

## 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 are grateful to **Cassandra Skinner** on trumpet, and **Doug Bruce** on bagpipes, for enriching our worship today with your musical gifts. Thank you.

### This Week at a Glance: NOVEMBER 5—12

<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am
<b>TUESDAY</b>	CE & Faith Development Meeting	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>	Session Executive Meeting Choir Rehearsal Policy & Planning Meeting	9:00 am 6:30 pm 8:00 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Senior Satellite Exercise	9:00 am
<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-Person & Livestream Worship Meadow Park Retirement Home Worship Stephen Ministry Meeting	10:00 am 3:00 pm 7:00 pm

**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 5

### NOVEMBER 12

<b>HOSTS</b>	Keith Johnston Phyllis Johnston Carolyn Walker	Bev Cameron Joyce Kilbourne Maureen Bruff
<b>AUDIO VISUALS</b>	Andrea Bruce Josiah Duffin Marilyn McF/ Nathaniel Thompson	Torry Thibodeau Jack Hardy Richard Cote
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Gord & Mary Vair	Elaine McInnis, Heather Reid
<b>NURSERY</b>	Nursery open, unsupervised	Carolyn Walker, Paige Hardy
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	Sarah Thompson, Yvonne Daniel	Linda Adamson, Judy Steward

## CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Worship Celebration

November 5, 2023

In-Person and Livestream Worship

### Remembrance Day Service



### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers  
Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Office Administrator  
Caretaker  
Pastor

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

Musical Prelude

**Praise:** *O Canada* 833

Chalmers' Life and Mission Maureen Bruff

Call to Worship from Psalm 46

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**All: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the Mountains tumble and fall deep into the sea, though the waters foam and rage; The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

One: Let us worship God.

**Praise:** *O God, our help in ages past* 330

Litany of Remembrance

One: Loving God, Compassionate Son, Healing Spirit—you approach us with such kindness and tenderness, you look kindly on us no matter our state or condition. Your care for this world and for us is greater than we could know or imagine: you turn weeping into laughter, you turn sorrow into joy, you turn death into life. you redeem all that is undone by violence and destruction. And so, in adoration of you, we come and we pause, we rest from our work and responsibilities, and we rest from our play and from our fantasies, to enjoy you, to enjoy your beauty and to seek your peace.

**All: We confess that we have not done all that is possible to promote peace and justice in your world. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves, and we have let hatred for our enemies overrun us. Our anger is greater than our compassion, we tear down and do not build up, we take more than we give. Forgive us and use our lives to build up your Kingdom in this world, and welcome us by your grace into your Kingdom in the next.**

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

**All: And also with you.**

**Praise:** *Make me a channel of your peace* 740



## AN ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Reading of the Roll

The Last Post

The Silence (2 minutes)

The Lament

Reveille

One: They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old: age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them.

**All: We will remember them.**

**Praise:** *Be still, my soul* (Children are welcome to leave for Sunday School) 749

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Joshua 4:1-7

John 15:9-13

One: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Message: **Remembering**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering of our Gifts

**Offering Praise:** *Freely, Freely*

Offering Prayer & Prayers of Remembrance,

Prayer of Remembrance from the Church of England

One: Holy God, for all who suffer as a result of conflict, for the families of those who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God;

**All: Holy God, give peace.**

One: For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, for family, friends all who pray for their safe return;

**All: Loving God give peace.**

One: For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, for those whose lives are shaped by the anger and hatreds of humanity;

**All: Living God give peace.**

One: For peacemakers and peacekeepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious;

**All: Gracious God give peace.**

One: Our Father and our God, in the days ahead – make each one of us instruments of peace in our lives, in our families, in our church, in our community and in our world. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ – the one who is the Prince of Peace, Amen.

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**Praise:** For the healing of the nations (tune Westminster, #402)

Benediction

**Sending Song:** Go now in peace

Musical Postlude



## Please Pray

- ◆ For God to comfort Gillian and Richard Cote with the passing of Gillian’s father.
- ◆ 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 God’s healing for **Holly W**.
- ◆ For **Janice C** who is receiving care in hospital.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers **Helen L, Jackie H, Laura M, Betty S, Ed C, Bill C**.

## ELECTION OF ELDERS

will take place

**Sunday, November 12, 2023.**

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

A number of guest envelopes have been coming in with no name on them. 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. Please contact the church office if you would be interested in envelopes for 2024.

## Mission Moment

**November 5:** In Guatemala, Leslie—a mother to four—takes great pride in the small home, built atop a former landfill site, she has owned for 15 years. To make ends meet, she sorts plastic bottles from the landfill, with her five-year-old daughter Kaitlin often accompanying her. Leslie’s other daughter, Naomi, attends the PWS&D-supported Francisco Coll School. At this school, she has developed essential reading and writing skills. Leslie also participates in parenting classes, noting, “[It’s] very helpful because I’ve changed the way I parent. I shout less. I used to come home from work and start shouting at the kids, but I’ve learned differently. The classes are very beneficial.”

## Stewardship Moment

Gratitude becomes a quality of our hearts that allows us to live joyfully and peacefully even though our struggles continue. - *Henri Nouwen*

**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.

## 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. Each year dozens of different members of our congregation gave selflessly of their time. 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 sheets in the Narthex starting Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Speak to Andrew Thibodeau.

The story our volunteers remember the most are times that people have put money into the kettle and have told us ... *“Years ago, I was recipient of Salvation Army generosity. Now I can give back.”*

## Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Loretta Duffin	November 5
Jim Harrett	November 9
John Cree	November 10
Jasmine Nathaniel	November 13



**A very special birthday greeting** goes out to

**Doris Lamont**

Who will celebrate her **100th birthday** on **November 14!!** May God continue to bless you, Doris, and give you joy and strength for each new day!

## 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.

## Advent Event

Anyone interested in helping out with an Advent Event early in December, please speak with Linda Adamson. Thank you!

## From the Library...

**Atlanta Justice Series –** By Rachel Dylan

### 3. Breach of Trust

Corporate litigator Mia Shaw suffers the shock of her life when she finds her colleague and friend brutally murdered. Grief-stricken and furious, Mia vows that she will do anything to seek justice and make the killer pay.

The man accused of the murder is a friend of security tech guru Noah Ramirez, but the evidence just doesn’t add up. To save his former ATF partner, Noah needs to convince Mia that the real killer is still on the loose.

*Review from book collector*

## Mint Smoothies!

The Fundraising Committee will have mint smoothies for sale as a fundraiser in the lower hall today during coffee hour.