

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. Michael Stol** to lead worship. Please join us for coffee in the lower hall following worship today.

This Week at a Glance: JANUARY 15-22

SUNDAY JANUARY 15	In-Person and Livestream Worship Rev. Michael Stol	10:00 am
TUESDAY	Session Online Meeting	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle	12:00 pm 1:00 pm
THURSDAY	Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
FRIDAY	Senior Satellite Fitness Programming	9:00 am
SUNDAY JANUARY 22	In-Person and Livestream Worship Rev. Michael Stol Stephen Ministry Online Meeting	10:00 am 7:00 pm

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 email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca. **Rev. Mavis Currie** is Chalmers' Interim Moderator. For emergency Pastoral Care she may be reached at her church office, (519) 631-2414, on her cell (519) 860-1380 or by email, m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca.

Worship Volunteers:

	THIS SUNDAY	NEXT SUNDAY
HOSTS	Brian MacKay Pat MacKay Wanda MacKay	Bev Cameron Chris Hardy Mary Vair
AUDIO VISUALS	Tammy McDonald Rise Marie Finlay Richard Cote	Andrea Bruce Isla Thibodeau Lizz Thibodeau
Fellowship	Keith & Phyllis Johnston	Keith & Cathy Spooner

Thank you, Volunteers!

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

January 15, 2023

Second Sunday after Epiphany

In-person and Live-stream Worship



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

One: In the very beginning, God separated the darkness and the light.
God called the light "day" and the darkness, God called, "night".

**All: We were once people who dwelled in darkness,
but God has given us the true Light, Jesus Christ.**

One: God has blessed us and adopted us as God's own beloved children,
through the sacrament of Baptism.

**All: The water of baptism brings us healing and reconciliation;
it is a symbol of nourishment and cleansing.**

One: This is the day of the remembrance of Jesus' baptism.

**All: As we hear the words of his baptism, let us be reminded of our own
Adoption by God and celebrate the joyous connection to
the Almighty God.**

Praise: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Prayers of Adoration, Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

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: *Breathe on me, Breath of God*

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WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29

One: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

All: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

One: Ascribe to the Lord the glorious name;

All: worship the Lord in holy splendor.

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

All: the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

All: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

One: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;

All: the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

One: The Lord makes Lebanon to skip like a calf.

All: and Sirion like a young wild ox.

One: The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the Lord
shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

**All: The voice of the Lord makes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare;
and in the temple of the Lord all cry, "Glory!"**

One: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

All: the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign forever.

One: O Lord, give strength to your people!

All: O Lord, bless your people with peace!

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:13-17

Janet Bruce

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Choir Anthem: *Fall on Me* by Nolan

Message: The Beloved

Praise: *Christ, when for us you were baptized*

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WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Maureen Bruff

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *Spirit of the Living God*

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

Praise: *A bush bursts into flame*

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Benediction

Musical Postlude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Robert Robinson

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

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Spirit of the Living God

Daniel Iverson

Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall a-fresh on me!

Spirit of the living God, move among us all;
make us one in heart and mind;
make us one in love:
humble, caring, selfless, sharing.
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

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Breathe on me, breath of God

Edwin Hatch, Robert Jackson

Breathe on me, breath of God;
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love
and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, breath of God;
until my heart is pure,
until with thee I will one will
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, breath of God;
till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

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Christ, when for us you were baptized

F. Bland Tucker

Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
as peaceful as a dove,
and yet as urgent as a flame.

God called you the beloved Son
called you the servant true:
sent you the kingdom to proclaim,
God's holy will to do.

Straightway and steadfast until death
you then obeyed the call
freely as Son of Man
to serve and give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit,
Lord your cross on us be signed
that likewise in God's service
we may perfect freedom find.

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A bush bursts into flame

Andrew Donaldson

A bush bursts into flame,
and the Lord calls a shepherd by his name;
so God calls us, if we will hear.

I watch for the flame,
turn my face to the flame of God's glory.
Unexpected God enters my story,
I know that God will call me by name.
In the company of all who call on the Lord,
I follow the flame.
In the company of all who call on the Lord,
I follow, I follow the flame.

Son of Man stands in the river;
John the Baptist lays hands on him in love;
as a dove, the Spirit comes upon him.
I come to the water,
celebrate the new life flowing through me,
Christ beside me to guide me, renew me,
I know that God has called me by name.
In the company of all who call on the Lord,
I come to the water.
In the company of all who call on the Lord,
I come, I come to the water.

The wind blows where it blows;
who can say where it comes from, where it
goes? So is everyone born of the Spirit.

I wait for the wind;
I'm alive to the voice of the Spirit,
no one sees it, yet still I can hear it,
I wait for God to call me by name.
In the company of all who call on the Lord,
I wait for the wind.
In the company of all who call on the Lord,
I wait, I wait for the wind.

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CHOIR ANTHEM: FALL ON ME by Nolan, Williams

Fall on me, fall on me. Let Your Spirit fall on me.
Descending as a dove, come fill me with Your love. Holy Spirit, fall on me.

Fall on me, fall on me. Let Your Spirit fall on me.
Come take away my sin and make me new again. Let Your Spirit fall on me.

Come now and take away my sin. Come now and make me whole again.
Purer in heart, Lord, help me to be. O let Your Spirit fall on me.

Fall on me, fall on me. Let Your Spirit fall on me.
May ev'rything I do reflect my love for You. Let your Spirit fall, O let Your Spirit fall,
O let Your Spirit fall on me. Holy Spirit, fall on me. Amen.

Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing and comfort for **John Elliot** as he recovers foot amputation surgery on January 8.
- ◆ For God's comfort and peace for **Leny Jongepier** and **Carolyn Walker** and family as they mourn the loss of a son and brother.
- ◆ For God's comfort and healing for **Laura McInnis**, who continues to receive treatment in University Hospital.
- ◆ Continue to keep in your prayers **Leny Jongepier, Helen LeTissier, Jackie Harrett, Beverly Ertl** and **Betty Smedley**.
- ◆ For God's wisdom and guidance for Chalmers' **Pastoral Search Committee** as they continue the process of bringing a new Minister to Chalmers.
- ◆ For **healthcare workers** who are under enormous pressure with respiratory illness on the rise.

Annual General Meeting: Mark your calendars! The Annual General Meeting of Chalmers Presbyterian Church will take place in the sanctuary on **Sunday, February 26 at 11:30 am.**

From the Worship Committee: We are requesting your assistance in filling up the **front pews**. When our services are live streamed, it appears there are very few people in attendance. Thank you for your cooperation.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his **beloved** Son...

Colossians 1:13



January 15: Although Taiwan has been governed independently since 1949, China views the island as a renegade province and has exercised political and military powers to isolate it internationally. In 2018, due to the rising geopolitical tensions, the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan established the Taiwan Ecumenical Forum (TEF) and invited ecumenical and church partners to journey with them in pursuit of justice and peace for the people of Taiwan and the Asia-Pacific. The Rev. Linda Patton-Cowie, PCC representative on the TEF Steering Group, encourages members of the church to pray, learn and advocate for justice for Taiwan. **Through Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC stands in solidarity with Taiwan. We pray for justice and peace for Taiwan and its people who are living with the threat of invasion and possibly war.**

Speaking of Stewardship

"Gratitude is happiness doubled by wonder." *G.K. Chesterton – writer, theologian*

Reachout Rehearsals for the spring season will be starting on Wednesday, January 25th at 7:30 pm. All are welcome. No experience necessary. We sing, we laugh, we worship, we share. For more info, speak to Lizz Thibodeau.

From the Library...

The Road Home by Beverly Lewis

Lena Rose is eighteen years old and the oldest of 10 children in the Schwartz family. They are a happy family, and Lena Rose has been a constant care-giver to her youngest brother Chris, who is 5 years old and just ready to start school. Since their parents are off on a mission/holiday Lena sets out to take Chris to school for his first day. At home she is starting to prepare for the dinner, and get some housework done when there is a knock at the door. There stand two policemen with the terrible news that there has been an accident and both her parents have been killed.

Lena is absolutely devastated, and just doesn't know what to do, where to go or who to talk to. Since they are an Amish family and pastor comes to talk to her and suggests that the family will need to be split up, since no-one has the room to take in 10 children.

Chris gets settled with his grandparents and the rest of the family are taken in by various members of the church family. But it is suggested that Lena Rose should go and stay with her father's cousin, and his wife – who are happy to have her. BUT – they live a long way from Lena's home and her family. What to do, what to do!

A touching, interesting story that I thoroughly enjoyed.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

A New Way to Give! Chalmers now offers **Electronic Funds Transfer** (E-transfer) as a means of supporting the work of the ministry, ensuring that 100% of your donation is received by the church. E-transfers can be sent to:

chalmerspclondon@gmail.com.

Online Faith Formation Course:

The Presbyterian Church in Canada is offering a 3-session online course January 25, February 14 and March 22, 2023. Participants from the Presbyterian Church in Canada will receive a copy of John Roberto's book, "Lifelong Faith: Formation for All Ages and Generations" with their registration. This course will explore the seven elements Roberto believes are essential for developing lifelong faith formation. The cost is \$15/person—register on the PCiC website at <https://presbyterian.ca/canadian-ministries/lifelong-faith-course/>

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Betty Sanderson	January 17
Leny Jongepier	January 18
Brian MacKay	January 19
Magali Mabondo	January 21
Pat MacKay	January 22

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.