

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 22-29

SUNDAY JANUARY 22	In-Person and Livestream Worship <i>Rev. Michael Stol Leading</i> Stephen Ministry Online Meeting	10:00 am 7:00 pm
MONDAY	Ukes of London	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Property Management (WebEx) Meeting Reachout Choir Rehearsal	12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY	Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
FRIDAY	Senior Satellite Fitness Programming	9:00 am
SUNDAY JANUARY 29	In-Person and Livestream Worship <i>Elizabeth MacLeod Leading</i>	10:00 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 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	Bev Cameron Chris Hardy Mary Vair	Joyce Kilbourne Elaine McInnis Mavis Love-Symonds
AUDIO VISUALS	Andrea Bruce Isla Thibodeau Lizz Thibodeau	Tammy McDonald Jack Hardy Marilyn McFadden
Fellowship	Keith & Cathy Spooner	Brian & Pat MacKay

Thank you, Volunteers!

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

January 22, 2023

Third Sunday after Epiphany

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
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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

All: **We will follow Jesus.**

One: Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

All: **We will leave the past to follow Jesus.**

One: Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

All: **We will walk in the present to follow Jesus.**

One: Jesus calls, "Follow me!"

All: **We will follow Jesus.**

Praise: *Make a Joyful Noise / Psalm 100*

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: *Follow Me, the Master said*

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WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 27: 1, 4-9

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

All: **whom shall I fear?**

One: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

All: **of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

All: **to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,**

to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in the Lord's temple.

One: For you, Lord, will hide me in your shelter in the day of trouble; you will conceal me under the cover of your tent; you set me high on a rock.

All: **Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer sacrifices in the Lord's tent with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

One: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

All: **"Come," my heart says, "seek the Lord's face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me.**

One: Do not turn your servant away in anger, you, who have been my help.

All: **Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

Heather Reid

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Choir Anthem: *Come, Follow Me* by Albrecht, Althouse

Message: *Following a Stranger*

Praise: *Will you come and follow Me*

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WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Andy Thibodeau

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *Lead me, Jesus; I will follow*

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

Praise: *I have decided to follow Jesus*

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Benediction

Musical Postlude

Make a joyful noise/ Psalm 100

Linnea Good

Chorus:

*Make a joyful noise, all the earth!
Worship your God with gladness
Make a joyful noise all the earth!
Come to this place with a song.*

Know that your God has made you,
know it's to God we belong,
and come to this place
with joyfulness and praise,
worship your God with a song!

Chorus

Enter these gates thanksgiving,
enter these courts with praise;
sing thanks to your God
and bless this holy name,
worship your God with a song!

Chorus

Ages through endless ages
Seasons of endless years;
the love of our Maker
ever shall endure,
worship your God with a song!

Chorus

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Follow me, the Master said

Anonymous

"Follow me," the Master said:
we will follow Jesus.
By his word and Spirit led,
we will follow Jesus.
Still for us he lives to plead,
at the throne will intercede,
offers help in time of need;
we will follow Jesus.

Should the world and sin oppose,
we will follow Jesus.
He is greater than our foes;
we will follow Jesus.
On his promise we depend;
he will hear us and defend,
help and keep us to the end;
we will follow Jesus.

Ever keep that end in view;
we will follow Jesus.
All his promises are true;
we will follow Jesus.
When this earthly course is run,
and the Master says, "Well done!"
life eternal we have won;
we will follow Jesus.

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Will you come and follow me?

Iona Community (Scotland), Music: John Bell

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown;
will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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Lead me, Jesus; I will follow

Ted Creen

Lead me, Jesus; I will follow,
down the dusty pathways, all along the sea
Teach me, Jesus, to be loving:
your disciple I will be.

Descant:

Open my eyes that I may see,
I will serve you: your disciple I will be.

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I have decided to follow Jesus

Traditional

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus,
no turning back, no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me;
the world behind me, the cross before me;
the world behind me, the cross before me,
no turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow;
though none go with me, I still will follow;
though none go with me, I still will follow,
no turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.

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CHOIR ANTHEM: Come Follow Me, by Albrecht, Althouse

The kingdom of heaven is near. As you have received, so, then must you give.
Be not afraid with the Lord at your side, for Jesus died so we may live.
He said, "Come follow me. Come follow me. Come by yourselves to a quiet place.
Come follow me. Come follow me." That some day we may see His face.

Those who are weary, take rest. Look to Him for comfort and He will soothe your soul.
For He is gentle and humble in heart, and Jesus died to make us whole.
He said, "Come follow me. Come follow me. Come by yourselves to a quiet place.
Come follow me. Come follow me." That some day we may see His face.
"Come follow me. Come follow me." That some day we may see His face.

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Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing and comfort for **John Elliot** as he recovers foot amputation surgery, and adjusts to the loss of vision in one eye.
- ◆ Continue to keep in your prayers **Leny Jongepier, Helen LeTissier, Jackie Harrett, Beverly Ertl** and **Betty Smedley**.
- ◆ For God's comfort and peace for all in our congregation who are grieving.
- ◆ We give thanks to God that **Laura McInnis** is home from hospital and feeling well.
- ◆ 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**. All Chalmers members are encouraged to attend.

Bulletin Submission Deadline

The deadline for **all** submissions for the bulletin and projection is **Thursday at noon**. Items received after the deadline will be included the following week.

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.



January 22: In Nepal, 51-year-old Lahia Tharu was suffering from a numb left foot. Lahia first sought help from a traditional healer—a practice common in rural Nepal. When the condition of her foot did not improve, she went to a nearby hospital. Tests confirmed that Lahia had leprosy and referred her to the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Shining Hospital. There, she received medication and treatment and was sent home to recover. **Reflecting upon her experience, Lahia said that she is “thankful and happy for the treatment that was provided at Shining Hospital.”**

Speaking of Stewardship

“I do not believe one can settle how much we ought to give. I am afraid the only safe rule is to give more than we can spare.” *C. S. Lewis – writer, lay theologian*

PIES Still Available: Last chance to get BEEF PIES. The beef pies are almost gone - but not quite yet. This is your last chance to enjoy one of Ruth's famous beef pies. Available during Fellowship hour following the service, or contact Maureen Bruff.

Chalmers now offers **E-Transfer** as a means of supporting the work of the ministry, ensuring that 100% of your donation is received by the church. E-transfer to **chalmerspclondon@gmail.com**. Please use the notes section to provide any special instructions.

From the Library...

Half Finished – by Lauraine Snelling

This is basically a lovely story of 4 friends who make a big difference in their neighbourhood.

Mary Jean and her best friend Roxie love to be out early to walk their dogs. They do more talking than walking, and they always stop at Anne's restaurant for a bite of breakfast before heading home again.

Ginny and Amalia are also friends. Ginny lives on a farm with her husband Fred. Amalia lives in a retirement apartment where she regularly takes a plate of soup, or a few freshly baked goodies to some of the seniors in the building.

They are all crafters and all have the same problem More crafts started than finished.

They meet together in Anne's for coffee and Mary Jean brings with her an idea she has recently read about. A craft group called UFO or Un-Finished-Objects. An interesting read of how this group makes a difference in the lives of so many members in this town.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

Salvation Army Kettle Thanks:

Thanks to all who supported the 2022 Kettle Campaign. This year's goal of \$500,000 was exceeded by over \$80,000, allowing them to make a difference in the lives of thousands of families. Your time and commitment to the work of the Salvation Army are greatly appreciated!

Annual Report: A reminder to all committee chairs, your annual reports are due **NEXT Sunday, January 29**.

Online Faith Formation Course:

The Presbyterian Church in Canada is offering a 3-session online course January 25, February 14 and March 22, 2023. 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 Birthdays This Week

Pat Mackay	January 22
Mike Poser	January 24
Kristine Hardy	January 27
Jeanne Ferguson	January 28
Susan Garner	January 28
Ben Sanderson	January 28
Linda Adamson	January 29
Richard Cote	January 29

Task Force Update

As of the January 17, 2023 Session meeting the Task Force has been dissolved. Members and groups are encouraged to continue following the guidelines from the London Middlesex Health Unit. Session has also given permission for Chalmers to resume Tasteful Topics, Souper Sundays and luncheons following Funeral Services. Many thanks to Doug Bruce, Linda Adamson, Marilyn McFadden and Keith Johnston for their hard work on this committee. The committee would also like to thank Chalmers members for their compliance over the past difficult years.