

## 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 29 — JANUARY 5

<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Care & Share Food Pickup is closed	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

### 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 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 31st (New Years Eve).  
The office email inbox will be monitored.

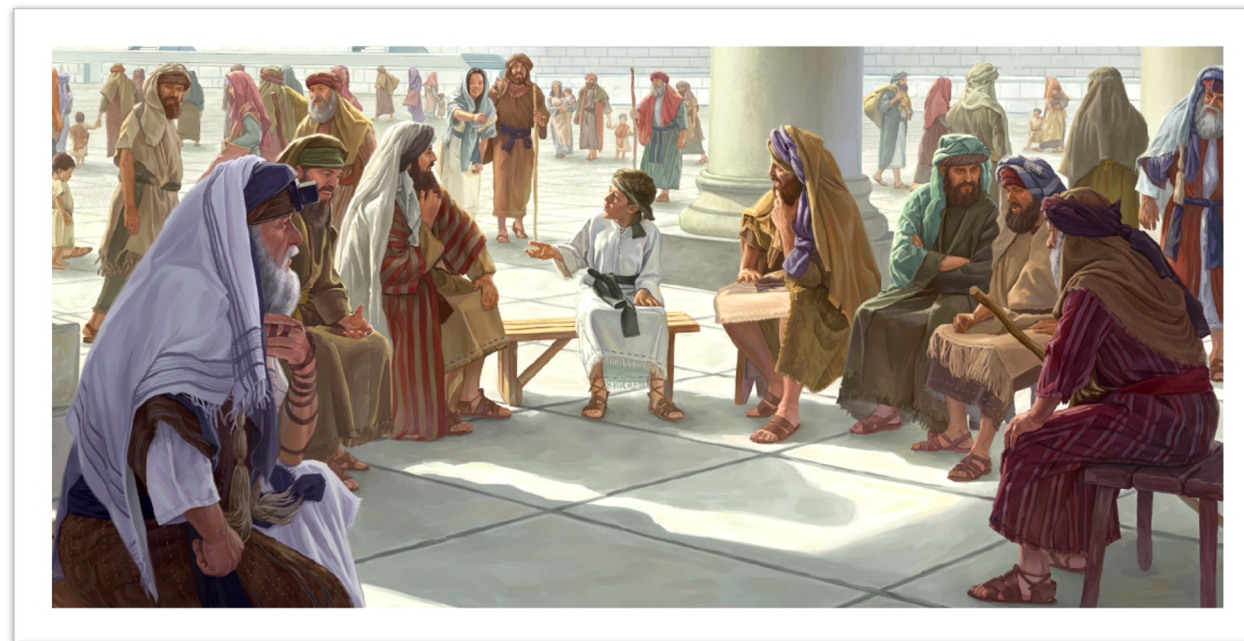
### VOLUNTEERS: DECEMBER 29 JANUARY 5

<b>HOSTS</b>	Bill George Lorna Wilson Ann Hunter	Loretta Duffin Christine Hunter Muriel Bertling
<b>AUDIO VISUALS</b>	Torry Josiah Rose Marie	Torry Jack Islay
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Tom & Jane Vannus	Carolyn Walker & Elaine McInnes
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	No Sunday School —Christmas Break Activity packages are available with ushers.	No Sunday School —Christmas Break Activity packages are available with ushers.

# Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

December 29th, 2024

*First Sunday After Christmas*



### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers  
Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Office Administrator  
Caretaker  
Pastor  
Guest Pastor  
Guest Pianist

All the People of Chalmers  
Lizz Thibodeau  
Beth Hickey  
Rachelle Goebel  
Brad Dobbie  
Rev. Andrew Thompson  
Rev. Pieter Van Harten  
Pat MacKay

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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:

One: We have opened our eyes to a new day.

**All: We also open our eyes to God's presence.**

One: We open our eyes to new challenges.

**All: We open our eyes to new opportunities.**

One: We open our eyes to new blessings.

**All: We open our eyes to new realities.**

One: Come, let us worship God with our eyes open.

\*Hymn of Praise: *O Come All Ye Faithful (Verses 1, 2 & 5)* 159

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

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

**All: And also with you.**

Special Praise: *Do You Hear What I Hear* Judi Johnston & Karen Dutton

Celebrating with the Children

\*Hymn of Praise: *Joy to the World* 153

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 148

Psalm 148:1-14

One: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!

**All: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!**

One: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

**All: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!**

One: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

**All: He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

One: Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

**All: Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together!**

One: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

**All: He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!**

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:41-52 Lorna Wilson

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Message: Learning The Faith

\*Hymn of Praise: *Hark the Herald Angels Sing* 139

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering of our Gifts

**Offering Praise:** *In the Bleak Midwinter (Verses 1 & 4)* 145

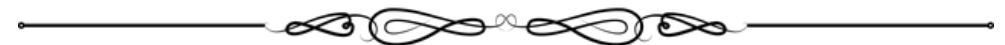
Offering Prayer and Prayers of the People

\*Hymn of Praise: *Angels We Have Heard On High*

Commissioning & Benediction

\*Sending Song: *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* 114

Instrumental Postlude



# 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 29

As Western culture becomes increasingly secular and Christianity occupies a more peripheral position in society, Canadian church plants are pioneering new ways to share God’s love. One such initiative to encourage church planting is Cyclical PCC, supported by The Presbyterian Church in Canada in collaboration with Cyclical Inc. This initiative aims to empower presbyteries and leaders within the denomination to initiate new worshipping communities. Participants in the program are part of a larger network of PCC leaders exploring their calling and taking initial steps toward launching new ministries. What exciting new forms of ministry are emerging in your local community?

**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.

**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 PCC: Sunday, December 29** We pray for those living in retirement homes who are struggling to find meaning in their everyday lives.

**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.

## From the Library...

Forever Hidden – by Tracie Peterson, and Kimberley Woodhouse

This story takes place in the far north of Canada, in the town of Nome. It starts with a prologue in 1891 with the problems facing the Powell family in Cripple Creek, Colorado.

The story then takes a jump to the town of Nome, 13 years later. The Powell family consists of a grandfather, his daughter and her three daughters. They live on a farm and have a happy life looking after the animals and enjoying their musical talents. Mom is a musician and has taught her girls well. They play instruments and sing like angels. John Roselli enters the picture in chapter two. John is Italian, but has lived in the States for many years, cared for by his grandfather. The two grandfathers were friends for many years. But John’s grandfather has passed on – and left John with a request. John is to travel to the far north and deliver a box to his grandfathers old friend who resides in Nome. John uses all his cash just getting to Nome – and must find a job immediately if he is to be able to have a meal in the next little while.

By coincidence he is directed to go to a farm when they are always looking for help – and – the farm happens to be the home of his grandfather’s friend.

A wonderful story of hardship, family ties and romance. I thoroughly enjoyed this book and am looking forward to reading the sequel.

**- Christine Hunter, Librarian**

We thank Andy Thibodeau for his work in organizing the volunteer schedule for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettles. And also thank all the volunteers who served at the kettles. Andy & volunteers your service in this ministry is a blessing for many in need and glory to God.

## 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 the sign up sheet in the Narthex.

**We welcome Rev. Pieter Van Harten as our guest Minister this morning, and our own Pat MacKay as our guest pianist.**

**Thank you for your ministrations here at Chalmers Presbyterian Church.**