

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.

Please plan on joining us again this evening at our 7pm Carols & Lessons, or 10pm Candlelight worship with Communion.

This Week at a Glance: DECEMBER 24-31

SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am
	Christmas Eve—Carols & Lessons	7:00 pm
	Christmas Eve—Candlelight, Communion	10:00 pm
<p>NOTE: The church office will be closed the between Christmas and New Years, reopening Tuesday, January 2 at 8:30 am. Phone messages and mailbox will be monitored. In the event of a pastoral care emergency, please contact your elder.</p>		
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NEW Office Hours: Please note, office hours will change in the new year: the office will be closed Mondays, and open **Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 am -2:30 pm.** Call 519-681-7242 or email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca with any questions or admin needs.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Volunteers: DEC 24 AM

7 PM

10 PM

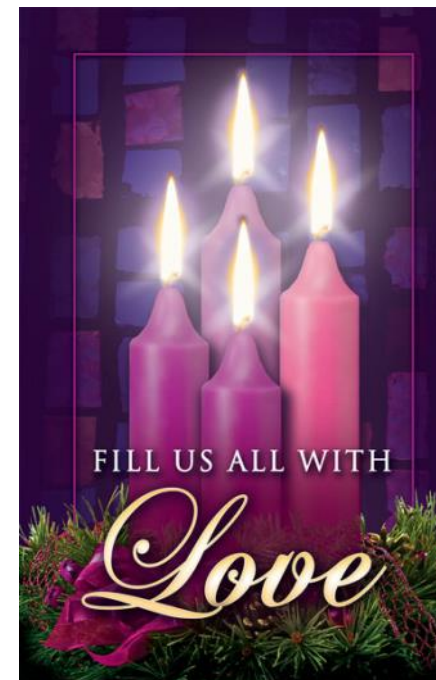
DEC 31

HOSTS	Muriel Bertling Mavis Love-Symonds Christine Hunter	Keith Spooner Cathy Spooner	Mary Vair Marg Ward Maureen Bruff	Bill George Lorna Wilson Joyce Kilbourne
AUDIO VISUALS	Torry Thibodeau Jack Hardy Rose Marie Finlay	Tom Vannus Richard Cote Marilyn McFadden	Andrea Bruce Islay Thibodeau Lizz Thibodeau	Andrea Bruce Josiah Duffin Richard Cote
FELLOWSHIP	No Coffee Hour	N/A	N/A	N/A
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Christmas Presentation	N/A	N/A	N/A

CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Worship Celebration

December 24, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Advent



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. Andrew Thompson

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WE APPROACH GOD

Instrumental Prelude

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Maureen Bruff

Call to Worship (please see PWS&D Insert)

Lighting of the LOVE Candle

Thompson Family

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

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Prayers of Adoration & Confession, and **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.

Choir Anthem: *His Name Shall Be Called Peace* by John Purifoy

Children's Christmas Pageant

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

One: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever;

All: with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

One: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

All: your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

One: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,

I have sworn to my servant David:

**All: 'I will establish your descendants forever,
and build your throne for all generations.'**

One: Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said:

**All: "I have set the crown upon one who is mighty,
I have exalted one chosen from the people.**

One: I have found my servant, David; with my holy oil I have anointed him;

**All: my hand shall always remain with him,
my arm shall also strengthen him.**

One: The enemy shall not outwit him, the wicked shall not humble him.

All: I will crush his foes before him, and strike down those who hate him.

My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him;

and in my name his horn shall be exalted.

One: I will set his hand on the sea, and his right hand on the rivers.

He shall cry to me,

All: "You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!"

Scripture Readings: Luke 2:1-12

Linda Adamson

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Message: **To you this day is born a Saviour**

Hymn of Praise: *What child is this?*

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WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *Christmas Offering*

Offering Prayer and Prayers of the People

Hymn of Praise: *Go, tell it on the mountain*

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Benediction

Benediction Song: *Emmanuel, Emmanuel*

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Instrumental Postlude

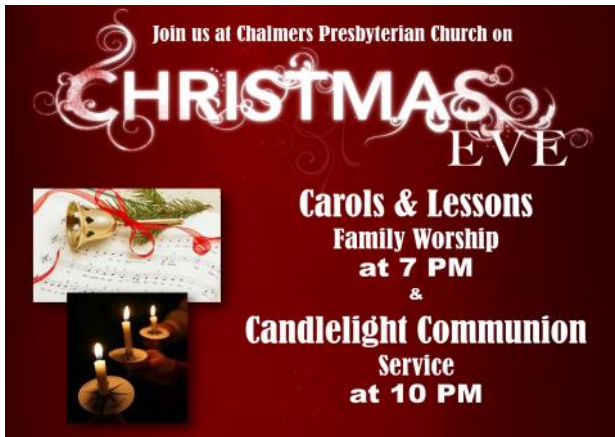
CHOIR ANTHEM His Name Shall Be Called Peace by John Purifoy

For unto us, a Child is born, unto us, a Son is given;
and the government will be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Peace.
The wolf shall lie down with the lamb; the lion and the calf together,
and the spirit of a little child shall lead them,
and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor,
Almighty God, the Prince of Peace, Everlasting Father.
With justice and with righteousness,
His kingdom will never end, from this day forever more.

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Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing for **Barry M** who has been transferred to Parkwood for further care. Pray for strength for Edna as she cares for him.
- ◆ For God's comfort for the family and friends of **Janice Carrier**, who passed away on Monday, December 18.
- ◆ For God's comfort for **Beverley E** as she continues to receive care in hospital.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Jim G**, who is suffering from Long Covid, receiving care at Parkwood.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Charles M**, who is dealing with many health concerns; pray also for strength for Cathy as she cares for him.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Holly W**.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers **Helen L, Jackie H, Laura M, Betty S, Ed C, Bill C**.



Year-end Reminder: All donations must be received by the church no later than December 31, 2023 in order to be included on 2023 tax receipts, to be issued in January.

“...and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God,

The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6

Mission Moment

December 24: Through Presbyterians Sharing we shine Christ's light in Canada and around the world. We are there when a prisoner in Malawi discovers Christ's love through Bible study, and when an Indigenous woman in Taiwan reads the Bible in her own language for the first time. We are there when a congregation adapts to meet community needs in new ways and when a theological student in Canada, Malawi, Nigeria, Ghana or Beirut graduates, ready to serve God. We are there when a child receives a healthy snack and after-school support from an inner-city ministry, and when a refugee claimant needs a friend. We are also there for one another as we pray, serve and share the gifts God has given us. When we put our gifts in God's hands, God does remarkable things!

Stewardship Moment

Thanks be to God for God's indescribable gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15

NEW Office Hours

The office will be closed the week of Dec 25, reopening Tuesday, January 2. In the new year, church office hours will be:

Tuesday—Friday, 8:30 am—2:30 pm.
The office will be closed Mondays.

Vacation Notice

Rev. Andrew will be on vacation the week of December 25—31. Many thanks to Linda Adamson for leading worship on December 31. If you have a pastoral care need during this time please contact your elder.

From the Library...

Catching Christmas – by Terri Blackstock

Finn is a cab driver. He was a chef in his own restaurant, but when that didn't work out for him – well, he just wanted a job to pay the rent and put food on the table. All goes well for Finn until he gets a call to pick up a passenger and take her to a doctor's appointment. Thus Finn meets Callie. Callie is an older woman with one living relation – her granddaughter, Sydney. Sydney is the primary caregiver for Callie, but Sydney is a lawyer, and at the time this story takes place is involved in an important case that could mean the end of her career if she does not win it.

I don't want to tell too much of this story – but I really, really enjoyed it. It was a “can't put this book down” “Just another page of two” type of story. I'm sure y'all will enjoy reading it.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

A Teen Challenge Ministry Team

will be joining us on Sunday, January 21, 2024 in our 10 am service. Plan on joining us for this dramatic presentation of testimonies and stories of finding freedom from addiction!



Offering Envelopes

For those who have requested them, 2024 offering envelopes are available in the narthex today. If you would like envelopes, or to use our Pre-Authorized Remittance program, please contact the church office.

Safe Food Handling Course

A reminder to all who signed up to take the Safe Food Handling Course here at Chalmers on Saturday, January 13. The course will run from 9am to 3pm and will take place in the lower hall. If you are NOT able to attend please contact the church office ASAP.

Care & Share

Many thanks to all who contributed to our White Gift Sunday in support of the Care & Share food assistance program. In January, registration day for Care & Share will change to **Tuesday**, with food pickup continuing as usual on Wednesdays. The need is greater than ever. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

Hat/Mitten/Scarf Donations

We will continue to receive donations of hats, mits, gloves, scarves into the New Year! The ladies of the Knitting Circle are thankful for your generosity. We will be donating what we collect at the end of January to a worthy cause.

Soup'er Sunday

Following the Teen Challenge presentation on **Sunday, January 21, 2024** we will have a Soup'er Sunday luncheon with our guests. Please sign up in the narthex today, letting us know how many in your family will attend whether you are able to bring soup, and what kind you'll bring. Thanks!

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

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