

WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude A time to be still and know the presence of God

Silent Prayer

Call to Worship

One: Arise! Shine!

All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

One: Arise! Shine!

All: God's light pierces the darkness.

One: Arise! Shine!

All: God's light is revealed for the way ahead in this new year.

One: Arise! Shine!

All: For the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

God of mercy and loving-kindness, you sent Christ among us as a gift to be the light of the world and to reveal your love to all people. We confess that our sins and pride hide the brightness of your light. We waste our gifts, we ignore cries for justice, and we do not strive for peace. In your mercy, cleanse us and make us new. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

★ Praise: The first nowell

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WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture readings: Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

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: May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

All: May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

One: For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.

**All: He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.**

One: From oppression and violence he redeems their life;

All: and precious is their blood in his sight.

Choir Anthem: Will You Come and See the Light arr. by Brian Wren

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

Maureen Bruff

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

★ Praise: You are the light

Sermon: **Rise and Shine**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection Songs of thankfulness and praise 176 (1&5)

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts As with gladness men of old 172 (1-3)

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

★ Praise: Offering

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

★ Praise: We three kings 173

★ Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Musical Postlude

★ *This symbol is used to invite people to stand. All songs and responses will be projected on the screens.*

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.

Please note that some fellow worshippers are sensitive to perfumes. We ask that you consider keeping Chalmers scent-free. Thank you.

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.

AT A GLANCE: January 6 - 13

SUNDAY Worship & Sunday School - 10am
Library Open – 11:15am
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15am

TUESDAY Pastoral Care - 9:30am
Care & Share - 1pm
Seniors' Fitness - 1pm
Policy & Planning Committee - 7pm

WEDNESDAY Session Executive - 12pm
Knitting Circle - 1:30pm
Mission Committee - 6:30pm
Reachout Rehearsal - 7:30pm

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

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

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Library Open – 11:15am
Coffee Fellowship - 11:15am
Stephen Ministry - 7pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 9-12
Friday: 12-4

UPCOMING DATES:

Jan 18: Movie Night
Jan 20: Tasteful Topics
Jan 25: Volleyball

TODAY'S HOSTS:

Gail McHardy-Leitch & Don Leitch
Karen Dutton & Maureen Bruff
Keith Spooner & Amy Kemp

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Tammy & Jay McRonald
Lorna Wilson & Bill George
Chris & Kristine Hardy

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Jan 6: Helen Innes & Sue Garner
Jan 13: Karen Dutton & Heather Reid
Jan 20: Tasteful Topics
Jan 27: Gail McHardy-Leitch & Don Leitch

Choir Anthem: Will You Come and See the Light, arr. by Brian Wren

Will you come and see the light from the stable door? It is shining newly bright, though it shone before. It will be your guiding star, it will show you who you are, will you hide, or decide to meet the light? Will you step into the light that can free the slave? It will stand for what is right, it will heal and save. By the pyramids of greed there's a longing to be freed, will you hide, or decide to meet the light? Will you tell about the light in the prison cell? Though it's shackled out of sight, it is shining well. When the truth is cut and bruised, and the innocent abused, will you hide, or decide to meet the light? Will you join the hope, alight in the young girl's eyes, of the mighty put to flight by a baby's cries? When the lowest and the least are the foremost at the feast, will you hide, or decide to meet the light? Will you travel by the light of the babe new born? In the candle lit at night there's a gleam of dawn, and the darkness all about is too dim to put it out: will you hide, or decide to meet the light?

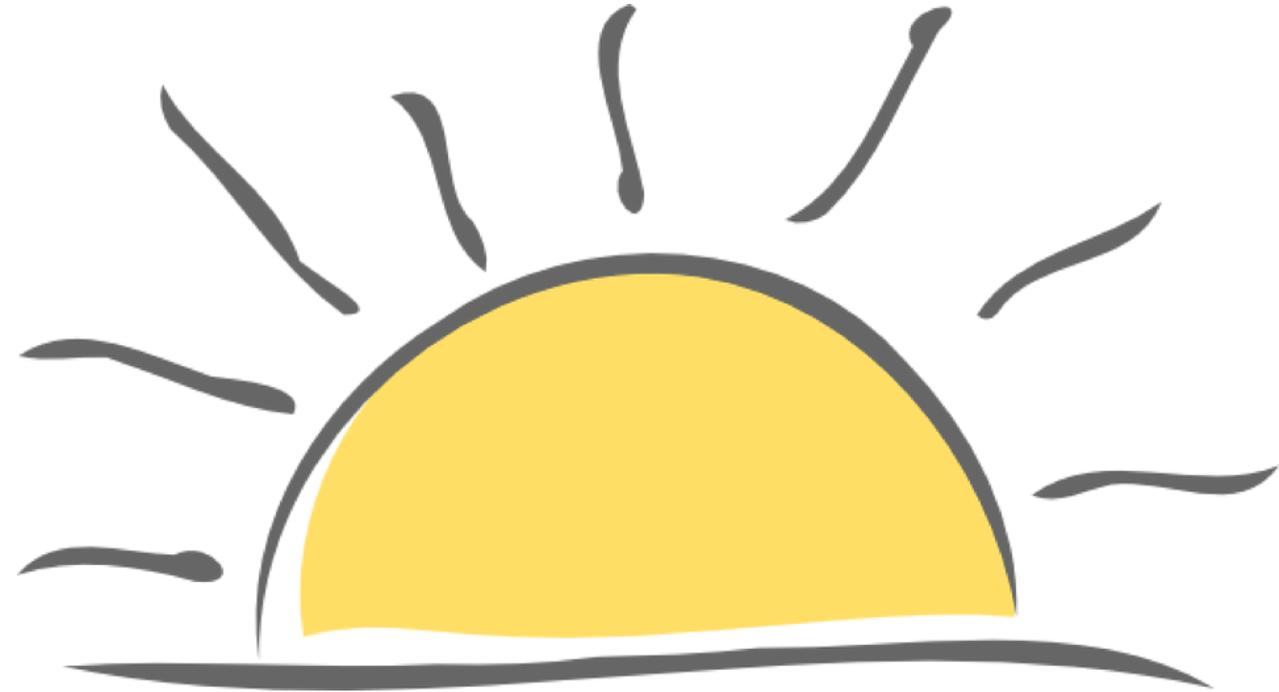


Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Epiphany

January 6th, 2019—10:00 am



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers
Tom Hunter
Beth Hickey
Lizz Thibodeau
Brad Dobbie
Rev. John Bannerman

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Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For comfort and peace for Marg Middaugh as she struggles with her vision.
- ◆ For our new Elders: Doug Bruce, Yvonne Daniel, Joanne Dickert, Chris Hardy, Mary MacDonald, Patricia Matesic, and Mark Ranson.
- ◆ For God's strength and guidance to surround Jules, Odette, and their children Bénie, Rachel, Didine, Magali, Naomi, Isaac, and Plamedi as they settle into life in Canada.
- ◆ For God's healing to surround Jack Webster who is now home.
- ◆ For God's peace and hope for Linda Bone as she deals with her cancer diagnosis.
- ◆ For healing and strength for Wendy Lefler who is recovering at home.
- ◆ For God's blessing for Daisy Herbert, Eileen Reid, Linda McPherson, Maureen Gaskin, and Ross Cole.

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An invitation is extended to anyone who would like to assist with taking down Christmas tree / decorations this morning after coffee hour. Please meet in the sanctuary after 11:45 to be part of the undecorating team. It is a fun time - you will not be disappointed. Thanks in advance - Pat MacKay on behalf of the Worship Committee.  
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SAVE THE DATE! Saturday January 12th, 2019
1pm – 4:30pm **Where?** Westmount Presbyterian Church, corner of Village Green and Wonderland Roads, London.

DISCUSSION ON THE STUDY PAPER "ON THE QUESTION OF UNITY AND DIVERSITY"
Who can come? All ministers and representative elders are encouraged to attend this important meeting. Congregations are also asked to extend an invitation to other elders and lay leaders within your church. It is our hope that every congregation will have at least 2 elders present for this discussion. Please RSVP to Rev. Mavis Currie at m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca or 519-631-2414 by Thursday January 10th, 2019.

The paper being discussed is available through the office. Please read it in preparation for this event.



January 6: Every gift matters
Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* reflect the joint efforts and witness of Presbyterians across Canada who live out the gospel message in all aspects of life. Together, we put our faith into action by equipping congregations, ministries and presbyteries; engaging in evangelism, outreach and discipleship; embracing local, national and international mission work; living out God's call to justice; empowering youth; engaging in healing and reconciliation; creating new faith communities and supporting congregations – and so much more! Dr. Nick Bauman, who spent the past 2 years serving as PCC mission staff in Nepal, shares, "Our lives are not our own, but are gifts, and we are entrusted by God to be stewards of these gifts." Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are making a difference, thanks to the generosity of Presbyterians across Canada. Every gift matters! *Presbyterians Sharing is making a difference*
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**SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP**  
Gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder. G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936), writer, lay theologian  
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Profit from the cheese fundraiser was \$176. Many thanks to all who ordered cheese, cookie dough, mini pizzas and meat pies. Your generous support of the General Fund was much appreciated. Happy New Year from Pat MacKay.
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**PAR**  
Have you been considering signing up for PAR? Do you have questions? Do you keep forgetting? Chalmers' Office Administrator, Lizz Thibodeau, will be available in the lower hall after worship to answer questions and help you get signed up. Or send an email to [lthibodeau@bellnet.ca](mailto:lthibodeau@bellnet.ca)



Invite a friend!  
Mini-posters are available on the Welcome table in the narthex.

## LIBRARY NEWS

We have 2 donated books to add to our New Book shelf:  
Fiction - **Threads of Suspicion** - by Dee Henderson. This is an Evie Blackwell Cold Case  
Inspirational - **More Stories for the Heart** - by Alice Gray  
Also, I am looking for one more person to help with the library on Sunday mornings. You would be needed one Sunday a month on a regular basis. If you are interested in the worthwhile job - please talk to me and I can give you more details of what is expected of our Library Helpers.  
Christine Hunter, Librarian

## TASTEFUL TOPICS

SUN., JAN. 20TH - 11:15AM  
PAN MEDICAL MISSION TO EL SALVADOR  
\$10



## VOLLEYBALL

Friday, January 25th, 7-8:30pm  
Supreme Courts (11 Buchanan Ct.)  
\$5 for adults, \$2 for young people



## TEAM CHALMERS