



Cheyne Presbyterian Church

CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE



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WELCOME

Thank you for your interest in Cheyne Presbyterian Church (Cheyne) - we are pleased to share our Congregational Profile with you. Cheyne has a legacy rich in raising disciples and producing called leaders into ministry, investing in the lives of children and youth, and shining Jesus out beyond our church doors into our local community, Stoney Creek, Ontario. Cheyne is a church of the Presbytery of Hamilton. The people of Cheyne are committed followers of Jesus striving to follow His example and responding to the love of God by worshipping, serving, growing spiritually, living in community, and sharing the Gospel. God has been faithful to Cheyne Church for nearly 181 years and we trust His faithfulness will continue as we await what He has in store for the future of His church.

Lastly, we encourage you to visit our [website](http://www.cheynechurch.com)
www.cheynechurch.com

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MISSION, VISION, & VALUES

Cheyne's mission and desire is to glorify God by loving Him and making Him known to the lost world. We honour God by leading others into a relationship with Jesus and to grow as devoted followers, who by His grace, may become more like Jesus Christ.

The vision for Cheyne Church is that we are a multi-generational church with an emphasis on children, youth, and their families. We strive to provide a place for all ages to encounter God through His son Jesus Christ, explore the Christian faith in a safe and caring environment, grow in that faith, discover their gifts and passions to serve, and enjoy the love and support of God's family. We want to lead people to grow as devoted followers of Christ who live out God's purpose for their lives. We believe everyone should be invited into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ that will enrich every aspect of this life and take us to heaven forever.

Worship

Wholeheartedly Loving the God Who Loves Us - Enable everyone to actively participate in and experience God's presence, and worship joyfully and sincerely with reverence and awe for God.

Serve Freely

We believe that serving is an outpouring of our love for God and we are to use our spiritual gifts to expand the kingdom and make disciples and to give generously of our finances to God's work.

Grow Continually

To constantly be moving towards the cross, and growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour. Knowing Christ personally, sharing His love with others, and loving Him by obeying his word.

Live in Community

We believe God intended us to live in relationship with others, in the church and beyond. We can accomplish more together than apart. We are a multi-generational church who care for, respect, comfort, pray for, encourage, build up, and reconcile with each other.

Be on Mission

Taking the light, hope, and good news of Jesus Christ into the community and beyond, being ambassadors for Christ, sharing a message of lasting peace, joy, and fulfillment that only Jesus Christ can give.

HISTORY OF CHEYNE CHURCH

The City of Hamilton is situated upon the traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Mississaugas. This land is covered by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, which was an agreement between the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabek to share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes. We further acknowledge that this land is covered by the Between the Lakes Purchase, 1792, between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Cheyne Presbyterian Church is an evangelical Christian church that strives to honour its past and embrace its future. Established in 1844, Cheyne Church stands as a testament to the unwavering faith and resilience of its congregation. As the decades unfolded, Cheyne Church became a cornerstone of the community not just as a place of worship but as a hub for social services, activities, and charitable endeavours. God has been a faithful provider as Cheyne weathered the storms of economic downturns, wars, pandemics, and social upheavals emerging each time as a resilient symbol of hope and perseverance. The congregation, bound by their shared devotion, supported each other through trials and celebrated together in times of joy. In 2024 we will be celebrating our 180th Anniversary; our walls resonate with the echoes of prayers and hymns and our halls bustle with the warmth of fellowship and service. The legacy of past generations serves as an inspiration for the present congregation. In the last few decades, there have been over 15 Pastors and Missionaries who received their start from Cheyne. As Cheyne looks to the future, we remain steadfast in our mission to uphold our values as we continue to be a Christ-centred church family building Christ-centred families.

Cheyne Presbyterian Church was founded by and named in honour of one of Canada's pioneer Presbyterian Ministers, Rev. George Cheyne, M.A. In 1844, Alexander Gale and George Cheyne applied to the Hamilton Presbytery to ordain elders, and a Church was built in Saltfleet Township. Rev. Cheyne worked tirelessly and passionately to serve Jesus in the community until his death in April 1878. Shortly after George's passing, the Church was renamed Cheyne Presbyterian Church. His commitment and faithfulness continue today, with nearly 180 years of support and ministry to the community of Stoney Creek, Hamilton, Canada and globally through missions. In 1918 the first frame structure was erected on First Street South in Stoney Creek to serve as the church's new location. After World War II, the congregation steadily increased and an adjacent property was purchased in 1952 for future expansion. The current sanctuary building cornerstone was laid on April 17, 1960 and the first service was held on September 4, 1960. The congregation continued to grow and an educational addition was added in 1981, followed by an administrative wing and large entrance foyer in 1987. With so much growth during the 1980s, there was also an increase in paid staffing positions. Rev. Steve Lindsay was hired in 1997 and served Cheyne faithfully for 26 years, retiring on June 30, 2023.

The year 2020 was memorable as the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic closed the Cheyne building for the better part of the year. Programming and activities within the church were suspended as precautionary social distancing was observed. Cheyne met this challenge by recording services and live streaming a contemporary and traditional service each Sunday morning. Sunday school and small groups continued over video conferences, allowing the congregation to remain connected. In June of 2024, the Rev. James yang was called to be the minister of Cheyne Presbyterian Church.



WHO WE ARE

Cheyne is a vibrant, engaged, multi-generational church community that is deeply rooted in prayer, support for one another, and community service. Prayer is the very heartbeat that unites us across all generations and the foundation upon which our community stands. At Cheyne, our commitment to prayer seamlessly intertwines with our fervent dedication to serving the community that surrounds us. Serving our community is not an obligation, but an outpouring of the love and compassion that prayer cultivates within us. Our community is a place of genuine connection, shared experiences, and mutual support. At Cheyne, we believe God intended us to live in community with each other. The Life Group ministry at Cheyne allows space for members to grow spiritually within a small group and “do life together”. Life Groups help you to find a place to truly belong, to celebrate the joys of life, and to weather storms together. We encourage everyone to participate in a Life Group. Through prayer, service, and community, Cheyne stands as a testament to the transformative power of faith in action, being a beacon of hope to those we are privileged to serve.

The Cheyne congregation is currently made up of 142 active professing members. Currently, our average regular attendance for members and adherents is more than 100 people at our Sunday services. Cheyne also conducts remote ministry by providing church services at five local long-term care/retirement homes.

Church Demographics

0-19 years old: 24%
20-39 years old: 7%
40-65 years old: 23%
66-79 years old: 32%
80+ years old: 13%

Cheyne is a very active church community reaching many people of all ages at our Sunday services and through our weekday outreach groups and programs.



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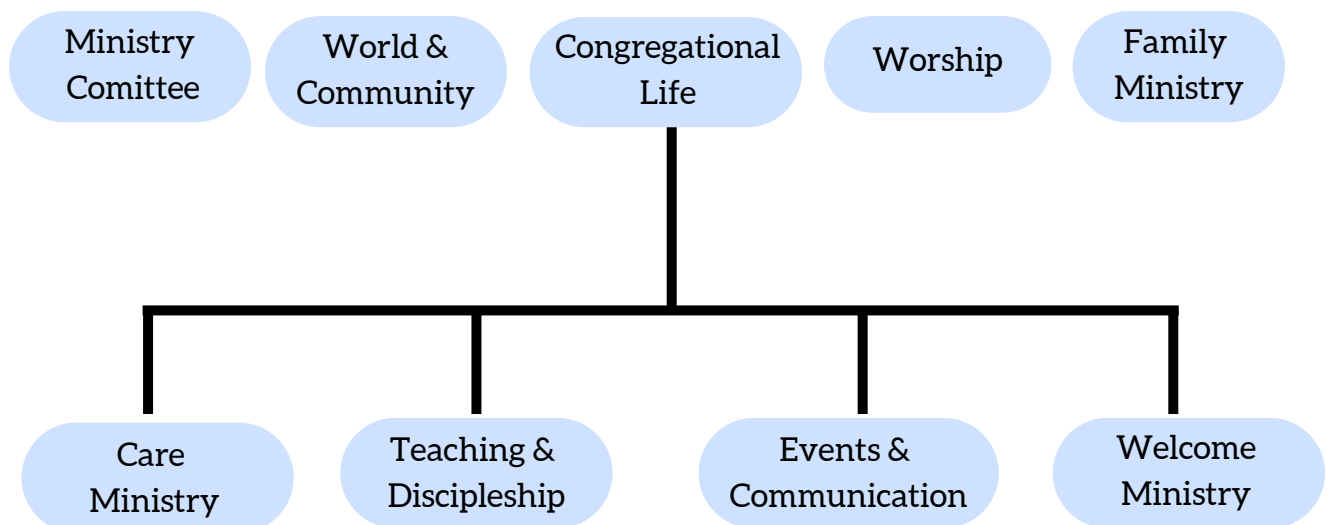
There are multiple levels of leadership at Cheyne Church consisting of the Session, Board of Managers, and Staff. All levels of leadership work to oversee the implementation of the vision and mission of the church through dedicated personal growth, discipleship, and evangelism.

Session

Cheyne's Elder's Session consists of the pastoral staff and elected elders. We currently have thirteen active elders with three elders on leave of absence. Meeting once per month, the session is committed to continued personal growth as well as the growth of the church. The mandate of the Session of Cheyne is to provide spiritual leadership to the people of Cheyne and to prayerfully discern God's vision and strategic direction in conjunction with our Lead Pastor.

The Session structure consists of Ministries with Elders acting as chairs. We also have a Representative Elder, a Board Session Liaison, and a Clerk of Session. Each Ministry works within teams to carry out the vision and mission of our church.

Session Structure



Family Ministry

The Family Ministry Team seeks to equip parents and caregivers with the tools and support to raise disciples at home. It is a very important piece of our mission. This approach has been heavily influenced by the book *Think Orange*, by Reggie Joiner. We recognize the reality that as a church, we only have a small window of time to be present in the lives of children and young people, while God's plan has always been for the majority of spiritual development to happen within the family unit. Our approach to ministering to families is based on the conclusion that the church (yellow - shining the light of Christ) must come alongside the home and the efforts of parents and caregivers (red - the primary love centre for most people) to create a united effort for Jesus (orange). For this reason, we have made intentional connections with the families of kids we minister to in our community. We have prioritized ways to support parents and caregivers in helping their kids grow in faith, and help them emphasize and evaluate their own faith journeys as well. One way we do this is through our Camp Fund which works to help financially support several children each year to attend summer camp in Ontario.

Sunday Morning

Kidz Worship
Nursery - Gr. 5

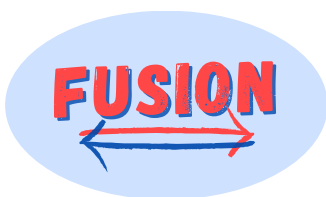


Core
Gr. 6-8



Midweek

Fusion
Pre k - Gr. 5



High Voltage
Gr. 6-8



Edge
Gr. 9-12



Young Adults
18-28



These weekly groups connect directly with the local community, bringing in many youths from the surrounding areas.



Congregational Life

The four branches of Congregational Life are Teaching and Discipleship, Care Ministry, Welcome Ministry, and Events & Communication. These teams oversee the strategic direction of congregational life, from welcoming newcomers to providing care for the people of the congregation. They ensure there are events for community building, small groups for rich ministry and developing people into devoted followers of Christ.

Teaching and Discipleship

The Teaching and Discipleship Ministry encourages people of the church to walk with the Lord daily through devotions, prayer, and lifestyle. It facilitates groups that meet the congregation's needs such as Alpha programs where members of the community are given a safe space to explore life's biggest questions. This ministry oversees Life Groups and meets with leaders annually, to ensure the groups are effective, that people see the benefit of "doing life together", and that all have an opportunity to be part of a Life Group. By nature, our life groups facilitate pastoral care for the congregation on a personal level.



[Working Retired Cheyne Saints](#)

[Life Groups](#) | [Working Retired Cheyne Saints](#) | [Alpha](#) | [Golden Friendship Club](#) | [Library](#)

Care Ministry

Ensure that there is care for everyone in the congregation, including monthly prayer nights, practical support of meals and sonshine baskets during times of need, grief share and divorce care programs for the hurting.

[Sonshine Baskets](#) | [Funeral Receptions](#) | [Grief Share](#) | [Divorce Care](#)

Welcome Ministry

The Welcome Team is ready to greet the congregation with smiling faces as you enter Cheyne on a Sunday morning. They are responsible for the setup and cleanup for coffee hour in between our worship services, and ensure the church environment is welcoming to visitors.



Events and Communication Team

Provide coordination and communication of all events to ensure that they make the best use of limited finances, human resources, and the time of participants – note that events are one-time or occasional and short-term (one day to a few weeks) as opposed to the weekly programs of the church – events have one or more purposes (equipping, welcoming, etc.) Ensure effective, timely communication to the congregation and the community about Cheyne ministries and events.



Church Picnic, 2019



Family Game Night 2022



Easter Cookie Decorating, 2021



Potluck Lunch, 2023

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT CHEYNE

Sunday morning worship services are both an important part of the life of the congregation and a witness to our community. Cheyne's vision is that Cheyne is a church for all ages with an emphasis on children, youth, and young families. We see value in ministering to the entire family and to all generations. However, we have come to learn that different generations express their worship differently. The upcoming generations have voiced that they are seeking a contemporary worship experience that is modern, current, and relevant to their everyday life. This style of worship is very different from a traditional worship service. For this reason, Cheyne has a two-service format: a contemporary service at 10:00 am and a traditional service at 11:30 am. This structure enables each generation to actively participate in authentic worship.

We host a coffee hour in between the services in the gymnasium. This is in place to provide a time of fellowship and community for the congregation from both services. As many people travel and are away at various times throughout the summer, attendance fluctuates considerably. Despite this, we continue to offer both services during Summer Sundays in July and August. Cheyne holds the traditional Presbyterian view of covenant baptism. There have been requests to have immersion baptism. At the discretion of Session, there have been baptisms done at the lake or in a pool. Our hope and prayer is that the Worship Services will continue to glorify God through sincere worship of believers, and minister to the needs of the various generations, and will also continue to grow and evolve to engage with and minister to the community and generations of the future church.



Coffee Hour between the services!



Family Sundays

In order to create a sense of unity and connection among the church community, Cheyne has “Family Sundays” several times throughout the year. These Sundays are often special services, such as the church’s Anniversary, Baptisms, and reception of new members. We also have family Sundays during the seasons of Christmas, Easter, and throughout the summer. To help us further fellowship together we occasionally have a barbeque or potluck meal to allow the entire congregation to come together and celebrate meaningful events. We believe it is important to have these services to ensure that the church family connects throughout the year, with people from both services attending. On these Sundays we focus on what unites us; prayer, scripture, our children and youth and being one church body. One of the benefits of having these combined services is having the entire Cheyne family worshipping together. This is most noticeable in our greater attendance numbers. The worship is led by the contemporary worship team but is still inclusive of all generations. We have struggled with having a family Sunday that appeals to everyone, as there are those who prefer not to attend if the organ and choir are not included. Despite these challenges, the Session believes that keeping our mission and vision as our focus is paramount to the continued growth of Cheyne.



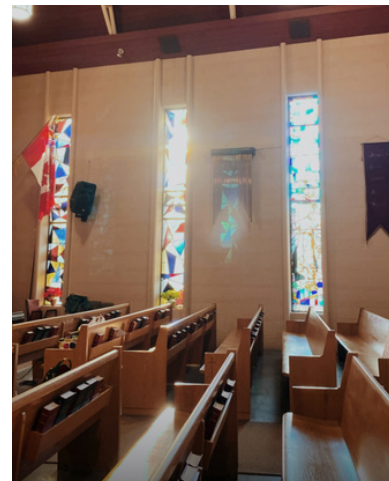
FACILITY

Cheyne Church's buildings are well-equipped to serve the congregation and the broader community with plenty of space for programming and meeting with people. All rooms have Wi-Fi access, individual lighting, and heating controls. Cheyne's location and the very well-maintained, accessible facilities, allow us to support our own internal ministries as well as attract outreach opportunities.

Main Level & Upper Room

The **Sanctuary** is a beautiful, open space lined with stained glass windows on the west wall. In 2020, Cheyne added live streaming capability and upgraded an enhanced audio system, adding remote connection for the housebound and new ministry opportunities for the greater community.

From our King Street entrance, you are welcomed into a spacious Narthex/foyer. There is also a **Lobby** from the First Street entrance doors which leads to the **education wing**.



The **Administration area** includes two Administrative Offices and three pastors' offices,. The Lounge is a large gathering area, with a kitchenette, which can be used for meetings, gatherings, and overflow for the sanctuary. A large window wall can be fully opened to expand seating for the sanctuary. The **Library and Conference Room** was recently renovated to allow room for even more books and a larger space for bigger meetings. The Upper Rooms also consist of a **Choir room**, two washrooms, a classroom, a **Prayer room** and a large resource/storage room. Cheyne has a **lift** that allows those with physical limitations to reach the upper rooms and lower levels of the church.



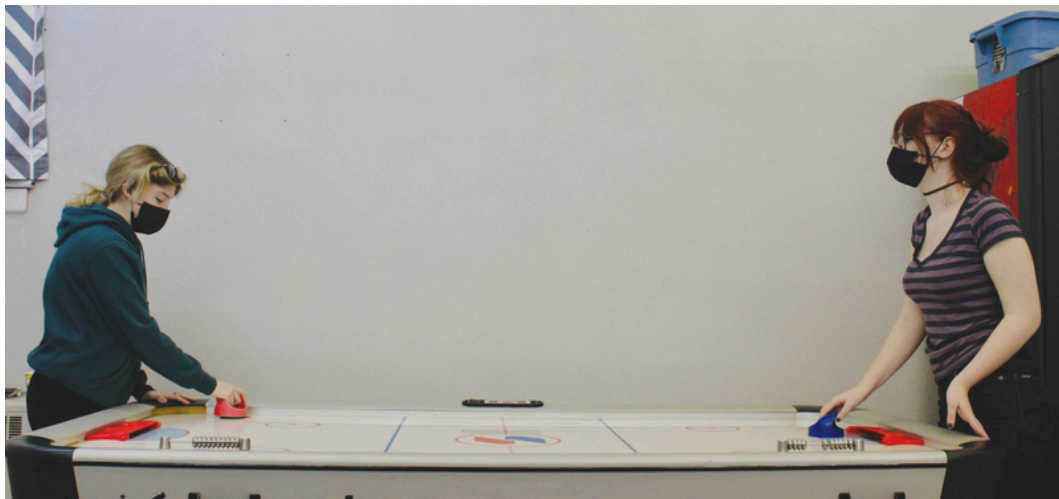
Lower Level

The lower level consists of four washrooms, two of which are **fully accessible**. There are six classrooms/youthrooms and multiple storage rooms. The **Nursery** is a bright and spacious area with lots of books and toys. Cheyne is blessed to also have a **full-sized gymnasium** for our many youth programs and a fully equipped large kitchen.



Third Level

There are three classrooms on this floor which can be opened up into one large room. There is also a smaller room which is used as storage.



COMMUNITY DEMOGRAPHICS

Cheyne Presbyterian Church is located in the City of East Hamilton/Stoney Creek, Ontario, Canada. East Hamilton/Stoney Creek is a community on Lake Ontario's lakefront, located within the city of Hamilton and just a 45-minute drive to Downtown Toronto. East Hamilton/Stoney Creek is a beautiful community located under and on the Niagara Escarpment and known for its strong industrial and manufacturing sectors, providing a stable and diverse economic base. East Hamilton/Stoney Creek's populations have expanded tremendously over the last two decades. Historically, East Hamilton/Stoney Creek has been characterized by low to mid-rise structures, however, like the Hamilton downtown core, is shifting towards more vertical growth with condo development happening along the waterfront and surrounding areas in efforts to house more of the city's population.

Four Administrative Wards

Ward 4: known as the East Hamilton area and is an urban ward situated in the lower city below the Niagara Escarpment.

Ward 5: located just east of the Redhill area and is an urban ward situated in the lower city below the Niagara Escarpment.

Ward 9: known as Upper Stoney Creek and sits above the escarpment.

Ward 10: known as the Lower Stoney Creek area and is primarily an urban ward situated below the Niagara Escarpment with an industrial and commercial corridor south of the Queen Elizabeth Way.

East Hamilton/Stoney Creek Neighbourhood demographics:

- The area has a population of (2021) 112,020 living in 46,765 private dwellings.
- The annual average population growth (2016-2021) was 3.9% from 107,848.
- The city occupies 67.87 sq km (about twice the area of Chicago O'Hare airport) and has a population density of 1665 per sq km.

The 2021 Census for East Hamilton/Stoney Creek Population:

22% Couple Families (25,065)

18% Married Couples (20,555)

10% With children (11,265)

47% Married/ Common Law (52,640)

27% Lone-Parent Families (30,240)

31% Senior population (23,075)

30% Minor Population - 19 years and younger (22,920)

The 2021 Census for East Hamilton/Stoney Creek also showed:

Ethnic Groups

- 74.9% White,
- 7.7% South Asian
- 3.2% Indigenous
- 4.3% Black
- 2.1% Arab
- 2.0% Latin American
- 1.5% Southeast Asian
- 1.5% Filipino

Languages

- 67.6% English
- 3.5% Italian
- 2.7% Serbian
- 2.3% Punjabi
- 2.2% Croatian
- 1.9% Polish
- 1.6% Spanish
- 1.5% Arabic
- 1.3% Urdu,
- 1.2% French
- 1.1% Portuguese

Religions

- 57.5% Christian
- 33.5% Catholic
- 5.1% Christian Orthodox
- 3.6% Anglican
- 2.8% United Church
- 1.5% Presbyterian
- 1.0% Pentecostal
- 10.0% Other
- 6.5% Muslim
- 2.6% Sikh
- 1.8% Hindu
- 30.1% None

Note the primary source for the demographic presented here is the City of Hamilton Census Profile 2021.

FUTURE OF CHEYNE

The vision for Cheyne is to become a **vibrant and full, yet continuously growing**, community of disciples walking their journeys of faith together. While our church has a long history of living out this vision in different ways, we have walked through many struggles in recent years as we consider how to live out God's call for our church in a drastically shifting world. Pre-pandemic we began to witness a growing sense of apathy within Cheyne: attendance dropping, fewer people willing to serve, a growing gap between families and youth attending our midweek programs and those committed to the church, and a lack of young families getting connected.

The pandemic significantly exacerbated these issues and by 2021 Cheyne, like many other people, churches, and organizations, was experiencing a lot of burnout. Reflecting on this has allowed us to understand that we are not the same church we were even five years ago, and the world we are trying to reach is not the same as it was five years ago. There is no "getting back to normal". We have come to understand that there is more dangers in chasing the past than stepping forward in faith toward an unknown future. We want a hallmark of Cheyne to be our ability to adapt within today's dynamic cultural and technological landscape. It is important to maintain an understanding of culture not so that we can be synonymous with it but rather that we can understand the people we are trying to reach and love them better.

Cheyne recognizes the call on all of us to make disciples. We want to continue to communicate the foundational truths of the Gospel with clarity and conviction. Our lead pastor must be able to engage with the hard truths of the Bible and not shy away from real issues in our society related to mental health, addiction, and loss. The messages need to foster spiritual growth and transformation within the lives of those in our church community. Cheyne needs someone who will lead, inspire, engage, and uplift the congregation with grace and clarity. Cheyne needs a Children and Family Pastor or Director who will inspire the congregation to live out their faith in meaningful ways by getting involved in more than just Sunday mornings but be invested into the lives of the next generation to carry on the legacy of Gospel Ministry at Cheyne.

We envision a vibrant, growing, and spiritually enriching future for Cheyne. This is a collective aspiration for a thriving community that reflects the love and teachings of Christ. This call encompasses a needed understanding of the transformative impact Cheyne has on the lives of its members and the broader community, making it a place that draws people to grow in their faith and Christ-centred journey together.

THANK YOU!