

## 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 **Rev. Scott McAllister** to lead worship. We invite you to join us for coffee hour following the service.

### This Week at a Glance: NOVEMBER 27 - DECEMBER 4

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Livestream and In-Person Worship <i>1st Sunday in Advent—Communion</i>	10:00 am
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Reachout Choir Rehearsal	12:30 pm 1:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Chalmers Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Seniors' Satellite Recreation	9:00 am
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Livestream and In-Person Worship <i>2nd Sunday in Advent</i> <b>Advent Event</b>	10:00 am  <b>11:15 am</b>

### Office Hours:

**Tuesday—Friday, 8:30 am to 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 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 Week	Next Week
<b>HOSTS</b>	Muriel Bertling Mary Vair Jane Vannus	Bev Cameron Robin Cohen Joyce Kilbourne
<b>AUDIO VISUALS</b>	Torry Thibodeau Josiah Duffin Marilyn McFadden	Tammy McDonald Isla Thibodeau Rose Marie Finlay
<b>Fellowship</b>	Mary Vair & Robin Cohen	Advent Event following Worship

**Thank you, Volunteers!**

## Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

November 27, 2022

1st Sunday in Advent—Communion

In-Person and Livestream 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 PWS&D Advent Liturgy Readers: Lizz & Isla Thibodeau

Reader 1: We are people of hope.

Reader 2: *God longs for a day when weapons will be replaced with tools for rebuilding.*

**People: We see your goodness and signs of new life all around us.**

Reader 1: The first candle of Advent reminds us that we are called to live as people of hope.

Reader 2: *We light this candle to remind us to see God's hope shining in our world.* (Lighting of the candle of hope)

Reader 1: Let us pray:

**People: Holy One, help us to walk in the light of God. May our lives reflect the warmth and wonder of this flame. Make your church a place of hope in our community. Amen.**

**Praise:** *Hope is a Star* 119

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

**Praise:** *The angel Gabriel from heaven* 156 (vv.1-3)

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**All: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; Do not let my enemies exult over me.**

One: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

**All: let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

One: Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

**All: teach me your paths.**

One: Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

**All: for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.**

One: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

**All: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!**

One: Good and upright is the Lord;

**All: therefore the Lord instructs sinners in the way, leads the humble in what is right, and teaches them the way they should go.**

One: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep God's covenant and decrees.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

Luke 1:26-40

Bill George

One: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Choir Anthem: *A Tiny Child Will Come*, by Besig, Price

Sermon: *Gifts in the Dark*

Rev. Scott McAllister

**Praise:** *Tomorrow Christ is Coming* (to alt tune, St. Theodulph) 131 (vv.1-3)

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Andy Thibodeau

Offering of our Gifts

**Offering Praise:** *Come Emmanuel* (v.1)

Offering Prayer

Holy Communion

**Praise:** Jesus calls us here to meet him

528 (vv.1,2,4)

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Profession of Faith: The Apostle's Creed

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

Breaking of the Bread

Prayer after Communion

**Praise:** *Come, Thou long expected Jesus*

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Blessing

Postlude

(All hymn lyrics found on page 3)

## Hope is a star

Brian A. Wren

Hope is a star that shines in the night,  
leading us on till the morning is bright.

Refrain:

*When God is a child  
there's joy in our song.  
The last shall be first  
and the weak shall be strong,  
and none shall be afraid.*

Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth,  
giving a promise of safety and worth.

Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,  
telling the world that the Saviour is born.

Love is a flame that burns in our heart.  
Jesus has come and will never depart.

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## The angel Gabriel from heaven

Sabine Baring-Gould

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
his wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;  
'All hail,' said he, 'O lowly maiden Mary,'  
most highly favoured lady: Gloria!

'For know a blessed mother you shall be,  
all generations praise continually,  
your son shall be Emmanuel, by seers  
foretold,'  
most highly favoured lady: Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head,  
'To me be as it pleases God,' she said,  
'my soul shall laud  
and magnify God's holy name,'  
most highly favoured lady: Gloria!

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## Tomorrow Christ is coming

Fred Kahn

Tomorrow Christ is coming,  
as yesterday he came;  
a child is born this moment;  
we do not know its name.  
The world is full of darkness:  
again there is no room;  
the symbols of existence  
are stable, cross and tomb.

Tomorrow will be Christmas,  
the feast of love divine,  
but, for the nameless millions,  
the star will never shine.  
Still is the census taken,  
with people on the move;  
new infants born in stables  
are crying out for love.

There will be no tomorrows  
for many a baby born;  
Good Friday falls on Christmas  
when life is sown as corn;  
but Jesus Christ is risen  
and comes again in bread  
to still our deepest hunger  
and raise us from the dead.

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## Come, Emmanuel

by Sue C. Smith and David Moffitt

Come, O come, Emmanuel,  
Holy One, Deliverer, Redeemer.  
Free us from our darkness  
and lead us to Your light.  
Lord, we need the hope t  
hat only You can give,  
You can give.

Come, O come, Emmanuel.  
Come, O come, Emmanuel.

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## Jesus calls us here to meet him

Iona Community (Scotland)

Jesus calls us here to meet him  
as, through word and song and prayer,  
we affirm God's promised presence  
where his people live and care.  
Praise the God who keeps his promise ;  
praise the Son who calls us friends ;  
praise the Spirit who, among us,  
to our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him  
Word of life and Lord of all,  
sharer of our flesh and frailness,  
saving all who fail or fall.  
Tell his holy human story;  
tell his tales that all may hear;  
tell the world that Christ in glory  
came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to his table  
rooted firm in time and space,  
where the church in earth and heaven  
finds a common meeting place.  
Share the bread and wine, his body;  
share the love of which we sing;  
share the feast for saints and sinners  
hosted by our Lord and King.

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c/o Iona Community, Glasgow, Scotland

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom,  
and the power and the glory,  
forever. Amen

## Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Charles Wesley

Come, thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

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## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand  
of the Father, and he will come  
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

## Please Pray

- ◆ For God's tender care and comfort for **Linda Bone, Shirley Hall, the Hunter, Thibodeau and Ball families, Beth Hickey, and the Bannerman family** in their time of grief.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Vic Laursen**, and **Betty Smedley**.
- ◆ For God's healing Spirit to strengthen and encourage **Leny Jongepier**.
- ◆ For God's encouragement for **Barry May** who is convalescing at home.
- ◆ We pray for comfort and healing for **Betty Cross** as she recovers at home.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Peter Longmore** as he recovers from heart surgery, and strength for **Betty** as she supports him.
- ◆ For God's care and comfort for **Myla Salamatov** as she receives homecare.
- ◆ For God's healing touch for **Jackie Harrett** who is receiving care in hospital
- ◆ For God's healing for **Anita Powell** as she recovers from knee surgery.
- ◆ For **John Elliot** who has moved to Maple View Terrace, room 601. Thank you for all your thoughts, prayers, and cards. He is in good spirits as we navigate this new lifestyle.
- ◆ For God's wisdom and guidance for Chalmers' **Pastoral Search Committee** as they continue the process of bringing a new Minister to Chalmers.

**I wish to say thank you** to my church family for the many cards, phone calls and prayers while Ken was unwell and for the many, many cards of condolences & prayers since his passing October 15th. You have been a blessing.

God bless all of you, **Shirley Hall**



**November 20:** Through Presbyterians Sharing, many people share their gifts to support the mission and ministry of the PCC. Congregations and individuals use their time and skills to develop educational resources, lead conferences and webinars, and provide coaching and mentoring. Teachers are preparing leaders to serve the church, leaders are helping renew and grow ministries, and mission staff are accompanying and encouraging international partners. Volunteers are ensuring that programs run smoothly by guiding study groups, sharing their experiences and insights and much more! Generous gifts of time, talent and treasure allow us to continue Christ's ministry, in Canada and around the world.

### Speaking of Stewardship

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

Psalm 9:1

### From the Search Committee:

The search committee is asking that the Chalmers congregation complete a survey, the results of which will help develop a congregational profile to be shared with potential ministerial candidates. Elders will be distributing these to you in the coming days. We ask that you return them to the church by December 4, 2022. The survey is intended to be anonymous, so please do not add any identifying information to your survey.

## From the Library...

### Christmas Reading

I have cleared off a shelf in the library and put out some Christmas reading for you to enjoy. There are a few non fiction books, and many fiction books. Take time to browse and sign out a book or two to put you in the Christmas spirit.

Reading for little ones is on the children's reading table—so please check this out too.  
Christine Hunter, Librarian

**Church Membership:** Would you like to become of member of Chalmers? **In the spring, Chalmers will be welcoming new members by transfer and by profession of faith.** If you would like to join our church family, please speak to Tom Hunter, clerk of Session. We would like to set a date to welcome you!

**Sunday School Needs YOU!** We are in need of **3 more** volunteers! If you can help out one Sunday per month, please contact Judy Steward.

### Chalmers Birthdays this Week

<b>Ed Carrier</b>	November 27
<b>Mary MacLeod</b>	November 27
<b>Maureen Gaskin</b>	November 30
<b>Fran Peach</b>	November 30
<b>Gary Smith</b>	December 4

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my **hope** is from him.

Psalm 62:5

## Intergenerational Advent Event

Please join us

**NEXT Sunday, December 4, 2022**

11:15am—1pm for a PIZZA LUNCH, CRAFTS & CAROLS. Bring your kids/ grandkids and join in the fun!

**All Welcome!** Sign up in the narthex, through the website or by contacting the church office at 519-681-7242.

**Many Thanks** to the Christmas Decorating Team for your time and efforts in getting the building ready for the Christmas season!

### 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.