Hope and Light**

3. **Savior of the Nations, Come**

4. **The Holy Child of Mary**

5. **A Stable in Bethlehem**

6. **A Celtic Noel**

7. **Gloria! To God Sing Gloria!**

8. **A Celtic Gloria**

9. **Bethlehem Light (solo Lizz Thibodeau)**

10. **The Glory of the Lord**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering our Gifts

***Offering Praise:** *Come Emmanuel, by David Moffitt*

Offering Prayer and Prayers of the People

***Hymn of Praise:** *Once in Royal David's City*

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Benediction

Sending Song: *Hope is a Star (Verse 3 Only)*

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Instrumental Postlude



JOIN US FOR OUR 2024

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

24 DECEMBER

7:00PM SERVICE: CAROLS & LESSONS

10:00PM SERVICE: COMMUNION

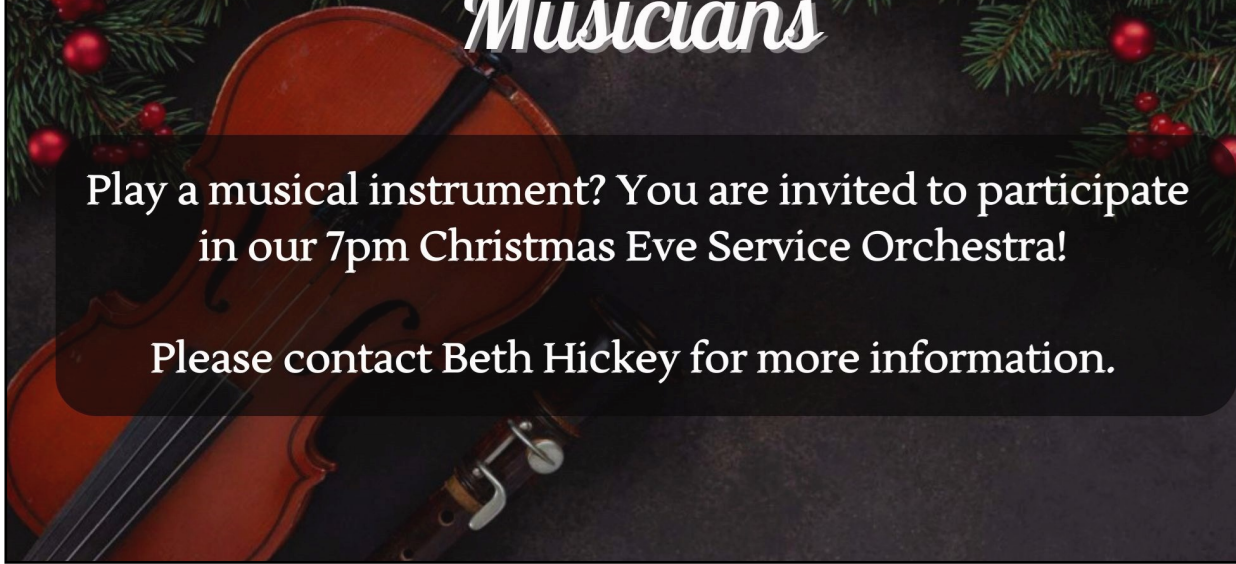
All are welcome!



Call For Christmas Eve Service Musicians

Play a musical instrument? You are invited to participate in our 7pm Christmas Eve Service Orchestra!

Please contact Beth Hickey for more information.



We extend our thanks to "Reachout Choir" for sharing their musicianship and enriching our Advent Worship Service this Sunday!

Pictured: Reachout performing at Chalmers' Home Grown Gospel Concert, November 16th 2024

Many thanks to the volunteers who assisted with Christmas decorating in the sanctuary and outside. The lights and Christmas colours make our worship/ gathering space very inviting. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and all best wishes in the New Year.
—Sincerely, Pat MacKay

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Bob Taylor
December 16th

Kathy McCartney
December 21st

Holly Williams
December 25th

Heather Reid
December 26th



CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESENTS

"It Happened at the Inn"

A Christmas Pageant by the Sunday School

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Please Pray

- ◆ For healing and patience for **Dave McF.**, as he recovers his dislocated shoulder.
- ◆ For **S. Nimako**, who had surgery recently and is healing well.
- ◆ For God’s continued healing for **P. Hunter**.
- ◆ For strength and healing for **J. Ferguson** as she deals with several health concerns.
- ◆ For God’s healing for **C. McCartney**, who is dealing with many health concerns; pray also for strength for Cathy as she cares for him.
- ◆ For God’s healing for **A. Nathaniel**, as she manages health concerns.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers for **L. Bone, B. Ertl, J. Gill, L. Jongepier, L. McInnis, B. Smedley, B. Campbell**.

From PCC: Sunday, December 15 (3rd Sunday of Advent) We give thanks for the programs of Edmonton Urban Native Ministry that provide a sense of belonging, care and inclusion for people of all nations while upholding Indigenous cultural practices.

Chalmers Knitting Group
The mitten tree and box are now set up in the Narthex and accepting donations of mittens and/or hats. We have knit several hats so mittens or gloves would be great. Thank you.
Merry Christmas from the Knitting Group!

Care & Share Corner
Your continued support of this vital ministry is greatly appreciated! Financial gifts are always welcomed! Please note that we do not need egg cartons, until further notice.

Pantry needs for DECEMBER are:

- ◇ Canned gravy
- ◇ Stuffing mix



Mission Moment: Sunday December 15
Supported by Presbyterians Sharing, Edmonton Urban Native Ministry serves the needs of the local Eastwood community with compassion and care. Their comprehensive services include a daily hot meal program, distribution of clothing and essential supplies, a bi-weekly food bank, as well as spiritual and emotional support initiatives, such as Sunday worship and counseling sessions. The Rev. Tim Sungill Choi, the ministry’s Executive Director, describes their role as a humble well, providing life-giving water to thirsty travelers. By extending a helping hand, offering essential resources, and standing in solidarity as allies, they help to empower Indigenous individuals and communities to navigate their paths, even amidst uncertainty.

2024 Chalmers Advent Mission Project
Pick up a draw-string bag on the narthex table with the suggested list of care items, and return the bag to the church filled with \$15-\$20 worth of items to be donated as a Homeless Care Package. M&O will add \$5 to the bag.

Project runs until December 22nd.

Giving to Chalmers
The 2025 Offering Envelopes are now available in the narthex for pick up. If you would like to use envelopes for the first time in 2025, please see Heather Reid, our envelope secretary. Other offering options are Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) and E-transfer. Heather can help you with either of these options as well. E-transfers should be sent to: chalmerspclondon@gmail.com
Your generosity is appreciated.

From the Library...

All the Christmas reading, fiction, non-fiction, and children's books are available for you right now. Think about signing out one of our Children's Christmas books to read to your child, grandchild - or even great grandchild. We have a big selection.

Talk to one of our library assistants if you have not signed out a book before and they will be happy to help you.

Books should be returned within two weeks - three weeks maximum - since other folks are sometimes looking for a specific book to read and it can be frustrating if that book is not there.

Happy Christmas Reading.

- **Christine Hunter, Librarian**

Stephen Ministry
“The Gift of Empathy” by: Joel P Bretscher & Kenneth C. Haugk
A Vision for a World Filled with Empathy

Empathy is something we all need—and it’s something we all can give. *The Gift of Empathy: Helping Others Feel Valued, Cared for, and Understood* presents a fresh approach to a familiar concept, providing practical insights and real-life examples that equip readers to relate in empathetic ways that make a difference in the lives of all those they encounter. We have read this book in our Stephen Ministry group and had many discussions which enhanced our understanding of empathy. We are excited to be able to offer this book to the congregation. This book offers ways to relate to family members, neighbours, co-workers and strangers that we may meet during our day. We will offer a 6 week study of this book beginning January 22, 2025. The cost is \$15.00 to cover the cost of the book.

If you have any questions please speak to Doug or Janet Bruce (519-319-6062)
Look for a sign up sheet in the Narthex.

Chalmers Kettle Campaign

For over 35 years Chalmers Church has committed the volunteer hours for the White Oaks Mall Salvation Army kettle near Tim Hortons. Each year dozens of different members of our congregation gave selflessly of their time. We do it knowing that 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. Each year the London community inspires us with its generosity! Our kettle consistently raises over \$10,000 annually!

Our Chalmers portion of the campaign runs for TWO Weeks.

Monday, December 9th to December 23, no Sundays.
11am to 7:30 pm.

Sign up sheets now available in the Narthex. Questions? Speak to Andrew Thibodeau.

The story our volunteers remember the most are the few times that people have put money into the kettle and have told us ... “Years ago, I was a recipient of Salvation Army generosity. Now I can give back.”