

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to worship at Chalmers. If you are a guest, visitor or newcomer to Chalmers we reach out to you with hospitality and friendship in Jesus' name. Please take a moment to fill in a guest card—available in the pew holder or from the welcome table. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate, in the box on the welcome table, or given to Rev. John.

There will be a time of **refreshments and fellowship** in the lower hall following worship. The striped mugs at coffee hour are for visitors. Please help our visitors feel welcome.

This morning we welcome **Wilma Boyce** to lead worship. Wilma graduated from Huron University College at UWO in 2013 with a Master of Divinity and has since then enjoyed leading worship services in London and area Presbyterian churches. She is currently on staff at Oakridge Presbyterian Church in the area of Pastoral Care and Adult Ministry. She also provides pastoral care for a two-point charge and leads worship services in two retirement residences, including a Bible study in one of them. Wilma is thankful to have three sons, three daughters-in-law, and eight grandchildren living in close proximity to her as she loves to spend time with them. Her passion is to be engaged in the building and nurturing of relationships with the Lord and with people.

AT A GLANCE: JANUARY 5 - 12

SUNDAY Worship & Sunday School - 10 am
Library Open - 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15 am
Stephen Ministry - 7 pm

TUESDAY Care & Share - 1 pm
Seniors' Fitness - 1 pm
Policy & Planning Mtg. - 7 pm

WEDNESDAY Knitting Circle - 1:30 pm
Reachout - 7:30 pm

THURSDAY Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 pm
Praise Team - 8 pm

FRIDAY Seniors' Satellite - 9 am
Seniors' Euchre - 1 pm

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Library Open - 11:15 am
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15 am
Meadow Park Worship - 3:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon: 9 am - 3 pm **Tues- Thur:** 12-3 pm
Fri: 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * Tasteful Topics - Sun, Jan 19, 11:30 am
- * Glen Cairn Community Meal - Fri, Jan 24
- * Volleyball - Fri, Jan 24, 7 pm (Supreme Courts)

TODAY'S HOSTS:

Todd & Brenda Webster
Doug & Janet Bruce
Lorna Wilson & Bill George

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Muriel Bertling & John Coy
Shirley Andersen & Fran Peach
Naomi & Josh Duffin

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Jan 5: Dave & Marilyn McFadden
Jan 12: Karen Dutton & Heather Reid
Jan 19: No Coffee - Tasteful Topics
Jan 26: Marg Ward & Laurie Bannerman

COUNTERS:

Jan 5: Todd & Brenda
Jan 12: Doris & Yvonne
Jan 19: Patricia & Paul
Jan 26: Heather & Maureen

IN THE BOOTH:

Jan 5: Tom, Rick & Marilyn
Jan 12: Tammy, Sue & Lizz
Jan 19: Tammy, Torry & Rose Marie
Jan 26: Colin, Isla & Lizz

IN THE NURSERY:

Jan 5: Laurie & Jane
Jan 12: Leslee & Cathy
Jan 19: Dan & Wanda

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

January 5, 2020 - 10:00 am

2nd Sunday after Christmas



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. John Bannerman

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Silent Prayer *A time to be still and know the presence of God*

Call to Worship

One: Surely God is our salvation,

All: We will trust and not be afraid.

One: The Lord is our strength and our song,

All: The Lord has become our salvation.

One: Arise, shine, for our light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

All: For the Lord will be our everlasting light, and our God will be our glory. Let us worship God!

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Declaration of Pardon:

One: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn?

All: Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

One: Friends, accept the Good News:

All: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

The Peace May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(Children and teachers leave for Sunday school)

★ Praise: *What child is this* 161 (v. 1-3)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture reading: Psalm 72:1-7

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.

Choir Anthem: *Carol of the Brightest Star* by Winnagene Hatch

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12
Matthew 2:1-12

Janet Bruce

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

★ Praise: *We three kings*

173 (v. 1, 2, 5)

Sermon: **Who are They?**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts *Christmas Offering*

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

Holy God, we are truly thankful for all the gifts you give to us. In thankfulness we offer these gifts back to you so that your kingdom may come on earth as it is in heaven, and you will receive all honour, glory, and praise. In Jesus' name we pray...

★ Praise: *Your Name*

(Children and teachers return from Sunday school)

Celebrating with the Children & **The Lord's Prayer**

★ Praise: *Standing at the portal*

811 (v.1-3)

★ Commissioning and Benediction

★ Choral Amen

Musical Postlude

Carol of the Brightest Star by Winnagene Hatch

Out of the East, they travelled far, Followed the light of the brightest star: Three Wise Men came to Bethlehem, Jesus the Christ, to find. This was a journey long and cold, guided by prophecy long foretold. Onward they came, and faltered not, led by the brightest star.

Happy were they the child to see, sleeping upon His mother's knee. Shepherds and angels gathered round, filling the air with joyous sound: Glory to God! Glory to God! Love is the gift that God sent down: Love is the child of Bethlehem town. Follow the brightest star!

Out of the East they travelled far, followed the light of the brightest star, bearing their gifts to Bethlehem: Gifts for the child so fair. Incense, myrrh and precious gold: gifts in the prophecy long foretold. There at His cradle bowing low, Each with a gift so rare.

Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For healing and strength for Carl Suchard, a former member of Chalmers who is receiving care following a diagnosis of leukemia.
- ◆ For healing and strength for Vic Laursen following his hip surgery. May the Lord watch over Vic & Grace.
- ◆ For the Lord to touch Kristine Hardy with God's healing hand as she recovers from recent arm surgery.
- ◆ For peace and strength for Lorna Wilson as she grieves the death of her mother, Jean Elizabeth MacDonnell, who died December 19 at age 101 in Calgary.
- ◆ For God to inspire us to be generous in giving our time, talents and treasure for the ongoing work of the Lord in the world.
- ◆ For God's blessing for Eileen Reid, Linda McPherson, Maureen Gaskin, Roy Young, and Ross Cole.

TASTEFUL TOPICS: Plan on joining us for lunch on Sunday, January 19 immediately following worship, with special guest, Dawn Bannerman speaking to us about S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). A donation of \$10/person is suggested for the meal. Please sign up in the narthex today!

REACHOUT will be starting rehearsals on Wednesday, January 8th at 7:30 pm for our spring presentation. If you like to sing we'd love to sing with you! Reachout is a multi-generational choir - grade 7 and older are all welcome. If you are a returning singer, please look through your music for He Keeps Me Singing, Indescribable, Top Anthems 2, Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone, and Just as I am. Please let Lizz know which you have and which you need.



January 5: Everyday acts of kindness

Recently the Rev. Tim Choi, minister at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry, encountered unexpected grace after a hard day. He and his wife, Hillary, were busy preparing for an evening event. Tim was planning the music and Hillary was setting up for the meal when Wendy and her family came through the door. Wendy had a feeling that their help might be needed! Suddenly everything was different, with extra hands to make the work lighter. Wendy and her daughters made bannock to share, and Wendy offered to come and volunteer every week. Sometimes we ignore the small ways that God cares for us. The community at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry is learning together how to see God's grace in everyday acts of kindness.

Presbyterians Sharing supports community ministries

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

January 5

They saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:11

THANK YOU: We wish to say our very sincere thanks to everyone for their prayers, thoughts, and kindness during Jack's illness and passing. We truly appreciate the support shown by our Chalmers friends. ~ *Anne Webster and family*

Did you know that Mission Committee collects **CANADIAN TIRE MONEY?** It's used to buy much needed sleeping bags for Men's Mission. Look for the box in the Narthex to donate!"

LIBRARY NEWS

Private Justice – by Terri Blackstock

Newpointe 911 – Book 1

A dark shadow of fear has fallen over Newpointe, Louisiana. First one, then another of the town firemen's wives has been murdered, a third has barely escaped an attempt on her life. Incredible as it seems, a serial killer is stalking this sleepy little southern community. And Mark Branning's wife may be next on the list. Mark is determined to protect her. But keeping Allie alive won't be easy -- not with their own marriage already dying a bitter death. Unless they renew their commitment to each other and to God, someone else may settle their problems . . . Permanently. And time to decide is running out.

Terri Blackstock writes a very good, exciting murder mystery And this series is no exception.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

If you need a replacement **NAME TAG**, or if you do not have a name tag, please sign your name on the list on the name tag table and we will make sure you have one.

Have you considered signing up for **PAR (PRE AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE)?**

It's easy to do, makes consistent offerings simple and can be stopped or adjusted easily. Offering is withdrawn directly from your bank account monthly. Forms are available in the narthex, or speak to Wendy in the office.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS: What goes up, must come down... Looking for all willing and able persons to help out on Saturday, January 11, 2020 from about 9am to ??? to take down the Christmas decorations inside and outside the church. Pat MacKay would be very appreciative of your help! There may even be refreshments... Thanks in advance.

Tasteful Topics

Sunday, January 19, 11:30 am

(following morning worship)

Join us for lunch and a guest speaker!

Suggested lunch donation: \$10/person

FEATURING:

Dawn Bannerman

to speak to us about

STEM

(Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics)

What is STEM and why should we care about it?

Perspectives of a biomedical engineering PhD candidate

