

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.

Pastoral Christmas letters are now available in the narthex letterboxes for pickup!

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: DECEMBER 8 — DECEMBER 15

SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am
WEDNESDAY	Pastoral Care Meeting Care & Share Food Pickup (by appointment only) Knitting Circle P&P Meeting Reachout Choir	9:00am 2:00 pm 1:00 pm 5:30pm 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 8

DECEMBER 15

HOSTS	Keith Johnston Phyllis Johnston Yvonne Daniel	Marg Ward Maureen Bruff Mary Vair
AUDIO VISUALS	Josiah Nathaniel Richard	Chris Josiah Marilyn
FELLOWSHIP	Muriel Bertling & Heather Reid	Keith & Cathy Spooner
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Sarah Thompson, Yvonne Daniel, Islay Thibodeau	Linda Adamson, Carolyn Walker, Judy Steward, Paige Hardy

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

December 8th, 2024

Second 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

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Lorna Wilson

Call to Worship: PWS&D Advent Insert

Carlie & Carson Scott

*Hymn of Praise: *On Jordan's Bank* 126

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: *My Lord, He Is a Comin' Soon, setting by Patti Drennan*

My Lord, he is a comin' soon, prepare the way of the Lord;

Get everything ready for that day, prepare the way of the Lord!

If you're asleep it's time to wake up. Awake, O sleeper, the King!

If you're in the dark, it's time to be lit. Awake, O sleeper, arise! Arise!

My Lord, he is a comin' soon, prepare the way of the Lord;

Get everything ready for that day, prepare the way of the Lord!

Come, Lord Jesus, come into my heart; prepare the way of the King!

He is coming, he's coming soon: prepare the way of the King, the King!

My Lord, he is a comin' soon, prepare the way of the Lord;

Get everything ready for that day, prepare the way of the Lord!

Celebrating with the Children

*Hymn of Praise: *People In Darkness* 124



WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Luke 1 : 68-79

One: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

All: He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

One: Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,

All: To grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

One: And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;

All: For you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

One: By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us,

All: To give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Scripture Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 3:1-6, 21-22 Mary Vair

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Message: Prepare the Way

*Hymn of Praise: *In the Bleak Midwinter* 145

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: *Joy to the World* 153

Commissioning & Benediction

*Benediction Song: *Hope is a Star (Verse 2)* 119

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**.

From PCC: Sunday, December 8

We pray for those who grieve the death of someone they love—whose presence they miss with an ache too deep for words. Help us not to fear our grief, for it is a sign of how much we loved the one who now rejoices with the saints in God's presence.

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Jason McRonald	December 8th
Bob Taylor	December 16th
Alisa Leitch	December 17th

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 8

In Ghana, 12-year-old Abigail Awini became physically challenged shortly after birth, which left her unable to walk. Abigail's father died when she was just four years old, and shortly thereafter, her mother left. Abigail's grandmother, a poor farmer, became her caregiver. During a community survey, Abigail was registered for support from PWS&D's partner, the Garu Centre. With their advice, her grandmother enrolled her in school. Unable to move independently, Abigail's grandmother carried her on her back daily until Abigail got too big and had to drop out of school. However, the project supported Abigail with a tricycle to enhance her mobility. "The life of my granddaughter has changed," shares her grandmother. Abigail found independence and was able to resume her schooling.

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: chalmerspclondon@gmail.com
Your generosity is appreciated.

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**

Reachout Choir Service

We are looking forward to our service next week on Sunday, December 15th, as we will have Reachout Choir presenting "The Glory of the Light", a cantata with songs by Joseph M. Martin and Lloyd Larson & Douglas E. Wagner.

Call for Christmas Eve Musicians

Play a musical instrument? You are invited to participate in our 7pm Christmas Eve Service Orchestra! Please contact Beth Hickey for more information.

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

The mitten tree and box are now set up in the Narthex and 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!

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."