

## 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. Please plan on joining us for coffee fellowship in the lower hall following worship today.

### This Week at a Glance: NOVEMBER 12-19

<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-Person & Livestream Worship Stephen Ministry Meeting	10:00 am 7:00 pm
<b>MONDAY</b>	Worship Committee Meeting Ukes of London	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Fall Bible Study Reachout Choir Rehearsal	12:00 pm 1:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:00 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Senior Satellite Exercise	9:00 am
<b>SATURDAY</b>	St. Andrew's By the Sea Concert	2:00 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am

**Office Hours: Monday to Thursday, 8:30 am—2:30pm.** Call 519-681-7242 or email [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto:chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca) with any questions or admin needs.

**Rev. Andrew Thompson's office hours** are Mondays 9:30—2:30, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:30 am to noon and Fridays, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

### Volunteers: NOVEMBER 12

### NOVEMBER 19

<b>HOSTS</b>	Bev Cameron Joyce Kilbourne Maureen Bruff	Muriel Bertling Fran Peach Anita Powell
<b>AUDIO VISUALS</b>	Torry Thibodeau Jack Hardy Richard Cote	Tammy McDonald Josiah Duffin Richard Cote
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Elaine McInnis , Heather Reid	Keith & Phyllis Johnston
<b>NURSERY</b>	Carolyn Walker, Paige Hardy	Available, unsupervised
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	Linda Adamson, Judy Steward	Sarah Thompson, Linda Adamson

# CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Worship Celebration

November 12, 2023

In-Person and Livestream Worship



### 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

Instrumental Prelude

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Janet Bruce

Call to Worship

One: God of all times and places, we gather to worship you.

**All: We turn our eyes to you and rejoice in your presence.**

One: God of all life and love, we gather to sing your praise.

**All: We turn our eyes to you and marvel at your power and your promise.**

One: God of all wisdom and wonder, we gather to learn from your Son.

**All: We turn our eyes toward Christ and wait for your Word to lead us.**

**Hymn of Praise:** *God, we praise you for the morning*

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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.**

Choir Anthem

Celebrating with the Children

Praise Time: *Here I am to Worship* (Tim Hughes)

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 78:1-7

One: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;

**All: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

One: I will open my mouth in a parable;

**All: I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known,  
that our ancestors have told us.**

One: We will not hide them from their children;

**All: we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord,  
and the mighty wonders that God has done.**

One: The Lord established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel,  
which God commanded our ancestors to teach to their children;

**All: that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell  
them to their children so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of  
God, but keep God's commandments.**

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

Heather Reid

One: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Message: **A Wedding Story**

**Hymn of Praise:** *I the Lord of sea and sky*

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering of our Gifts

**Offering Praise:** *When we are living*

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Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

**Hymn of Praise:** *Guide me, O thou great Redeemer*

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Benediction

**Sending Song:** *Let there be peace on earth*

Instrumental Postlude



## Please Pray

- ◆ For God's comfort and strength for **Doris Tutt** with the passing of Harold Tutt on Saturday, November 4.
- ◆ For God to comfort **Gillian and Richard Cote** with the passing of Gillian's father.
- ◆ For **Janice C**, who is undergoing tests in hospital. Pray for wisdom for the doctors and God's peace for Janice.
- ◆ For God's healing and comfort for **Beverley E** as she receives care in hospital.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Charles M**, who is suffering many health problems, and strength for Cathy as she cares for him.
- ◆ For **Linda B** as she settles in to her new home. May God bring healing and strength.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Holly W**.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers **Helen L, Jackie H, Laura M, Betty S, Ed C, Bill C**.

## ELECTION OF ELDERS

### TAKES PLACE TODAY

MEMBERS please visit the table in the narthex. Anyone who cannot attend but wants to vote must contact their elder who will deliver a ballot. Ballots must be returned to Chalmers' office by November 19.

## Offering Envelopes

If you use a guest envelope, please be sure to include your contact information on the reverse side of the envelope so we can send you a receipt in January. Contact the church office if you would be interested in envelopes for 2024. **NOTE: if you have envelopes and will NOT be using them in the new year, please let Wendy know.**

## Mission Moment

**November 12:** We are a vibrant denomination, working together to put our faith into action. When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we share in God's mission and proclaim God's love. We participate in mission and ministry in Canada, build strong congregations, support theological colleges and provide resources and educational opportunities. We serve vulnerable people, seek justice and work toward healing and reconciliation with Indigenous people. We share Christ's love around the world, sending grants and staff to encourage, equip and accompany PCC partners in their ministry. Through Presbyterians Sharing, we make mission and ministry happen. None of this would be possible without your generous gifts.

## Stewardship Moment

"When money rules, we remember the price of things and forget the value of things, and that is dangerous. "

*Rabbi Jonathan Sacks – philosopher, theologian, author.*

## Ladies' Night

**Christmas is Coming!** Please plan on joining us on **Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00PM** in the lower hall for a night of fun, food and fellowship. Sign up in the narthex today!

## Christmas Holiday Potluck

Come join us for Chalmers' Christmas Holiday Potluck! **Saturday, December 2 at 6:00pm** in the lower church hall. Please **sign up** at the information table in the narthex, indicating the number of people attending and what you will bring (main course or dessert). Tea, coffee & juice provided.

## From the Library...

I have put out the **Christmas** reading books for you to start reading your favourite, or new, Christmas stories. I have also put all the Children's Christmas books on the Children's reading table. Check them out and see what you would like to read to your children. Grandchildren or even great-grandchildren. Please bring back the books within two weeks so that others can enjoy them too. Thank you!

**Christine Hunter, Librarian**

## FROZEN BEEF & FRUIT PIES

Cost - \$5.00 ea. Proceeds to the General Fund. These are available following Sunday service or by pre-ordering through the Church office or email : [mobruff@rogers.com](mailto:mobruff@rogers.com).

## MINT SMOOTHIES

Great stocking stuffers (or as a treat) \$3 or 2 for \$5.00. Available following Sunday service.

**Care & Share** is in need of **egg cartons**. If you have any you can spare, please drop them in the donation basket in the foyer. Thank you.

## Safe Food Handling Course

Has been arranged here at Chalmers on **Saturday, January 13, 2024** from 9am to 3pm. Anyone interested in participating is asked to please sign up at the table in the narthex.

## Gaza Humanitarian Crisis

Donations made to the PWS&D humanitarian response will help with shelter, food, emergency help and mental health support for all those suffering the devastation of war, and are **eligible**

## St. Andrew's By the Sea Concert

Still time to get tickets! Join us **Saturday, November 18** at Chalmers, **2-4:30pm** for a fundraising concert, in support of Chalmers' General Fund. Featuring "Blown Ashore" Sea Shanty Band, and our own Bob Finlay. Refreshments will be served during intermission. Tickets are **\$25/person** (*children 12 and under free*) Call the church office (519) 681-7242, or speak to Bob Finlay or any Fundraising Committee member.

## Salvation Army Kettle 2023

For over 35 years Chalmers Church has committed the volunteer hours for the White Oaks Mall Salvation Army kettle, near Tim Hortons. We do it knowing that the Salvation Army kettles support the same mission that we have with our church: sharing the love of Christ by being an example of service to others. Each year the London community inspires us with its generosity! Our kettle consistently raises over \$10,000 annually! Our Chalmers portion of the campaign runs for TWO Weeks. **Monday, December 11<sup>th</sup> to December 23, no Sunday. 11am to 7:30 pm.** Sign up in the narthex starting November 19. Questions? Speak to Andrew Thibodeau.

## Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Jasmine Nathaniel	November 13
Doris Lamont	November 14
Linda Bone	November 19
Shirley Hall	November 21

