

## CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

**Welcome to Worship.** Our service today will be in-person and livestreamed through our website at [chalmerslondon.com](http://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 22 — DECEMBER 29

<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Christmas Eve Service — Carolling & Lessons Christmas Eve Service — Communion	7:00pm 10:00pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b> Care & Share Food Pickup is closed for two weeks	Will return January 8th
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Senior Satellite Exercise Programs have ended	Will return January 17th
<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am

### Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Holly Williams December 25th   Heather Reid December 26th   John David Biro December 29th

### VOLUNTEERS: DECEMBER 22

	DECEMBER 22	DECEMBER 29
<b>HOSTS</b>	Wanda MacKay Pat Mackay Brian Mackay	Bill George Lorna Wilson Ann Hunter
<b>AUDIO VISUALS</b>	Chris Richard Rose Marie	Torry Josiah Rose Marie
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Gord & Mary Vair	Tom & Jane Vannus
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	Christmas Presentation All Available Teachers	No Sunday School—Christmas Break

# Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

December 22nd, 2024

*Fourth Sunday of Advent and Children's Pageant*



#### 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

Andy Thibodeau

Call to Worship: PWS&D Advent Insert

Tom & Christine Hunter

\***Hymn of Praise:** *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Verses 1, 2 & 5)* 48

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

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace: One: May the peace of the Christ Child be with you all.  
**All: And also with you.**

Choir Anthem: *O Come to Set Us Free, arranged by Mary McDonald*

*Come, O come, our Savior, Messiah;  
come, O come, our Savior, Messiah;  
come O come, our Savior, Messiah;  
come to set us free, hallelujah! Come to set us free.*

*We await your holy birth,  
Jesus, Light of the World;  
King of kings and Lord of lords,  
come to set us free, hallelujah! Come to set us free.*

*Prince of Peace, He is God, our Redeemer;  
Prince of Peace, He is God, our Redeemer;  
The Prince of Peace, He is God, our Redeemer;  
come to set us free, hallelujah! Come to set us free.*

*Glory to the Son of God,  
Light and Life of the World;  
King of kings and Lord of lords,  
come to set us free, hallelujah! Come to set us free.*

*O come, O come, Emmanuel!  
O come, O come, Emmanuel!  
O come to set us free. Emmanuel!  
O come to set us free. Emmanuel!*



## Chalmers' Sunday School Presents: "It Happened at the Inn"



\***Hymn of Praise:** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* 143

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:39-45 Elaine McInnis

One: The Gospel of our Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Message: Mary's Journey

\***Hymn of Praise:** *What Child Is This* 161

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering of our Gifts

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

Offering Prayer and Prayers of the People

\***Hymn of Praise:** *Go Tell It on the Mountain* 133

Commissioning & Benediction

\***Sending Song:** *Hope is a Star (Verse 4)* 119





JOIN US FOR OUR 2024

# CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

24 DECEMBER

7:00PM SERVICE: CAROLS & LESSONS

10:00PM SERVICE: CANDLELIGHT & COMMUNION

All are welcome!

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Please note our Holiday Office Hours. This change is 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](mailto:office@chalmerslondon.com).

Monday December 23<sup>rd</sup>: **Closed**

Tuesday December 24<sup>th</sup> : 8:30am—2:30pm

Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup> : **Closed (Christmas Day)**

Thursday December 26<sup>th</sup> : **Closed (Boxing Day)**

Friday December 27<sup>th</sup> : 8:30am—4:30pm

Monday December 30<sup>th</sup>: **Closed**

Tuesday December 31<sup>st</sup> : 8:30am—2:30pm

Wednesday January 1<sup>st</sup> : **Closed (New Year's Day)**

Thursday December 26<sup>th</sup> : 8:30am—2:30pm

Friday December 27<sup>th</sup> : 8:30am—4:30pm

The office phones **will not** be answered on December 24th (Christmas Eve Day) or December 31st (New Years Eve). The office email inbox will be monitored.

**EMERGENCY PASTORAL CARE:** Rev. Andrew Thompson will be away December 25 - January 1st. If you are in need of pastoral care, you may contact Rev. Andrew Fullerton at (519) 438-3492.



CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRESENTS

# "It Happened at the Inn"

A Christmas Pageant by the Sunday School

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND

10:00AM WORSHIP SERVICE



*Loose offering from today, Sunday December 22, and both 7pm and 10pm Christmas Eve services will be donated to Ark Aid Mission.*

**Don't Forget: Pastoral Christmas letters are now available in the narthex letterboxes for pickup!**



## White Gifts

We will be accepting white gifts at both Christmas Eve Services. We ask for non-perishable items, wrapped or unwrapped. Gifts will be given to our Care & Share Program.

— Sponsored by Chalmers' Mission & Outreach team



# 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**.



### Mission Moment: Sunday December 22

Somalia has been devastated by drought for the last six years. Among the many pushed to the brink of starvation is Hawa Ahmed, a resilient mother of eight. When the lack of water and food made the situation increasingly dire, Hawa made the courageous decision to relocate her family for the chance at a better life. Her new surroundings came with a harsh reality: as a displaced person, she was stripped of her possessions and support system, leaving her feeling alone and anxious for a solution. Things changed when Hawa joined a program supported by PWS&D that provided families with emergency cash. With this financial support, Hawa was able to purchase food and ensure access to clean drinking water for her children.

**From PCC: Sunday, December 22 (4th Sunday of Advent)** As we celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ into the world, we pray for the staff at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre as they offer generous hospitality to all who come seeking rest and renewal.

### Chalmers Knitting Group

The mitten tree and box is set up in the Narthex. We are 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.

Our Care & Share program is now closed for the holidays, and will not be operating until January 8th 2025. January 8th appointments are to be made by calling our office at (519) 681-7242 on Tuesday, January 7th from 8:30am—12pm.

### Pantry needs for JANUARY are:

- ◇ Canned Vegetables
- ◇ Brown Beans (no pork)

### 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. Haug

### 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.

### 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](mailto:chalmerspclondon@gmail.com)  
Your generosity is appreciated.

### Christmas Decorations

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