

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us for **livestream** worship this Sunday. The service will be available through our website at chalmerslondon.com. The live stream video link is found on the home page. We encourage you to let us know you have joined us by filling in the short response form.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: NOVEMBER 29—DECEMBER 6

SUNDAY	Livestream Worship—Advent I	10:00 am
	Stephen Ministry Online Supervision	7:00 pm
MONDAY	Online Bible Study	7:00 pm
TUESDAY	Pastoral Care Team Online Meeting	9:30 am
	Care & Share	12:30 pm
	Session Executive Online Meeting	2:00 pm
	CE & Faith Development Online Meeting	6:45 pm
WEDNESDAY	Virtual Sunday School	7:00 pm
	Mission Committee Online Meeting	7:00 pm
	Online Prayer Meeting	7:30 pm
THURSDAY	Virtual Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
SUNDAY	Livestream Worship—Advent II	10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:

The church and church office remain closed to visitors. Wendy is in the office Monday 12-3 pm, and Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9am—12 pm. Please email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca with any questions or needs. Rev. John can be reached at his home phone (519) 681-9876 or cell phone (226) 919-9180. Regular updates will be posted on the home page of our website, www.chalmerslondon.com. You may also find up to date information on the **Chalmers Presbyterian Church Ministries Group** Facebook page.

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Worship Celebration

November 29, 2020

ADVENT I

(Livestream Worship)



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

PWS & D Liturgy—Advent I

One: In this season of Advent, we celebrate God's peace.

All: Jesus Christ, born the Prince of Peace, calls our community to justice and leads us in the way of peace.

One: We call one another to honesty and humility and respond to each other with abundant grace and forgiveness.

All: Our community values relationships. We live in harmony with one another even when we disagree, and strive to glorify God in everything we do.

One: Our community longs for unity. We work together with other churches and organizations, and live out God's reconciling love for all the world to see.

All: Together we are a sign of God's peace in the world.

One: Let us pray:

All: God of all people and all nations, you break through the cynicism of our world and lead us like a gentle shepherd. Open our eyes to see the signs of your coming Kingdom and inspire us to participate in all you are doing, in Jesus' name. Amen

Praise: *Hope is a Star*

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Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Psalm 180:1-7

One: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you, who lead Joseph like a flock!

All: You, who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us!

One: Restore us, O God;

All: let your face shine, that we may be saved.

One: O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?

All: You have fed them with the bread of tears, and given them tears to drink in full measure. You make us the scorn of our neighbours; our enemies laugh among themselves.

One: Restore us, O God of hosts;

All: let your face shine, that we may be saved.

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Luke 1:67-80

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise: *Those who wait on the Lord*

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Sermon: ***Waiting in Hope***

Special Praise: O come, o come Emmanuel by J.M. Neale

Wendy Sibley

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer

Offering Praise: *I do give*

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

Praise: *All earth is waiting*

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The Blessing

Musical Postlude



Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God's healing for **Jo-Ann Marshall** as she recovers at home from leg surgery. May God give her strength and peace during her time of convalescence.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Ken Hall** as he recovers at home after enduring a fall late last year. May the Lord give strength to Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Jim Gill** who is recovering following surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Liz Gough** and **Evelyn Campbell** as they both recover from recent falls.
- ◆ For God's protection, peace and grace to surround us as we walk through these trying times due to the COVID-19 virus.
- ◆ 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 **Betty Smedley**, **Linda McPherson**, and **Ross Cole**.

CHALMERS VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING: Join us for a weekly online prayer meeting. We will meet on Webex, every Wednesday evening at 8 pm for about an hour. Visit our website, or check your email for login instructions or contact Wendy at 519-681-7242. All Welcome!

CHALMERS SUNDAY SCHOOL Join us online every Wednesday night from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. Chalmers Sunday School is offering online programming in place of classes on Sunday morning. For login information please email the church.



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Responding to COVID-19 Globally

As COVID-19 continues to affect people and communities around the world, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) is responding to some of those most impacted. After initially supporting lifesaving and urgent care projects, PWS&D is now helping provide long-term COVID-19 relief through Canadian Foodgrains Bank and ACT Alliance. Given the enormous risk of food insecurity, food aid is being provided. PWS&D is also helping ensure families have access to clean water and sanitation, and that COVID-19 prevention messages are being shared. Additionally, psychosocial support is being offered to help cope with the effects of the pandemic.

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

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It is the heart that does the giving; the fingers only let go. ~ Nigerian proverb

CHALMERS ONLINE COMMUNITY COFFEE

Hour: WE ARE BACK ON ZOOM every Thursday evening at 7:30pm. We'll open up at 7:15 pm to allow time for setup. Meeting ID and password remain the same weekly—see your email for details. If you have any questions contact Sue at 226-663-4735.

CHURCH DIRECTORY: Sending out some Christmas cards and need a new church directory? Contact Wendy and she can send you an electronic or paper copy! Email: chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca

LIBRARY NEWS

The Second Half – by Lauraine Snelling

An interesting family story. The Sorensons are getting ready to retire. At least Ken is, and Mona is looking forward to taking some time off from her business and doing some travelling – seeing a bit of the world, visiting the grandchildren.

Their son is divorced with two young children, and is an officer in the Army. When he is suddenly facing an overseas assignment at very short notice, he asks his parents to look after his family. This is not something they had been expecting, but also something they feel they must do. Read on to see how this family story turns out.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

POWER OF HOPE – MISSION TEAM 2020

The mission team is pleased to announce we will again support the “Power Of HOPE” organization this Advent season through contributions commencing November 23rd. Items most needed this year are girl's pyjamas (and underwear) sizes 8 to 14 and boy's pyjamas (underwear) 6 to 16. Also shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, and toothbrushes. Please note pandemic restrictions in place – contributions to be contained in plastic bags, or the original purchase plastic. Contributions must be delivered to the church 12 – 3 on Mondays, or 9 – 12 Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Our church administrator or other volunteer will be at the door to receive them – there is no need to enter the building.

Join us this season as we support this organization that helps young people in times of great stress. - Mission Team

CHALMERS ONLINE BIBLE STUDY: Continues on Webex Monday nights from 7-8 pm, until December 7. We are looking at the topic of the Sabbath. Login details available through Chalmers' website.

SALVATION ARMY KETTLES: Sadly, due to the pandemic, Chalmers is not able to help out with the Salvation Army Kettle program this year. If you would like more information or to make a donation contact the Centre of Hope at (519) 661-0343 or email hope@centreofhope.ca.

COVID-19 UPDATE: The Province of Ontario continues to implement restrictions on public gatherings, in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. At their meeting on November 17, Chalmers Session decided that **online worship will continue for the month of December**. All regular programming at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, save Care & Share, has been suspended and the church and office are closed. Mail, Email and phone messages are being monitored on a regular basis.

RCCO VIRTUAL ADVENT CAROL SERVICE:

On November 29, at 7 p.m., the London Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists will present their annual Carol Service. The service was recorded at Metropolitan United Church and follows the traditional service of lessons and carols. Readers are members of London clergy, and there are organ and vocal solos as well as a guest appearance by the Salvation Army Citadel Band. We hope you will join us for this service, either Sunday evening or later at your convenience. The link will be available at londonrcco.com.