

## CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

Welcome to worship. Our services are in-person and live-streamed through our website at [chalmerslondon.com](http://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. Today we welcome **Elizabeth MacLeod** to lead worship. Please join us for coffee in the lower hall following worship today.

### This Week at a Glance: JANUARY 8-15

<b>SUNDAY</b> JANUARY 8	Livestream and In-Person Worship Elizabeth MacLeod Stephen Ministry Online Meeting	10:00 am  7:00 pm
<b>MONDAY</b>	Worship Committee Online Meeting The Ukes of London	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Resumes	12:00 pm 1:00 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Senior Choir Policy & Planning Online Meeting	6:30 pm 8:00 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b> JANUARY 15	In-Person and Livestream Worship Rev. Michael Stol	10:00 am

### Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday to Friday, 8:30 am–2:30 pm. Please contact the church office with any needs or concerns (519) 681-7242 or email [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto:chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca). **Rev. Mavis Currie** is Chalmers' Interim Moderator. For emergency Pastoral Care she may be reached at her church office, (519) 631-2414, on her cell (519) 860-1380 or by email, [m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca](mailto:m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca).

### Worship Volunteers:

	THIS SUNDAY	NEXT SUNDAY
<b>HOSTS</b>	Keith Johnston Phyllis Johnston Maureen Bruff	Brian MacKay Pat MacKay Wanda MacKay
<b>AUDIO VISUALS</b>	Torry Thibodeau Josiah Duffin Marilyn McFadden	Tammy McDonald Rise Marie Finlay Richard Cote
<b>Fellowship</b>	Carolyn Walker & Heather Reid	Keith & Phyllis Johnston

**Thank you, Volunteers!**

## Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

January 8, 2023

*Epiphany Sunday*

In-person and Live-stream Worship



### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers  
Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Office Administrator  
Caretaker  
**Interim Moderator**

All the People of Chalmers  
Tom Hunter  
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## WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Open our eyes to see the gift of Emmanuel (God among us)

**All: O Come, Let us Adore Him**

One: Open our hearts wide to receive the Light of the World

**All: O Come, Let us Adore Him**

One: Open our lives to invite all people everywhere to meet Jesus through us.

**All: O Come, Let us Adore Him**

One: In the joy and peace of the season, let us worship our Christ together.

**All: O Come, Let us Adore Him**

**Praise:** *What Star is This* 170 (vv. 1-3)

Prayers of Adoration, Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

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

**All: And also with you.**

Scripture Reading: Psalm 72 (Various verses) Lizz Thibodeau

One: Endow the king with your justice, O God, the royal son with your righteousness.

**ALL: He will judge your people in righteousness, your afflicted ones with justice.**

One: He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations.

**ALL: He will rule from sea to sea and from the river to the ends of the earth.**

One: The kings of Tarshish and of distant shores bring tribute to him. May the kings of Sheba and Seba present him gifts.

**All: All kings will bow down to him and all nations will serve him.**

One: All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.

**All: Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.**

Special Praise: *Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* Bob & Rose Marie Finlay

Celebrating with the Children: Epiphany, what's that?

**Praise:** *'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime*

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## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 Lizz Thibodeau

Matthew 2:1-12

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

Message: *Foreigners in Our Midst*

**Praise:** *We Three Kings* 173 (vv. 1-4)

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission Chris Hardy

Offering of our Gifts

**Offering Praise:** *Christmas Offering*

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

**Praise:** *As with Gladness Men of Old* 172 (vv. 1-3)

Benediction

Musical Postlude

## What star is this

Matthew 2:1-12 paraphrase

What star is this, with beams so bright,  
more lovely than the noonday light?  
'Tis sent to announce a newborn King,  
glad tidings of our God to bring.

'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed,  
"From Jacob shall a star proceed,"  
and lo! The Eastern sages stand  
to read in heaven the Lord's command.

O Jesus, while the star of grace  
impels us on to seek your face,  
let not our slothful hearts refuse  
the guidance of your light to use.

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## Christmas Offering

Paul Baloche

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star  
While angels sang to lowly shepherds  
Three Wiseman seeking truth,  
they traveled from afar  
Hoping to find the child from heaven  
Falling on their knees, they bow before  
the humble Prince of Peace.

Refrain  
*I bring an offering of worship to my King  
No one on Earth deserves the praises that I sing  
Jesus, may you receive  
the honor that you're due  
O Lord, I bring an offering to you. (2x)*

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## 'Twas in the moon of wintertime

Huron, Jean de Brébeuf, Translation: J. Edgar Middleton

'Twas in the moon of wintertime,  
when all the birds had fled,  
that mighty Gitche Manitou  
sent angel choirs instead;  
before their light the stars grew dim  
and wandering hunters heard the hymn:

Refrain: *Jesus your King is born,  
Jesus is born.  
In excelsis gloria.*

Within a lodge of broken bark  
the tender Babe was found;  
a ragged robe of rabbit skin  
enwrapped his beauty found,  
but, as the hunter braves drew nigh,  
the angel song ran loud and high:

Refrain

The earliest moon of wintertime  
is not so round and fair  
as was the ring of glory on  
the helpless infant there.  
The chiefs from far before him knelt,  
with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.

Refrain

O children of the forest free,  
the kin of Manitou,  
the holy child of earth and heaven  
is born today for you.  
Come kneel before the radiant boy,  
who brings you beauty peace and joy.

Refrain

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## 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.

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

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

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### CHOIR ANTHEM: **Carol of the Brightest Star**, 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.

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. Christ is the Lord! Worship the Lord! Follow the brightest star!

## As With Gladness Men of Old

William Chatterton, Conrad Kocher

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  
ever more be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,  
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before thee,  
whom heaven and earth adore,  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek thy mercy seat.

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.

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## Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing Spirit to strengthen and encourage **Leny Jongepier**.
- ◆ For God's comfort and peace for **Leny Jongepier** and **Carolyn Walker** and family with the sudden passing of Leny's son and Carolyn's brother, Andre, on December 24.
- ◆ We pray for comfort and healing for **Betty Cross** as she recovers at home.
- ◆ For healing for **Helen LeTissier** who is recovering back at Glendale Crossing.
- ◆ For **Jackie Harrett** who is adjusting to life in Dearness Home.
- ◆ For God's peace and encouragement for **Beverly Ertl**.
- ◆ For God's comfort and healing for **Laura McInnis**, who has been receiving treatment in University Hospital.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Anita Powell** as she recovers from knee surgery.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Betty Smedley**.
- ◆ For God's wisdom and guidance for Chalmers' **Pastoral Search Committee** as they continue the process of bringing a new Minister to Chalmers.
- ◆ For **healthcare workers** who are under enormous pressure with respiratory illness on the rise.

**Thank you!** Dear Friends, thank you so very much for your thoughts and prayers as I recover from my knee replacement surgery. It was so lovely to know that you are all there to support me as I navigate the recovery process. Knowing that I have a community of support truly is appreciated.

With kindness, Anita Powell



### January 8:

Adau Maduok Dut lives in South Sudan with her four children. Struggling to make ends meet after her husband left the family, **Adau's life improved after receiving assistance through a project, supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, that provides food packages to struggling families in South Sudan.** "I knew immediately that my children would not have to suffer again since we had food and were equipped with the seeds and tools to start a fresh life," Adau said.

### Speaking of Stewardship

On entering the house, 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*

### Request from the Worship Committee

We are requesting your cooperation in filling up the **front pews**. When our services are live streamed, it appears there are very few people in attendance. Thank you for your cooperation.



**Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.**

**John 13:34b**

### From the Library...

#### **The Road Home** by Beverly Lewis

Lena Rose is eighteen years old and the oldest of 10 children in the Schwartz family. They are a happy family, and Lena Rose has been a constant care-giver to her youngest brother Chris, who is 5 years old and just ready to start school. Since their parents are off on a mission/holiday Lena sets out to take Chris to school for his first day. At home she is starting to prepare for the dinner, and get some housework done when there is a knock at the door. There stand two policemen with the terrible news that there has been an accident and both her parents have been killed. Lena is absolutely devastated, and just doesn't know what to do, where to go or who to talk to. Since they are an Amish family and pastor comes to talk to her and suggests that the family will need to be split up, since no-one has the room to take in 10 children.

Chris gets settled with his grandparents and the rest of the family are taken in by various members of the church family. But it is suggested that Lena Rose should go and stay with her father's cousin, and his wife – who are happy to have her. BUT – they live a long way from Lena's home .... and her family. What to do, what to do!

A touching, interesting story that I thoroughly enjoyed.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

### Knitting Circle

Knitting Circle resumes this Wednesday, January 11, and will meet weekly from 1:00—2:30 pm in the choir room. If you like to knit or crochet, new members are always welcome!

### Care & Share Needs

We are well stocked for egg cartons for the time being, but can always use more plastic bags. As far as food goes, canned vegetables and brown beans are always welcome. Thank you for your faithful support of Care & Share.

### Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

<b>Amy Kemp</b>	January 9
<b>Andrew Thibodeau</b>	January 13
<b>Debbie Munro</b>	January 14
<b>Rose Marie Finlay</b>	January 14

### OPAL (Oakridge Presbyterian Activities & Laughter)

invites all adults ages 20+ to join them the last Saturday of every month for a variety of fun events. January 28 will be Glow Golf at Fleeway followed by dinner at the Pizza Projekt. All welcome! RSVP to

[presbyteriansocial@gmail.com](mailto:presbyteriansocial@gmail.com).

### Chalmers COVID Protocols

- 1) Please **do not enter** the Chalmers building if you have symptoms of COVID-19. If you test positive, please do not return to the church until you have tested negative.
- 2) Masks are **recommended** in the building.
- 3) Physical distancing of 2 m maintained in the building at all times.  
**Please respect the comfort level of others with respect to masking and physical distancing.**
- 4) Food & beverages are permitted if numbers are kept to a minimum, and groups use their own disposable supplies.