

## CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

Welcome to worship. Our services are in-person and live-streamed through our website at [chalmerslondon.com](http://chalmerslondon.com). The video link is found on the home page. We encourage you to let us know you have joined us online by filling in the short response form. Today we welcome **Rev. Michael Stol** to lead worship. *\*There is no coffee hour this morning due to the Advent Event.*

### This Week at a Glance: DECEMBER 4—11

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Livestream and In-Person Worship <i>2nd Sunday of Advent—PEACE</i> <b>Advent Event</b>	10:00 am  11:15 am
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting Session Executive C.E. & Faith Development Meeting	9:30 am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Reachout Choir Rehearsal	12:30 pm 1:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Chalmers Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Seniors' Satellite Recreation	9:00 am
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Livestream and In-Person Worship <i>3rd Sunday of Advent—JOY</i> Stephen Ministry Meeting	10:00 am  7:00 pm

### Office Hours:

**Tuesday—Friday, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.** Please contact the church office with any needs or concerns (519) 681-7242 or email [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto:chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca).

### Worship Volunteers:

	This Week	Next Week
<b>HOSTS</b>	Bev Cameron Robin Cohen Joyce Kilbourne	Keith & Phyllis Johnston Fran Peach
<b>AUDIO VISUALS</b>	Tammy McDonald Isla Thibodeau Lizz Thibodeau	Torry Thibodeau Jack Hardy Lizz Thibodeau
<b>Fellowship</b>	Advent Event - no Coffee Hour	Keith & Phyllis Johnston

**Thank you, Volunteers!**

## Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

December 4, 2022

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

In-Person and Livestream Worship



### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers  
Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Office Administrator  
Caretaker  
**Interim Moderator**

All the People of Chalmers  
Tom Hunter  
Beth Hickey  
Wendy Sibley  
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**Rev. Mavis Currie**

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## WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship PWS&D Advent Liturgy Readers: Keith & Phyllis Johnston

Reader 1: We are people of peace.

Reader 2: *God seeks justice and compassion. God listens to the cries of the vulnerable and longs for wars to cease.*

**All: We pray God's peace is at work in our hearts, our homes, our neighbourhoods and the world.**

Reader 1: The second candle of Advent reminds us that we are called to live as people of peace.

Reader 2: *We light this candle as an invitation to work for justice and peace.*  
(Lighting of the Candle of PEACE)

**Praise:** *Hope is a star* 119 (v.2)

Reader 1: Let us pray:

**All: Holy One, help us to walk in the light of God. May our lives reflect the warmth and wonder of this flame. Make your church a place of hope in our community. Amen.**

**Praise:** Hark the glad sound 118

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Peace: One: May the peace of the Christ Child be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrating with the Children Mary Vair

**Praise:** *Comfort, comfort you, my people* 113

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

One: Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

**All: May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.**

One: May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

**All: May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

One: May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**All: May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.**

One: In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound,

**All: until the moon is no more.**

One: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.

**All: Blessed be God's glorious name forever, may the glory of the Lord fill the whole earth. Amen and Amen.**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25 Yvonne Daniel

One: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Choir Anthem: *Advent Grace*, arr. Larson, Shafferman

Sermon: The Stepfather Rev. Michael Stol

**Praise:** *All earth is waiting* 109

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission Janet Bruce

Offering of our Gifts

**Offering Praise:** *Emmanuel* 114

Offering Prayer, Prayers of the People and **The Lord's Prayer**

**Praise:** *Blest be the God of Israel* 752

Blessing

Postlude

(All hymn lyrics found on page 3)

## Hope is a star

Brian A. Wren

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,  
giving a promise of safety and worth.

Refrain: *When God is a child  
there's joy in our song.  
The last shall be first  
and the weak shall be strong,  
and none shall be afraid.*

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## Hark the glad sound

Philip Doddridge

Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,  
the Saviour promised long;  
let every heart prepare a throne,  
and every voice a song!

You come the prisoners to release  
in Satan's bondage held;  
the gates of brass before you burst,  
the iron fetters yield.

You come the broken heart to bind,  
the wounded soul to cure,  
to bring the treasures of God's grace,  
good tidings for the poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
your welcome shall proclaim,  
and heaven's eternal arches ring  
with your most honoured name.

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## Emmanuel, Emmanuel

Bob McGee

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
(Repeat)

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## All earth is waiting

Alberto Taulé; trans. Gertrude Suppe

All earth is waiting  
to see the Promised One,  
and open furrows  
await the seed of God.  
All the world, bound and struggling,  
seeks true liberty;  
it cries out for justice  
and searches for the truth.

Thus says the prophet  
to those of Israel:  
'A virgin mother  
will bear Emmanuel,'  
one whose name is 'God with us'  
our Saviour shall be;  
with him hope will blossom  
once more within our hearts.

Mountains and valleys  
will have to be made plain;  
open new highways,  
new highways for the Lord.  
He is now coming closer,  
so come all and see,  
and open the doorways  
as wide as wide can be.

In lowly stable the  
Promised One appeared;  
yet feel his presence  
throughout the earth today,  
for he lives in all Christians  
and is with us now;  
again, with his coming  
he brings us liberty.

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## Blest be the God of Israel

From Luke 1:68-79, para. Michael Perry

Blest be the God of Israel,  
who comes to set us free,  
who visits and redeems us,  
who grants us liberty.  
The prophets spoke of mercy,  
of rescue and release;  
God shall fulfill the promise  
to bring the gift of peace.

Now from the house of David  
a child of grace has come,  
a Saviour who will lead us  
to our eternal home.  
Before him goes his herald,  
forerunner in the way,  
the prophet of salvation,  
the messenger of day.

On those who live in darkness  
the sun begins to rise,  
the dawning of forgiveness  
upon the sinner's eyes;  
to guide the feet of pilgrims  
along the paths of peace.  
O bless our God and Saviour  
with songs that never cease!

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## Comfort, comfort you my people

German: Johannes Olearius  
Translation: Catherine Winkworth

Comfort, comfort you my people;  
tell of peace, thus says our God;  
comfort those who sit in darkness  
bowed beneath oppression's load.  
Speak you to Jerusalem  
of the peace that waits for them;  
tell them that their sins I cover,  
and their warfare now is over.

For the herald's voice is calling  
in the desert far and near,  
bidding us to make repentance  
since the kingdom now is here.  
Oh that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
let the valleys rise in meeting  
and the hills bow down in greeting.

Make you straight what long was crooked;  
make the rougher places plain;  
let your hearts be true and humble,  
as befits God's holy reign,  
for the glory of the Lord  
now o'er earth is shed abroad,  
and all flesh shall see the token  
that God's word is never broken.

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### CHOIR ANTHEM

#### Advent Grace, Arr. Larson, Shafferman

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in; be born in us today.  
Where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.  
The dark night wakes, God's glory breaks, and Christmas comes again.

O come, thou Son of David, come, Your blessed peace proclaim.  
O come, Thou bright and morning star, Your people now to save.  
O come, Desire of nations, come, as saints of old have sung.  
Your people watch, Your people pray throughout all Christendom.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound the heav'nly music swells;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

## Please Pray

- ◆ For God's tender care and comfort for the **Salamatova Family** (our temporary manse tenants) with the passing of Liudmyla on November 26.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Vic Laursen**, and **Betty Smedley**.
- ◆ For God's healing Spirit to strengthen and encourage **Leny Jongepier**.
- ◆ For God's encouragement for **Barry May** who is convalescing at home.
- ◆ We pray for comfort and healing for **Betty Cross** as she recovers at home.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Peter Longmore** as he recovers from heart surgery, and strength for **Betty** as she supports him.
- ◆ For God's healing touch for **Jackie Harrett** who is now home from hospital.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Anita Powell** as she recovers from knee surgery.
- ◆ For **John Elliot** as he adjusts to life at Maple View Terrace.
- ◆ For God's wisdom and guidance for Chalmers' **Pastoral Search Committee** as they continue the process of bringing a new Minister to Chalmers.

### From the Search Committee:

**Completed Congregational surveys are due TODAY.** A few copies are available in the narthex if you did not receive one or wish to fill one out today. Please do not add any identifying information to your survey. Thank you!

### Congregational Christmas Letter

If you haven't already done so, please pick up your letter at the mail boxes following worship today.



**December 4:** "Where is God in all of this oppression and injustice?" Upon hearing the anguished cries of Palestinian Christians, Palestinian clergy felt it was crucial to respond pastorally and remind them that God is the God of justice, the God who cares about the oppressed. These Christians need God's hope. In 1989, Palestinian Christian theologians developed a theology that could be shared with fellow Palestinian believers. This led to the establishment of Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center in Jerusalem, an ecumenical grassroots liberation theology movement. Presbyterians Sharing supports Sabeel and Director, Omar Haramy, in standing with the oppressed, working for justice and engaging in peacebuilding.

### Speaking of Stewardship

Stewardship encourages people to lead generous lives, strengthens faith, and impacts the world.

Michael Durall – author, consultant

### Chalmers Birthdays this Week



<b>Gary Smith</b>	December 4
<b>Carolyn Walker</b>	December 7
<b>Becky Bolton</b>	December 8
<b>Jason McDonald</b>	December 8
<b>Ainsley Marshall</b>	December 11



## Christmas Reading in the Library...

### Jacob's Bell – by John Snyder

Jacob McCallum has slid as far down as he can go. He is a bum – living on the streets, estranged from his son and daughter and their families. What is Christmas to Jacob?

He makes up his mind to get himself off the streets, off the drink and make contact with his family. Not an easy plan – and Jacob keeps sliding back into old habits.

He meets Howard, a Salvation Army preacher who tries to help him achieve at least some of his goals.

Will John ever find his long lost family – will he manage to stay sober long enough to even try.

I found this an interesting, heart breaking, heartwarming story of life on the streets, and that helping hand that says "you can do this"!

Christine Hunter, Librarian

### Chalmers Salvation Army Kettle Ministry Returns!

We are back to donating hours to the Kettle Campaign! Our kettle is located between the Bay and Tim Hortons in White Oaks Mall. Dates are Monday, December 12 to the 17<sup>th</sup> and Monday December 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Hours start at 1pm and conclude by 7:30pm. Sign up in the Narthex, please. A chair is available for you to sit. In 2019 our kettle raised over \$12,000, which contributed important ministry to those in need in the London area. Thank you Chalmers for your decades of support! Contact Andrew Thibodeau with any questions.

## Chalmers COVID Protocols

- 1) Please **do not enter** the Chalmers building if you have symptoms of COVID-19. If you test positive, please do not return to the church until you have tested negative.
- 2) Masks are **recommended** in the building.
- 3) Physical distancing of 2 m maintained in the building at all times.  
**Please respect the comfort level of others with respect to masking and physical distancing.**
- 4) Food & beverages are permitted if numbers are kept to a minimum, and groups use their own disposable supplies.

**A New Way to Give!** We are now offering **E-Transfer** as a means to support the work of the ministry at Chalmers. Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) is a simple, secure way to give directly from your bank account, and ensures that 100% of your online donation goes towards the work of the church. E-transfers can be sent to [chalmerspclondon@gmail.com](mailto:chalmerspclondon@gmail.com).

## Christmas Worship

at Chalmers Presbyterian Church

### Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24, 2022  
7:00 pm

### Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 25, 2022  
10:00 am

*O come, let us adore Him!*