

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We will be live-streaming the service this week. This can be viewed through our website at 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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: JANUARY 2—9

SUNDAY	Live-stream Worship	10:00 am
TUESDAY	Care & Share this week	
WEDNESDAY	Online Prayer Meeting	8:00 pm
SUNDAY	Live-stream Worship	10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:

Denise will resume regular office hours on Tuesday, January 4th. Our regular church hours are Mon-Thurs, 9:30-4:30pm. Rev. John can be reached by email jbannerman@bellnet.ca or on his cell, 226-919-9180.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

	This Week	Next Week
HOSTS	Live-stream only	Live-stream only
A/V	Andrea Bruce Marilyn McFadden	TBA
Webex	Andrew Thibodeau	

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

January 2, 2022

Epiphany Sunday

Live-stream Worship



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

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Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

All: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

One: Nations shall come to your light

All: and rulers to the brightness of your rising.

Let us worship God.

Praise: *We three kings* (Lyrics on p. 3) 173

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

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

All: And also with you.

Celebrating with the children—Video: The Visit of the Wise Men

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 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.

Scripture Readings: Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise: *As with gladness men of old* (Lyrics on p. 3) (vs 1,3 & 5) 172

Sermon:

Special Praise *The Seven Joys of Mary* Lizz, Torry & Isla Thibodeau

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Offering of our Gifts:

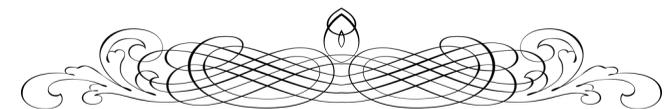
Offering Praise: *In the bleak mid-winter* (Lyrics on p. 3) (vs. 4) 145

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

Praise: *What child is this* (Lyrics on p. 3) 161

Blessing

Musical Postlude



We three kings

John H. Hopkins Jr.

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.

Refrain:

*O star of wonder, star of light,
star of royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light.*

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
over us all to reign.

Refrain

Frankincense to offer have I;
incense owns a deity nigh,
prayer and praising,
voices raising,
worshipping God on high.

Refrain

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
breathes a life of gathering gloom,
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

Glorious now behold him arise,
King and God and sacrifice:
hallelujah, hallelujah,
sounds through the earth and skies.

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As with gladness men of old

William Chatterton Dix, Conrad Kocher, William H. Monk

As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright:
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee, our heavenly King.

In that heavenly country bright
need they no created light:
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down;
there forever may we sing
hallelujahs to our King.

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In the bleak mid-winter

Christina G. Rossetti, Gustav T. Holst

In the bleak mid-winter,
frosty wind made moan;
earth stood hard as iron,
water like a stone;
snow had fallen, snow on snow,
snow on snow,
in the bleak mid-winter,
long ago.

Refrain

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The seven joys of Mary

Traditional

The first good joy that Mary had it was the joy of one
To see her own son Jesus Christ when He was first her son.
When He was first her son, good man,
and blessed may He be,

Refrain

*Oh, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost for all eternity.
Oh, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost for all eternity.*

The next good joy that Mary had it was the joy of two
To see her own son Jesus Christ when He was sent to school.
When He was sent to school, good man,
and blessed may He be.

The next good joy that Mary had it was the joy of three
To see her own son Jesus Christ to make the blind to see.
To make the blind to see, good man,
and blessed may He be.

The next good joy that Mary had it was the joy of four
To see her own son Jesus Christ to read the bible lore.
To read the bible lore, good man,
and blessed may He be.

The next good joy that Mary had it was the joy of five
To see her own son Jesus Christ to bring the dead alive.
To bring the dead alive, good man,
and blessed may He be.

The next good joy that Mary had it was the joy of six
To see her own son Jesus Christ upon the crucifix.
Upon the crucifix, good man,
and blessed may He be.

The next good joy that Mary had it was the joy of seven
To see her own son Jesus Christ to wear the crown of heaven.
To wear the crown of heaven, good man,
and blessed may He be.

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What child is this

William Chatterton Dix, English traditional

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high;
the virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary.

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Please Pray

- ◆ For Bill Campbell and family, and friends of **Evelyn Campbell** as they grieve her passing.
- ◆ For God's comfort and peace for Sherri and Kevin Hartman and their family as they grieve the passing of **Linda Clifford**, Sherri's mother.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Charles McCartney**, who is recovering at home.
- ◆ For God's healing and pain control for **Joyce Yull**.
- ◆ For healing and pain control for **Vic Laursen** who continues to receive care in hospital.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Ken Hall** as he convalesces at home. May the Lord give strength to Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Betty Smedley**, **Linda McPherson**, and **Ross Cole**.
- ◆ For God's protection, peace and grace to surround us as we walk through these trying times due to the COVID-19 virus.

Thank you...

Thank you to Kim Poser for filling in on piano last week and this week as Beth enjoys some vacation time. We are blessed to have Kim share her talents with us.



Mission Moment

In Somalia, Shiindha was worried when her three-year-old son, Abdihakim, became sick and hadn't improved after two months. The treatment he received at a nearby clinic helped to provide short-term relief for his pain but did not help to improve his overall health. One day, a visiting community worker screened Abdihakim for malnutrition and identified that he was moderately malnourished. Abdihakim was admitted to a nutrition program right away and underwent bi-weekly treatment. After a month and a half, Abdihakim made a full recovery and was able to return home to his family. **This therapeutic nutrition project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development in collaboration with Canadian Foodgrains Bank.**

The Work of Christmas by Howard Thurman

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flock,

The work of Christmas begins:

To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among others,
To make music in the heart.

ONLINE DONATIONS: Thank you for your continued, faithful support of Chalmers Presbyterian Church during this time of physical distancing. Offerings may be mailed in to the church, or submitted online through the link found on the home page of our website.

Due to the **Omicron Variant** and the increasing number of people being infected, both in the province and in the city, the Task Force met on December 27th to discuss worship services at Chalmers. This variant is extremely contagious and we feel that in-person worship services are not the best option at this time. The Session of Chalmers' Presbyterian Church met on December 29, 2021 and approved the following change to worship services: That **as of January 2, 2022, in-person worship would cease and worship services would be live-streamed.** This is to be reviewed at the January 18, 2022 Session meeting. We are hopeful that this will be short term, but will be reviewed monthly by Session.

Starting in January the Online Coffee Hour on Zoom will move from weekly to once a month on the fourth Tuesday. Tues., Jan. 25 at 7:30p.m. will be the first new "**Online Connection Hour**". Everyone is welcome to drop in for informal fellowship. Watch for the announcement and the Zoom link each month. After 3 months we'll see which format serves best.



LIBRARY NEWS

The Duet - by Robert Elmer
This is a very interesting, family story. Joan Horton is a piano teacher, and a professor at a prestigious music college in New York. She has a married daughter who is expecting her first baby, so she decides to take a year's sabbatical and temporarily locate to the small town of Van Dalen in Washington, to reacquaint with her daughter and of course get to know her new granddaughter. As she starts to take in pupils in her new home, she meets Gerrit Appeldoorn, an elderly gentleman who definitely has his own view of the world, and loves to share his opinions with anyone who is in earshot. Therein starts an interesting, sometimes fiery friendship between these mismatched two! And Gerrit is a dyed-in-the-wool Dutch Reformer, while Joan belongs to the much freer Church of the Nazarene! I really enjoyed this book with its different views on farming, religion and just about every subject in between. Can they ever find meeting place between two different worlds?

Christine Hunter, Librarian