

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.

In consideration of our members and visitors with sensitivities to scent, please consider keeping Chalmers Church 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: NOVEMBER 24-DECEMBER 1

SUNDAY	Worship & Communion, 10 am Library Open - 11:15 am
MONDAY	Study & Discussion Group - 7 pm Ukes of London - 7 pm
TUESDAY	Care & Share - 1 pm Seniors' Fitness - 1 pm
WEDNESDAY	Knitting Circle - 1:30 pm Reachout Choir - 7:30 pm
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal - 6:30 pm Praise Team - 8 pm
FRIDAY	Seniors' Satellite - 9 am Seniors' Euchre - 1 pm Volleyball @ Supreme Courts - 7 pm
SATURDAY	Celebrating Advent Event - 4-6 pm Christmas Advent Potluck - 6 pm
SUNDAY	Worship & Sunday School - 10 am Library Open - 11:15 am Coffee Fellowship - 11:15 am

OFFICE HOURS:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- * Outdoor Tree Lighting & Carols - Dec 7, 6:30 pm
- * Reachout Christmas Cantata - Dec 15, 10am
- * Community Carol Fest - Dec 15, 2:30 pm
- * Christmas Eve Worship - Dec 24, 7 pm
& Candlelight Communion Service - 10pm

TODAY'S HOSTS:

Andrea Bruce & Shirley Hall
Ann Hunter & Helen Innes
Barb Jessop & Amy Kemp

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Pat MacKay & Wanda MacKay
Abbey Poser & Anita Powell
Linda Powers & Jeff Putt

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Nov 24: Keith & Phyllis Johnston
Dec 1: Jane Vannus & Bev Cameron
Dec 8: Holly Williams & Sue Garner
Dec 15: Sherri & Kevin Hartman

COUNTERS:

Nov 24: Patricia & Paul
Dec 1: Todd & Brenda
Dec 8: Brian & Pat
Dec 15: Doris & Yvonne

IN THE BOOTH:

Nov 24: Tammy, Torry & Sue
Dec 1: Tom, Marilyn & Rick
Dec 8: Tom, Sue & Rose Marie
Dec 15: Colin, Sue & Rick

IN THE NURSERY:

Nov 24: Wanda & Heather
Dec 1: Dan & Patricia
Dec 8: Jane & Cathy
Dec 15: Jackie & Wanda

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

November 24, 2019 - 10:00 am

Holy Communion



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: Say among the nations, The Lord is king.

All: Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

One: For the Lord is coming to judge the earth.

All: God will judge the world with righteousness and the people with God's truth.

One: Come let us worship God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

★ Processional Praise: *Rejoice, The Lord is King* 267 (1, 2 & 5)

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Declaration of Pardon

★ Praise: *You are my King*

(Children & teachers leave for Sunday school)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture reading: Psalm 46:1-11

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

One: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

All: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

One: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter, God's voice resounds, the earth melts.

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

One: Come, behold the works of the Lord, see what desolations God has brought on the earth.

All: The Lord makes wars cease to the end of the earth; breaks the bow, shatters the spear; burns the shields with fire.

One: Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.

All: The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Choir Anthem: *We Are the Church* by Lee Dengler

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Shirley Hall

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

★ Praise: *The Son of God proclaim* 558

Sermon: **Jesus Reigns!**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection *King of Kings* *(English/French/English)* 266

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts *When we are living* 630 (2 & 4)

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

Mighty and merciful God, we celebrate your goodness to us each and every day. We offer our gifts to you in gratitude for what we already enjoy. Bless us so that your goodness will be spread to touch other lives in the name of Jesus Christ, our friend and saviour....

★ Praise: *You are holy, you are whole* 828

(Children & teachers return from Sunday school)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Profession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed 539

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving and **The Lord's Prayer** 564

Breaking the Bread *(please hold the communion elements until all have been served that we may eat and drink together)*

The Communion

Prayer after Communion

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

★ Praise: *Crown Him with many crowns* 274 (1, 3, & 5)

★ Commissioning and Benediction

Musical Postlude

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

We Are the Church - Lee Dengler

We are the church, a fellowship divine. In one accord we share the bread & wine! We are the church, ordained by God above; saved by His grace, united by His love! We are the church.

We are the church, of Christ the crucified. We bear good news, for all the world he died! We are the church, with purpose sure and true, to serve the Lord in all we say and do! We are the church, we are the church.

We are the church, we labour not alone. He stands with us, our Christ the cornerstone. We are the church, we strive to do God's will. Through joy or strife, He's ever with us, He's ever with us still.

We are the church, inspired by saints of old. They gave their all to see Christ's church unfold. Through sacrifice, they laboured not in vain, bearing His cross, their loss was turned to gain.

We are the church whatever may befall. His cross leads on, a beacon to us all! We are the church, by faith we live and love, until we reach His glorious church above, His church above! We are the church!

Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For healing and strength for Jack Webster - Jack is residing at Meadow Park Residence in long term care.
- ◆ For healing and strength for Carl Suchard, a former member of Chalmers who is receiving care following a diagnosis of leukemia.
- ◆ For peace and comfort for the family & friends of June MacIntosh, a former member of Chalmers Church, who passed away Nov 9.
- ◆ 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.

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**VOLLEYBALL:** Youth and young adults are invited to join us for some recreational volleyball on Friday, November 29, 7 pm at Supreme Courts, 11 Buchanan Ct., London. A small fee will be collected to cover court rental.

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CHRISTMAS TREE STORY EVENT: Saturday, **November 30** from 4:00 - 6:00 pm. For all ages to remember what the Advent Season is all about and to learn the meaning of the Christmas Tree and how it relates to the Christmas story. Sign up today in the narthex.

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**CHRISTMAS ADVENT POTLUCK DINNER:** Come join us for the annual Christmas Advent Potluck Dinner! **Saturday, November 30** at 6pm in the Lower Church Hall. Bring your favourite main dish, salad or dessert to share as we gather to celebrate the Christmas season together. Coffee/tea/juice provided. Sign up in the narthex or online.

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OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING: Join us Saturday, December 7 at 6:30 pm for an outdoor Christmas tree lighting and carol sing, followed by refreshments in the lower hall. Be sure to invite friends & family to join us in this festive event! All welcome.



November 24: Making connections and finding community - For many years, Erskine Presbyterian Church in Hamilton, Ont., has been a congregation that deeply loves both Jesus and their neighbourhood, a church where the gospel is preached in word and action each week. Now Erskine has a vision to become a beacon for health and wholeness in the community—a “Neighborhood Wellness Hub” where individuals and families can connect with services and groups that will lead them to greater wellness. Already partnerships are forming—with youth shelters, food banks, government agencies and other local churches—that will enable Erskine to offer new services to neighbours and to foster connection, community and well-being.

Presbyterians Sharing is bringing people together.

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP November 24

What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains and is immortal.

Albert Pike (1809-1891), attorney, soldier, writer

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**2020 CALENDARS** just a few left, for only \$5! Pick yours up today in the Lower Hall following worship or contact the church office.

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CHRISTMAS EVE HOSTS: We are in need of six people to host for the 7pm Christmas Eve Service. If you will be attending and would be willing to host, please contact the church office. Thank you.

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**PIES, PIES, PIES!** There are still ground beef pies available. These can be purchased downstairs during fellowship time today.

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COMMUNITY CAROL FEST: Join us Sunday, December 15 at 2:30 pm. Enjoy singing Christmas carols and share in a time of fellowship with refreshments. All welcome!

LIBRARY NEWS

Christmas Reading

Parents / Grandparents – there are lots of Christmas Reading books on the Children’s reading table. Reading one or two of these books for your little one can bring the real meaning of Christmas into their lives and into their hearts. Please take the time this Advent to read to little ones in your family!

The Christmas books are now on the Christmas Shelf (good place, huh)? Check out the books available and start getting into the mood for a great Christmas. I’m sure there is something there to suit every taste!

Fiction:

Catching Christmas – Terri Blackstock
White Christmas Pie – Wanda E. Brunstetter
All I Have to Give – Melody Carlson
Christmas at Harrington’s – Melody Carlson
The Christmas Blessing – Melody Carlson
The Gift of Christmas Present – Melody Carlson
The Christmas Candle – Max Lucado
The Christmas Child – Max Lucado
Forever Christmas – Christine Lynxwiler

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**SALVATION ARMY KETTLE DRIVE:** For over 30 years Chalmers Church has committed to all the volunteer hours for the White Oaks Mall Salvation Army kettle near Tim Hortons. The Salvation Army kettles support the same mission that we have with our church: Sharing the love of Christ by being an example of service to others. Our kettle consistently raises over \$10,000 annually! The campaign runs **Friday, November 22 to December 23**, no Sundays. **Noon to 8pm.** Sign up sheets in the Narthex. Questions? Speak to Andrew Thibodeau.

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THE CHEESE MOUSE / COOKIE DOUGH GREMLIN is back! Pat MacKay has brochures on the table in the Narthex - look for the wooden mouse. Gift packs of cheese as well as individual pieces along with containers of cookie dough will be available for ordering (cheques payable to Chalmers Presbyterian Church— payment with order please) up until Dec 4 with delivery on Dec 15. Many thanks - proceeds to the General Fund.

REACHOUT'S CHRISTMAS PRESENTATION season is almost upon us! We have been practicing hard and working on memorizing our words and parts. We are looking forward to sharing the Christmas message on the following dates: **Fri, Nov 29**, 6:30pm @ Mount Hope
Sun, Dec 1, 10:30am @ Mount Zion, Ridgetown
Wed, Dec 4, 7pm @ Ashwood Manor, Lambeth
Sun, Dec 8, 10:30am @ St. Andrew's Church, Tillsonburg
Sun, Dec 15, 10am @ Chalmers Church
Wed, Dec 18, 7pm @ Arbor Trace

POWER OF HOPE CAMPAIGN UPDATE:

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Chalmers continues to support the “Power of Hope” organization this Advent season. Check out the Christmas tree display in the Narthex (lobby) – including the pamphlets we are using as decorations! Help share the joy of the small “creatures” under the tree as they await much needed items. Girls and boys pajamas sized 6 – 16, children’s underwear and socks. Small child-size blankets are also welcome. Your contributions may be placed under the tree, or in the decorated box next to the tree. Join us this season as we support this organization that helps children in times of great stress.

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CELEBRATE THE SEASON with a Christmas Lunch at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre, **Monday to Friday at 12:30** from **December 2 - 13**. We welcome individuals, families, church groups and staff parties for a sumptuous buffet in our 1874 schoolhouse. \$20 per person. RSVP at programs@crieffhills.com or 1-800-884-1525. Stay afterward for a guided walking tour and learn more about our historic property located just south of Guelph.

URGENT REFUGEE HOUSING NEEDED:

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The London Presbytery Refugee Committee is looking for temporary or long-term housing for our most recent refugee, starting Dec 1. Hiwot arrived in Canada in the summer of 2018. She speaks Tigrinya and is attending school to learn English. Hiwot is in need of affordable housing (\$400/month or less). If you know of accommodations please contact Amy Kemp at [amyck88@gmail.com](mailto:amyck88@gmail.com).