

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.

This Week at a Glance: JANUARY 14—21

SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am
TUESDAY	Session Meeting	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Reachout Rehearsal	12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
FRIDAY	Senior Satellite Exercise Programs Resumes	9:00 am
SUNDAY JANUARY 21	In-Person & Livestream Worship Soup'er Sunday Luncheon Stephen Ministry Meeting (Zoom)	10:00 am 11:15 am 7:00 pm

NEW Office Hours: The church office is closed Mondays, **and open Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 am –2:30 pm.** Call 519-681-7242 or email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca with any questions or admin needs.

Volunteers:

	JANUARY 14	JANUARY 21
HOSTS	Keith Johnston Phyllis Johnston	Yvonne Daniel Marg Ward Ann Hunter
AUDIO VISUALS	Torry Thibodeau Islay Thibodeau Lizz Thibodeau	Josiah Duffin Rose Marie Finlay Richard Cote
FELLOWSHIP	Gord & Mary Vair	Soup'er Sunday
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Linda Adamson Judy Steward	Sarah Thompson Marilyn McFadden

CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Worship Celebration

January 7, 2024

1st Sunday after Epiphany



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers
Lizz Thibodeau
Beth Hickey
Wendy Sibley
Brad Dobbie
Rev. Andrew Thompson

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WE APPROACH GOD

Instrumental Prelude

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Bob Finlay

Call to Worship

One: Before we were born, God knew us.

All: God knit us together in the womb.

One: God searches out our paths, and tracks us along our way.

All: So we praise God, because we are fearfully and wonderfully made.

One: There is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

All: How wonderful are all God's works! Let us worship God together.

Hymn of Praise: *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

Prayers of Adoration & Confession & **The Lord's Prayer**

Assurance of Pardon

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

All: And also with you.

Choir Anthem: *Gentle Voice* by Susan Naus Dengler and Lee Dengler

Celebrating with the Children

Hymn of Praise: *Lord, the light of your love is shining* 376

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

One: O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.

All: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

One: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

All: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

One: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**All: I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works;
that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.**

**In your book were written all the days that were formed for me,
when none of them as yet existed.**

One: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!

All: I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

Scripture Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10
John 1:43-51

Linda Adamson

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Message: **Call in the Night**

Hymn of Praise: *Lord, speak to me*

767 (vv. 1,3,4 & 5)

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *Lord, listen to your children praying* 449 (2x)

Offering Prayer, Prayers of the People

Hymn of Praise: *I heard the voice of Jesus say* 671

Benediction

Choral Amen

Instrumental Postlude

CHOIR ANTHEM: **GENTLE VOICE**, by Susan Naus Dengler & Lee Dengler

Far above the noise of life, there's a voice that is gently calling.
"Leave behind your cares and strife. Come to me, I will give you rest.
Bring your fear, and bring your pain. Bring your anger, and bring your worry."
Do you hear the voice of Jesus gently calling, "Come unto me."

Gentle voice, so meek and mild, gentle words of understanding.
"You are my beloved child. Come to me, I will give you rest.
Bring your grief, and bring your cares. Bring you heartaches, and bring your sorrow."
Do you hear the voice of Jesus gently calling, "Come unto me"?

Gentle voice so full of love, gentle words so rich in mercy.
"You are my beloved child. Come to me. I will give you rest."

Please Pray

- ◆ For God's continued healing for **Barry M** who was released from Parkwood this week.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Janet B**, as she recovers from shoulder surgery.
- ◆ For God's comfort for **Beverley E** as she continues to receive care in hospital.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Jim G**, who is suffering from Long Covid, receiving care at Parkwood.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Charles M**, who is dealing with many health concerns; pray also for strength for Cathy as she cares for him.
- ◆ Continued prayers for God's comfort for the family of **Janice and Ed Carrier** who both passed away the week before Christmas.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Holly W**.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers **Helen L, Leny J, Jackie H, Laura M, Betty S, Bill C**.



A **Teen Challenge Ministry Team** will be joining us NEXT Sunday, January 21, 2024 in our 10 am service. Plan on joining us for this dramatic presentation of stories and testimonies of finding freedom from addiction!

Mission Moment

January 14: Sohdi became the sole provider for her family when her husband died a decade ago. A farmer in Pakistan, she plants various crops, but droughts and floods have disrupted food production for three years. In 2021, Sohdi received aid through the Humanitarian, Early Recovery and Development project, supported by PWS&D, which provided food aid to households in need. This assistance enabled her family to eat properly even during times of failed harvests. The project also provided support for women artisans to improve their skills and market their goods, making them more resilient for the future. Sohdi is grateful for this support that allowed her to stay out of debt. Now, she dreams of her son's wedding as well as sending her other children to school.

Stewardship Moment

Faith itself grows when we give generously and sacrificially. *Unknown*

Soup'er Sunday

Following the Teen Challenge presentation on **Sunday, January 21, 2024** we will have a Soup'er Sunday luncheon with our guests. Please sign up in the narthex today, letting us know how many in your family will attend whether you are able to bring soup, and what kind you'll bring. Thanks!

Hat/Mitten/Scarf Donations

We will continue to receive donations of hats, mits, gloves, scarves until **Sunday, January 21!** The ladies of the Knitting Circle are thankful for your generosity. All donations will be passed on to a worthy cause!

From the Library...

The Pelican Harbor Series – by Colleen Coble

#2 Two Reasons to Run

This book starts with Jane Hardy, Chief of Police for Pelican Harbor, discovering that her son did not die in that Commune 15 years ago. She meets up with him and his father and immediately falls in love with her 15 year old son. She struggles with the fact that her father had lied to get her out of the Commune, but her father and her son are soon enjoying each other's company.

There is an oil platform just off the coast of Pelican Harbor, and Keith McDonald, one of the workmen on board this rig, sends a scary message to Jane Hardy telling her of a plan to cause an explosion on the rig. This would be bad news in so many different ways, but then Keith disappears and Jane has to try and find out what exactly is going on. Where is Keith and is the rumour of an explosion really true?

Another very exciting read.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

Robert Burns Night

Join us on **Friday, January 26th from 7–9 pm** here in Chalmers lower hall for a celebration including entertainment and readings of Burns poems. There will be finger foods, beverages and of course, the haggis! A freewill offering will be received. All welcome!

Annual Report Submissions

A reminder to all committee chairs that the deadline for Annual Report submissions is **Sunday, January 28**. Your help in meeting this deadline would be greatly appreciated. Thanks to all who have already sent in your reports!!

Care & Share Corner

In 2023 Care and Share volunteers worked tirelessly to serve the needy in our community. Our client base **increased by 55%**, as more and more households cannot feed their families. Your continued support of this vital ministry is greatly appreciated! Financial gifts are always needed, and pantry needs this month are: **baked beans (no pork), and fruit juice**.

Giving at Chalmers

We are so thankful for your generous and faithful support of the work and ministry at Chalmers. Offerings can be giving through the offering plate, e-transfer, Canada Helps or PAR (pre-authorized remittance). Contact the office for more information.

Senior Satellite Programming

Exercise classes resume here Friday, January 19 from 9 am to 12 noon. *A special workshop will be offered focusing on **self-defense on Friday, February 16**. This is a great opportunity to learn some basic self defense. Registration is required - visit the City of London website under Seniors' Recreation opportunities to register and pay for classes in advance. Open to anyone age 55+.

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Bill Campbell	January 14
Debbie Munro	January 14
Rose Marie Finlay	January 14
Betty Sanderson	January 17
Leny Jongepier	January 18
Brian MacKay	January 19
Magali Mabondo	January 21