

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 or the visitor card basket on the information table.

We invite you to stay and fellowship with us over coffee in the lower hall following worship.

This Week at a Glance: FEBRUARY 18—25

SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship, Communion	10:00 am
TUESDAY	Session Meeting (on Zoom)	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Lent Bible Study (choir room) Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Reachout Rehearsal	10:30 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal Property Management (on Zoom)	6:30 pm 7:00 pm
FRIDAY	Seniors' Satellite (Self Defense Class)	9:00 am
SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am

Church Office Hours: The church office is closed Mondays, **and open Tuesday to Friday, 8:30 am –2:30 pm.** Call 519-681-7242 or email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca with any questions or admin needs.

Volunteers:

FEBRUARY 18

FEBRUARY 25

HOSTS	Mavis Love-Symonds Fran Peach Anita Powell	Chris Hardy Christine Hunter Islay Thibodeau
AUDIO VISUALS	Torry Thibodeau Islay Thibodeau Lizz Thibodeau	Tammy ? Nathaniel Thompson Marilyn McFadden
FELLOWSHIP	Long Weekend—No Coffee	Gord & Mary Vair
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Sarah Thompson Yvonne Daniel	Linda Adamson Judy Steward



CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Worship Celebration

February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers
Lizz Thibodeau
Beth Hickey
Wendy Sibley
Brad Dobbie
Rev. Andrew Thompson

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WE APPROACH GOD

Instrumental Prelude

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Janet Bruce

Call to Worship: Lenten Worship Liturgy

PWS&D Insert

Hymn of Praise: *Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days*

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Prayers of Adoration & Confession & Pardon, **The Lord's Prayer**

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

All: And also with you.

Choir Anthem: *Together Through the Valley* by Linnea Good

Celebrating with the Children

Hymn of Praise: *God of the sparrow*

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WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Psalm: 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: Mark 1:9-15

Elaine McInnis

ONE: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Message: Born Identity

Hymn of Praise: *O Love that wilt not let me go*

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WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *When we are living*

630 (vv. 1, 2,4)

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

Hymn of Praise: *Will you come and follow me*

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Commissioning & Benediction

Benediction Song: *Jesus, remember me*

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Instrumental Postlude

CHOIR ANTHEM: **Together Through the Valley**, by Linnea Good

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To the desert Jesus came, to wrestle and to seek God's way. Sun and moon rose high above to watch him as he'd fast and pray.
Together through the valley, the tempter led him around. Together through the valley, So Jesus answers found.

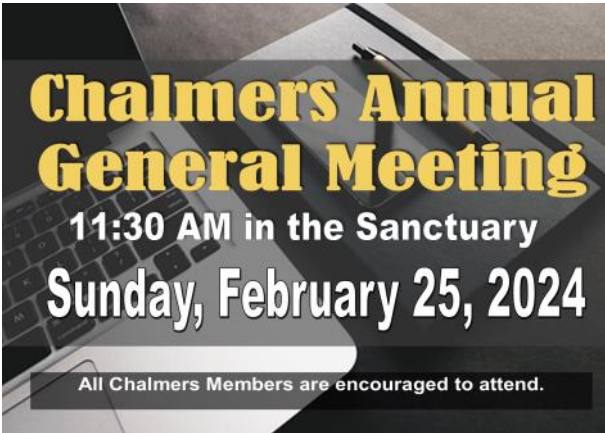
Like the Hebrews long ago who ventured thro' the desert sand. Did he find a rock of faith, where streams of living waters ran?
Together through the valley, So shall we make our way. Together through the valley, We'll walk for forty days.

In the desert we may find the mystery of who we are. Following a faithful God, so very close and yet so far.
Together through the valley, We'll gather our dreams in prayer. Together through the valley, And find God's presence there.

From the Ashes to the Hill, we'll travel on our Lenten road. Hand in hand we'll cross this sand, and share each other's heavy load.
Together through the valley, We'll watch the changing sky. Together through the valley, As Easter's dawn draws nigh.

Please Pray

- ◆ For God's continued healing for **Barry M** who remains in hospital recovering from surgery; for grace for Edna as she cares for him.
- ◆ For God's continued comfort for **Beverley E.**
- ◆ For God's healing for **Jim G**, who is suffering from Long Covid, receiving care at Parkwood.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Charles M**, who is dealing with many health concerns; pray also for strength for Cathy as she cares for him.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers **Helen L, Leny J, Jackie H, Laura M, Betty S, Bill C.**



Chalmers' Financial Reports are available to pick up in the narthex today, along with the Reviewers' Report.

Lent Bible Study

On Wednesdays from 10:30am—11:30am in the choir room, beginning February 14, we will take a look at **"24 Hours that Changed the World"**, a 6-week video Bible study and discussion led by Rev. Andrew. Experience and understand the significance of Jesus' suffering and death like never before. Dates: Feb 14, 21, 28 and March 6, 13 & 20. Sign up today in the narthex!

Mission Moment

February 18: Two-year-old Moriama Safianu has a congenital deformity linked to hydrocephalus. Born into a poor family in northern Ghana, Moriama faced the heavy burden of social stigma, prompting her parents to keep her indoors to shield her from the community's hurtful judgments. Things changed when she was identified for support during a community survey conducted by a community rehabilitation program. The dedicated staff referred her to the Garu Presbyterian Health Centre for specialized care. The staff at Garu also worked with Moriama's community to address the stigma she had been facing. Moriama's mother expressed her profound gratitude: "I am immensely thankful to the CBR program and PWS&D for coming to our aid. Thanks to your intervention, Moriama is no longer subjected to stigma from the community members."

Stewardship Moment

Stewardship is the way we love God and neighbor with our whole lives, not just our wallets.

Charles Lane and Grace Pomroy – authors

Membership Classes:

Are you interested in becoming a member of Chalmers Presbyterian Church? Chalmers will be welcoming new members by transfer and by profession of faith in March. We hope to offer membership classes on Sundays, March 3rd and 10th at 11:30 am. If you would be interested in attending, please speak with Rev. Andrew.

Save the Date:

The Fundraising Committee is planning a **St. Paddy's Day Soup'er Sunday Lunch** on March 17th! Stay tuned for more details...



From the Library...

On a Summer Tide – by Suzanne Woods Fisher

First of all – I loved this story. It is a story of family (the good and the bad parts), it is a story of romance (the good and the bad parts), and it is a story of life on a small island – you got it – the good and the bad parts.

The Grayson family consist of dad, Paul, and three daughters, Cam, Maddie and Blaine – oh and Cam has an adopted son, Cooper. The mom died in a fire a few years back.

Paul and his wife, met at the summer camp on this island many years ago, fell in love and got married.

Now on his own, Paul hears that the summer camp is up for sale. Long story short, it is actually the whole Island that is up for sale...and Paul buys it.

This story is - interesting – humorous in places, and emphasizes the phrase "It takes a village to raise a child". I found it interesting, funny in parts, and a book that forces you to "just read one more page"! Tell me if you agree!

Christine Hunter, Librarian



Join us **Tuesday, February 27th at 7:00pm** for a night of games and fellowship (and perhaps even dessert!). Sign up today in the narthex—bring a friend!.

Knitting Group: The VON dropped off a number of posters on the various programs they offer in our area. These are in the Narthex. Our group meets Wednesdays at 1:00-2:30 and all are welcome to join us. We can supply wool, patterns and needles.

Care & Share Corner

Your continued support of this vital ministry is greatly appreciated! Financial gifts are always needed, and pantry needs this month are:

- ◆ **baked beans (no pork)**
- ◆ **cereal**

Ongoing needs: egg cartons and reusable, cloth grocery bags please & thanks!!

GROW: A six-week, Lenten Study **over Zoom** is again being offered by leadership from across the Presbytery of London. Each Wednesday evening session runs from 7pm – 8pm. Registration is not required—come when you can! **Pick up a flyer in the narthex, and contact the church office for the Zoom link.**

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Lorraine Woods	February 18
Naomi Duffin	February 20
Ann Hunter	February 23
Edith Ladd	February 23
May Lee-Jarvis	February 24
Jackie Harrett	February 26

Vacation Bible Experience is being planned for the week of July 8-12 from 9 am – 12 pm here at Chalmers, for children completed JK to age 11. **WE NEED YOU!** Looking for 15-20 volunteers to help out—high school students welcomed (volunteer hours available). See the flyer in your bulletin today for details and contact Sara Thompson: sarathompsonpcc@gmail.com Online registration will begin **March 1, 2024.**