

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

Welcome to worship. Our services are in-person and livestreamed through our website at 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. Mavis Currie** to lead worship. Coffee fellowship will take place **in the narthex** today followed by the Annual General Meeting in the sanctuary at 11:30 am.

This Week at a Glance: FEBRUARY 26—MARCH 5

SUNDAY	In-Person and Livestream Worship Coffee Fellowship in the Narthex Annual General Meeting Stephen Ministry Online Meeting	10:00 am 11:15 am 11:30 am 7:00 pm
MONDAY	Ukes of London	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Lent Study - Link available on our website Reachout Choir Rehearsal	12:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY	Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
FRIDAY	Senior Satellite Fitness Programming	9:00 am
SUNDAY	In-Person and Livestream Worship Church School Lent Rotation	10:00 am 10:15 am

Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday to Friday, 8:30 am–2:30 pm. Please contact the church office with any needs or concerns (519) 681-7242 or by email at chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca. Contact **Rev. Mavis Currie**, Chalmers' Interim Moderator, for emergency Pastoral Care at her church office, (519) 631-2414, on her cell (519) 860-1380 or by email, m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca.

Volunteers: THIS SUNDAY

	THIS SUNDAY	NEXT SUNDAY
HOSTS	Muriel Bertling Isla Thibodeau Mary Vair	Tom Vannus Jane Vannus Maureen Bruff
AUDIO VISUALS	Andrea Bruce Jack Hardy Richard Cote	Tammy McDonald Josiah Duffin Rose Marie Finlay
Fellowship	Heather Reid & Nancy Suchard	Fran Peach & Anita Powell

Thank you, Volunteers!

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

February 26, 2023

First Sunday in Lent—Baptism Sunday

In-person and Live-stream Worship



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Interim Moderator

All the People of Chalmers
Tom Hunter
Beth Hickey
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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Praise: *Come, let us sing unto the Lord our song* 412

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

All: And also with you.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Caleb William de Hoog

Invitation

Praise: *Child of blessing, child of promise* 521 (vv. 1-2)

The Presentation and the Questions

Profession of Faith / The Apostles' Creed 539

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Act of Baptizing

Declaration and Welcome

The Aaronic Blessing (unison)

May the Lord bless you and take care of you;

May the Lord be kind and gracious to you;

May the Lord look on you with favour and give you peace. Amen.

Praise: *Child of blessing, child of promise* 521 (vv. 3-4)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading Lent I Liturgy PWS&D Insert

One: Just as the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness,

**All: the Spirit sends us into places of uncertainty
where we confront our weakness and insecurities.**

One: In the wilderness, we, too, are confronted by our hunger and thirst.

All: We are tempted to grab at empty promises that offer an easy way out.

One: Like Jesus, we are tempted by power and prestige.

All: Unlike him, we often submit to their glamour.

One: We wonder whether God is with us.

All: We wonder whether we can trust God to take care of us.

One: We can only move forward in faith.

All: Let us stand on the cliff edge and, like Jesus, dare to trust.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:1-11 Bob Finlay

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Choir Anthem: *For Such a Time as This* by Joseph Martin

Message: In the Wilderness Rev. Mavis Currie

Praise: *Spirit, Spirit of gentleness* 399

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission Chris Hardy

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *We give Thee but thine own* 661 (v.1)

Offering Prayer

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

Praise: *With the Lord as my guide* 574

Benediction

Choral Amen

Musical Postlude

Please Pray

- ◆ For God's comfort for the family of **Georgina C.**, who passed away on Sunday, February 19.
- ◆ For God's healing and comfort for **John E.** as he recovers from foot amputation surgery, and adjusts to life at Mount Hope.
- ◆ For God's healing and comfort for **Lilian C.**, as she recovers from recent surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Ainsley M.** Ainsley is making good progress recovering from a heart attack. May the Lord give daily strength to **Jo-Ann.** as she cares for him.
- ◆ Continue to keep in your prayers **Linda B., Leny J., Helen L., Jackie H., Beverly E., Laura M., Sam N.** and **Betty S.**
- ◆ For God's wisdom and guidance for Chalmers' **Pastoral Search Committee** as they prepare questions for possible applicants. May the Lord bless Rev. Mavis as she guides the Committee in this important process.



February 26: With support from Presbyterians Sharing, the Newcomers Mission has faithfully been providing assistance and spiritual care to newly arrived immigrants and refugees in Peterborough, Ontario, and the surrounding area since 2016. In recent months, the Newcomers Mission has expanded to offer a Ukrainian gathering program that has reached over 40 Ukrainians who fled to Canada because of the war in their country. It provides a place of belonging and care for people living through very difficult and vulnerable situations. Many have turned to this ministry for friendly conversation over a warm meal, assistance accessing services, as well as spiritual support and prayer. Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, the church is helping to "welcome the stranger."

Speaking of Stewardship

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."
Mahatma Gandhi – lawyer, anti-colonialist, political ethicist

Chalmers Birthdays This Week

Colin Ball February 27
Paige Hardy March 5
Happy Birthday!

Please pick up your **Tax Receipt** today from the mail slots in the narthex. Any remaining receipts will be mailed Tuesday.

From the Library...

Children's Books

We have a few new children's books. Please check out the reading table which has all our recent additions to the children's library. All these books have been donated.

Children do love to be read to. How about a special story at bedtime, or a story before nap-time.

Let me know which books are your little ones' favourites.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

Soup'er Stew Sunday Lunch Join us Sunday, March 19 following worship for a fundraising lunch—by donation only. Sign up in the narthex or online **by March 12** and let us know how many are attending and if you are able to bring soup this time (if needed) or in the future. **We are asking that everyone bring their own bowl and utensils** (bring a fork—there will be cake!) Following the luncheon we'll enjoy Irish music performed by Bob & Rose Marie Finlay. All welcome!

CHOIR ANTHEM: For Such a Time as This by Joseph Martin

For such a time as this, we are called to service. For such a time as this, we are called to grace. For such a time as this, we are called to worship. This is the day that God has made, and for such a time, we are called to praise.

For such a time as this, we are called to purpose. For such a time as this, we are called to care. For such a time as this, we are called to worship. This is the day that God has made, and for such a time, we are called to praise.

For ev'rything there is a season, a time when God's purpose is fulfilled.

May heaven always find us faithful, always find us grateful, when God's call to service is revealed.

For such a time as this, we are called to mission. For such a time as this, we are called to work. For such a time as this, we are called to worship. This is the day that God has made, and for such a time, we are called to praise.

Yes, we are called to praise, called to praise!

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Lenten Opportunity to Give

REFUGE MINISTRIES RELEASE KITS for individuals being release from prison. Bags are available in the narthex and a flyer with the list of items needed to fill the bags. Please return kits to the designated box in the narthex by Palm Sunday, April 2. THANK YOU!

Lenten Study: "A Time to Grow"

Join us for a Lenten study on Zoom. This hour-long, online session will take place every Wednesday evening in Lent from 7-8pm. Zoom link and details are available on our website, or through the church office. This week: "Religion: Spirituality is Not Enough" with Lillian Daniel.

Church School Lent Rotation

There will be a "**Lent Rotation**" beginning March 5 for the 4 Sundays in March. This will take place in the Marshall Hall during worship and is designed for children from SK to Grade 8. Children will leave the Sanctuary after the children's time in the service and return during the last hymn.

Chalmers Annual General Meeting
11:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Sunday, February 26, 2023
All Chalmers Members are encouraged to attend.