

## CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

Welcome to worship. Our service today will be in-person and livestreamed through our website at ChalmersLondon.com. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a visitor card, found in the pews, and drop it in the offering plate to leave us a record of your visit.

*Please plan to join us for coffee fellowship in the lower hall following worship.*

### This Week at a Glance: AUGUST 20-27

<b>SUNDAY</b> AUGUST 20	In-Person & Livestream Worship Chalmers Library Open Coffee Fellowship in the lower hall	10:00 am  11:15 am
<b>SUNDAY</b> AUGUST 27	In-Person & Livestream Worship Chalmers Library Open Coffee Fellowship in the lower hall	10:00 am  11:15 am

### Office Hours:

Please call ahead before visiting the church, at (519) 681-7242 or email [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto:chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca). **Rev. Andrew Thompson's** office hours are Monday, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 am - noon and Friday, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Please call or email the office with any questions or pastoral care needs.

**Wendy Sibley** will be returning to the office Tuesday, August 22. Many thanks to Lizz Thibodeau for helping out in the office in her absence.

### Volunteers: AUGUST 20

### AUGUST 27

<b>HOSTS</b>	Fran Peach Anita Powell Islay Thibodeau	Brian & Pat MacKay Wanda MacKay
<b>AUDIO VISUALS</b>	Torry Thibodeau Josiah Duffin Lizz Thibodeau	Torry Thibodeau Islay Thibodeau Lizz Thibodeau
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Muriel Bertling Nancy Suchard	Carolyn Walker Marg Ward

**Thank you, Volunteers!**

## CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Worship Celebration

August 20, 2023

In-Person and Livestream Worship

*12th Sunday After Pentecost*



### 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. Andrew Thompson

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## WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship:

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

**All: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of the robes.**

One: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

**All: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

**Praise:** *God of mercy, God of grace* 39

Prayers of Adoration & Confession and **The Lord's Prayer**

Assurance of Pardon

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

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrating with the Children

**Praise:** *Jesus loves me, this I know* 373

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 67

One: O God, be gracious to us and bless us

**All: and make your face to shine upon us,**

One: that your way may be known upon earth,

**All: your saving power among all nations.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**All: let all the peoples praise you.**

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**All: for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**All: let all the peoples praise you.**

One: The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, has blessed us.

**All: May God continue to bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth revere God.**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 45: 1-15

Matthew 15: 21-28

Islay Thibodeau

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Special Praise: *This is Living* (see insert)

Lynn Ball & Tom Ball

Message: Have Mercy

**Praise:** *We come to ask your forgiveness* 201

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Janet Bruce

Offering of our Gifts

**Offering Praise:** *God forgave my sin / Freely, freely* 774

Offering Prayer, Prayers of the People

**Praise:** *One more step along the world I go* 641

Benediction

**Choral Amen**

Musical Postlude



## Please Pray

- ◆ For **Andrew & Jamie B.** as they flee from Yellowknife and for safety for all those being evacuated. Also pray that the Lord will protect those who are fighting fires everywhere.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Marilyn M.**, as she recuperates from surgery for her broken leg.
- ◆ For God's healing and comfort for **Beverley E.** who is continuing to recover in hospital.
- ◆ For God's peace and healing for **Holly W.** who is in University Hospital after suffering a brain bleed.
- ◆ For God's peace and comfort for **Shirley H.**, as she settles into her new home in Tillsonburg.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers **Helen L., Jackie H., Laura M., Betty S., Ed C., Bill C.**
- ◆ For all those in our congregation who are travelling this summer—may the Lord keep them safe and bring them back refreshed and renewed.

## Vacation Notice

Our office administrator, **Wendy**, was on vacation this week, and will be returning to the office on Tuesday, August 22. Many thanks to Lizz Thibodeau for filling in in the office in her absence!

*As always, please call ahead before visiting the church as summer hours vary.*



**August 20:** On World Humanitarian Day, we honour countless individuals who have dedicated themselves to making a difference in the lives of others. Humanitarian work is often challenging, and those undertaking it face many risks, yet they continue to work tirelessly, motivated to help others and improve the world. From PWS&D partners who deliver food, water, and other essential supplies to those who work without respite to rebuild communities after disasters, humanitarian workers play a crucial role in ensuring the well-being of those in need. We also recognize the need for sustained support and investment in humanitarian efforts to address the root causes of human-made crises and provide lasting solutions for those in need. On World Humanitarian Day, let us recognize humanitarian workers and renew our commitment to supporting their vital work.

## Speaking of Stewardship

It is more blessed to give than to receive.  
Acts 20:35

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go toward the work and ministry of the church. Thank you for your continued faithful support of Chalmers!

## From the Library...

**The Pelican Harbor Series** – by Colleen Coble

### #2 - Two Reasons to run

This book starts with Jane Hardy, Chief of Police for Pelican Harbor, discovering that her son did not die in that Commune 15 years ago. She meets up with him and his father and immediately falls in love with her 15 year old son. She struggles with the fact that her father had lied to get her out of the Commune, but her father and her son are soon enjoying each other's company.

There is an oil platform just off the coast of Pelican Harbor, and Keith McDonald, one of the workmen on board this rig, sends a scary message to Jane Hardy telling her of a plan to cause an explosion on the rig. This would be bad news in so many different ways, but then Keith disappears and Jane has to try and find out what exactly is going on. Where is Keith and is the rumour of an explosion really true?

Another very exciting read.

Christine Hunter, Librarian.

## Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

<b>Margaret Harper</b>	August 20
<b>Lizz Thibodeau</b>	August 21
<b>Didine Mabondo</b>	August 22
<b>Stephenie Cadieux</b>	August 24
<b>Kathryn Biro</b>	August 29

## Special Praise

### This is Living

Le Crae Moore / Joel Davies / Aodhan Kind

Waking up knowing there's a reason  
All my dreams come alive  
Life is for living with You  
I've made my decision  
You lift me up, fill my eyes with wonder  
Forever young in Your love  
This freedom's untainted with You  
No moment is wasted  
See the sun now bursting through the clouds  
Black and white turns to colour all around  
All is new, in the Savior I am found  
This is living now  
This is living now  
You take me higher than I've been before  
It's Your perfect love that sees me soar  
God your freedom is an open door  
You are everything I want and more  
You lead the way, God, You're right beside me  
In Your love I'm complete  
There's nothing like living with You  
This life You created I choose  
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