

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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: DECEMBER 1 — DECEMBER 8

SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am
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 1

DECEMBER 8

HOSTS	Loretta Duffin Fran Peach Muriel Bertling	Keith Johnston Phyllis Johnston Yvonne Daniel
AUDIO VISUALS	Bob Nathaniel Rose Marie	Josiah Nathaniel Richard
FELLOWSHIP	Brian & Pat MacKay	Muriel Bertling & Heather Reid
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Linda Adamson, Marilyn McFadden, Paige Hardy, Judy Steward	Sarah Thompson, Yvonne Daniel, Islay Thibodeau

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

December 1st, 2024

First Sunday of Advent



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers
Lizz Thibodeau
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* Signifies to stand if you are able

WE APPROACH GOD

Instrumental Prelude

*Hymn of Praise: *Hope is a star* 119

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Call to Worship: PWS&D Advent Insert Agnes & Robert McIntosh

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace: One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: And also with you.

Choir Anthem: *An Advent Prayer, by Allen Pote*

Celebrating with the Children *The power of your love*

*Hymn of Praise: *Come, thou long expected Jesus* 110

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Isaiah 65: 17-25

One: See, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

All: But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.

One: I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people;

All: the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

One: "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child; the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.

All: They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

One: No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.

All: They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them.

One: Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.

All: The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

Scripture Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13, Luke 21:5-19

Heather Reid

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: Not one hair of your head

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *Come Emmanuel by David Moffitt*

Offering Prayer and Prayers of the People

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

The Invitation

Apostle's Creed

*Communion Hymn: You are Holy, You are Whole 828

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (564) & The Lord's Prayer:

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And with you also.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: *(Prayer)* ... we join in the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: *(Prayer)*... we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

Breaking of Bread and Lifting the Cup

The Communion

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn of Praise: *O Come, O come, Emmanuel* 122 (v 1, 2, 6, & 7)

Commissioning & Benediction

*Benediction Song *Hope is a Star* 119 (v1)

Instrumental Postlude

Please Pray

- ◆ For healing and patience for **D. McFadden**, 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.
- ◆ 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 1 (1st Sunday of Advent / World Aids Day) We pray for the millions of people affected by HIV and AIDS and for the work of PWS&D in Malawi, which is providing vital support to those living with HIV.

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Gary Smith	December 4
Carolyn Walker	December 7
Becky Bolton	December 8
Jason Mc Ronald	December 8

Care & Share Corner

Your continued support of this vital ministry is greatly appreciated! Financial gifts are always welcomed!

Pantry needs for DECEMBER are:

- ◇ Canned gravy
- ◇ Stuffing mix



Mission Moment: Sunday December 1

The difficulty of accessing much-needed health care for people in Dorica's home village fueled her passion for becoming a doctor and serving the poor population in rural areas of Malawi. With support from Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Catharines and Presbyterians Sharing, Dorica began her studies in 2017. In March 2024, Dorica graduated from the University of Malawi College of Medicine and began the final stage of her medical training, an 18-month internship. Following her internship, Dorica will be licensed to practice medicine in Malawi. She is grateful to the Knox congregation and the PCC for their financial support and prayer. career pursuits, emphasizing the importance of gender equality in fostering harmonious relationships and eliminating discrimination.

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: chalmerspclodon@gmail.com
Your generosity is appreciated.

From the Library...

The Heart of Alaska Series by Tracie Peterson, Kimberley Woodhouse

Book 3 : The Heart of Alaska

Taylor Hale has a job at Yellowstone National Park as a guide, lecturer, botanist and park expert. She also has a suitor who will not take no for an answer. She must get away – as her mother is also keen for her to get married and settle down. Taylor's boss writes to his friend at the Curry Hotel in Alaska and Taylor lands a job in Alaska – far away from all the things she is fighting to get out of her life.

Thomas is now a college graduate and is still spending his summers working at the Curry Hotel in Alaska. Thomas and Taylor meet – but it is a fiery relationship. She is defensive – and he doesn't see why they would hire a woman for what he thinks is a man's job.

Another interesting story of relationships set in a wonderful area where the sun never sets and the land is far from friendly – dangerous in many instances, and the people bring their own sets of problems.

A thoroughly interesting trilogy in my mind. I hope you agree.

- **Christine Hunter, Librarian**

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."

Mitchell's Soups and Pies

Orders are still being taken for Mitchell's Soups! Display will be in the lower hall at coffee time, beside the Rheo Smoothies display. You can still also order Tourtière and Fruit (apple, cherry, blueberry and rhubarb) pies.

Rheo Thompson Smoothies

The fundraising team would like to announce the sale of Rheo Thompson chocolate mint, chocolate raspberry or chocolate orange smoothies for \$3 each. These chocolates make great stocking stuffers for Christmas or hostess gifts. Display will be in the lower hall at coffee time.

Chalmers Knitting Group

Due to the overwhelming success of last year's hat and mitts drive, the Knitting Group would like to collect them again this year. Watch for the "Mitten Tree" which will be set up in the Narthex starting the first Sunday of Advent.