

## CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us for in-person worship this Sunday at 10 am. Pre-registration is required by Friday noon. **Due to upgrades in the sound booth, we will not be able to livestream the service this Sunday. For this reason we will make available the Thanksgiving worship service from 2020.** This can be viewed through our website at [chalmerslondon.com](http://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.

### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: OCTOBER 10-17

<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-Person & Online Worship Service <i>Thanksgiving Sunday</i>	10:00 am
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Presbytery Online Meeting	7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Care & Share Food Pick-up Knitting Circle (in Narthex) Policy & Planning Online Meeting Online Prayer	12:30 pm 1:30 pm 7:00 pm 8:00 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Online Community Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-Person & Livestream Worship Service	10:00 am

### OFFICE HOURS:

Wendy is in the office Tuesday—Friday mornings. Please call ahead before dropping by the church. Email [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto:chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca) or call (519) 681-7242 with any questions or needs.

Rev. John can be reached by email, on his home phone, (519) 681-9876 or his cell, (226) 919-9180.

# Chalmers Presbyterian Church

## Worship Celebration

October 10, 2021

**Thanksgiving Sunday**

*In-Person Worship*



### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers  
Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Office Administrator  
Caretaker  
Pastor

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## WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship:

One: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

**All: God's love is everlasting.**

One: Let us praise God joyfully.

**All: Let us approach God with thanksgiving. Let us worship God.**

Praise: *For the fruits of all creation*

(Lyrics on p. 3)

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Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

The Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrating with the Children

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm 67

One: O God, be gracious to us and bless us

**All: and make your face to shine upon us,**

One: that your way may be known upon earth,

**All: your saving power among all nations.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**All: let all the peoples praise you.**

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

**All: for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**All: let all the peoples praise you.**

One: The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, has blessed us.

**All: May God continue to bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth revere God.**

Scripture Reading: John 6:1-15

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Praise: *This is the day*

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Message: Thanks-living

Special Praise: Khukrani Kwa Bwana/ Thank you, Lord

The Mabondo Family

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*

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

Praise: *Give thanks, my soul, for harvest*

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(Merle's Tune, #752)

Blessing

Musical Postlude



## For the fruits of all creation

Hymn # 802 - Fred Pratt Green

For the fruit(s) of all creation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

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## This is the day

Hymn # 78 - Psalm 118:19, 24, 28

This is the day this is the day  
that the Lord has made,  
that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice, we will rejoice  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that the Lord has made.

Open to us, open to us  
the gates of God, the gates of God;  
we will go in, we will go in  
and praise the Lord, and praise the Lord.  
Open to us the gates of God;  
we will go in and praise the Lord.  
Open to us, open to us the gates of God.

You are our God, you are our God;  
we will praise your name,  
we will praise your name;  
we will give thanks, we will give thanks  
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.  
You are our God; we will praise your name;  
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, you are our God;  
we will praise your name.

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## Give thanks with a grateful heart

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because He's given  
Jesus Christ His Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say "I am strong",  
let the poor say "I am rich",  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
(repeat)

Give thanks, give thanks.

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## Give thanks, my soul, for harvest

Hymn # 805—William Watkins Reid

Give thanks, my soul, for harvest,  
for store of fruit and grain,  
but know the owner gives  
so that we may share again.  
Where souls are lone and hungry,  
where needy children cry,  
with gifts from God's rich bounty  
may thankfulness reply.

Give thanks, my soul for riches  
of woodland, mine, and hill,  
but know that gold and timber  
are the Creator's still,  
and God's on loan to stewards  
to fashion and to share,  
providing all earth's children  
the blessing of God's care.

Give thanks, my soul, for labours,  
that strength and days employ,  
but know your Maker's purpose  
brings toil as well as joy.  
Where leads the path to error, where justice lies in  
chain, where hoarders cause new hunger, there we  
must strive again.

Give thanks, my soul, for beauty,  
for vision, hope and skill,  
for Christ, divine revealer  
of God's redeeming will.  
Show forth, O God, your purpose;  
direct our will and hand  
to share your love and  
bounty with all, in every land.

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## The Disciples

By Ann Weems

Hurting, they came to him.  
Healed, they followed him.  
Grateful, they gave to him  
what they had and what they were.  
Blessed, they became a blessing  
and went out to all the world  
in his name.

Those who are hurt  
and healed  
grateful  
and blessed  
Still move among us  
in his name.

Weems, A. [Kneeling in Jerusalem.](#)

Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993. p.30

### SPECIAL PRAISE

## Khukrani Kwa Bwana Thank you, Lord

I thank you, Lord, for all the good  
You have done for me in my life.  
Ever since my childhood  
You have loved me so much,  
You gave me life again,  
and protected me.

Thank you, Lord my God.  
The Lord is my light,  
And the Lord is my Shepherd;  
I will not be afraid.  
Thank you, Lord my God.

## Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing for **Charles McCartney**, who is recovering at home.
- ◆ For God's healing and pain control for **Joyce Yull**.
- ◆ For healing and pain control for **Vic Laursen** who is in hospital fighting an infection.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Doris Tuft** and a spirit of perseverance as she recovers at home.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Leslee Johnston** as she recovers from surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Ken Hall** as he convalesces at home. May the Lord give strength to Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Barry May**.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Betty Smedley, Linda McPherson, and Ross Cole**.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Rev. Andrew Thompson**, the new Moderator of the Presbytery of London, and **Rev. Jim Patterson**, the new General Presbyter.
- ◆ For God's protection, peace and grace to surround us as we walk through these trying times due to the COVID-19 virus.
- ◆ For God to inspire us to be generous in giving our time, talents and treasure for the ongoing work of the Lord in the world.

**THANKSGIVING LETTER:** letters were sent out on Friday—look for yours soon either by hand delivery or in your mailbox!

**CHALMERS ONLINE COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUR:** Join us Thursday evenings at 7:30pm for a relaxed time of fellowship. ZOOM, meeting ID 350 336 4073.



### October 10 - Supporting New Ministries

In 2019, with support from Presbyterians Sharing, The Presbyterian Church in Canada started Cyclical PCC, a church planting support initiative. Since its beginning, God has blessed this initiative with 47 faithful, dedicated and innovative people who feel called to begin new ministries. Rani Ibrahim, a participant in Cyclical PCC, said that the relationships he has formed with other Presbyterian leaders have been especially meaningful.

**This Harvest Sunday** we pray for farmers and farm workers as they steward the soil and work to grow and harvest food.

### SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

#### October 10

"Set apart a tithe of all the yield of your seed that is brought in yearly from the field."  
Deuteronomy 14:22

**ELDER NOMINATIONS:** Chalmers members are invited to submit nominations for the position of elder. *Nominations will be received at the table in the narthex beginning this Sunday, October 11, and continue for 3 Sundays (to October 24). A list of members is available at the table for your information and will be emailed out on Tuesday, October 12.*

**FALL BIBLE STUDY:** Please note there is no Bible Study on Monday, October 10—we will resume our online study of "**Being the Church Today**" by Emily Bisset on Monday, October 18 at 7 pm.

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Kings Meadow Romance** – by Robin Lee Hatcher

Book 1: Love Without End

Kimberly and Tara Welch have been through a difficult time. The loss of a husband/dad who left them almost penniless has really taken its toll on this mom and daughter. They move to a small town called Kings Meadow where Kimberley's friend Janet Dunn tries to help them get their lives back together again. Tara is an outdoor, active teenager who has been given a horse, and her mom visits a local ranch to see if they can find someone to help Tara take care of and enjoy her horse. Tara seems to be a natural and could it be that this will be a turning point for the mom and daughter. Chet Leonard is the owner of the ranch and enjoys teaching Tara the ins and outs of taking care of her horse, and encouraging her in her riding skills.

This series is – by its name – a romance series, and I really enjoyed reading about the ranch with its meadows and mountains to explore on horseback. Its history in the Leonard family, dating right back to 1864 pioneer days makes for a very interesting read.  
Christine Hunter, Librarian

### Chalmers Birthdays this Week

Laura McInnis	October 13
Keith Spooner	October 15
Marilyn McFadden	October 17

*Much joy on your birthday!*

**POWER OF HOPE:** The mission committee is pleased to announce we will again support the "**Power Of HOPE**" organization this Thanksgiving season. Contributions can be placed in the plastic bin in the Narthex (Sundays), or the front door Rubbermaid bin Tuesday to Friday mornings, from **October 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Items most needed are girls' & boys' pajamas sizes 6 through 16. Toiletries such as shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes (children's), dental floss and razors (men & women) are in high demand. Also children's underwear and socks. Small child size blankets are also welcome.

Contributions can be placed into plastic bags or left in original plastic packaging. Please deliver to the church Sundays, or Tuesday to Friday mornings. A bin will be provided by the main doors. Join us this season as we continue to support this organization that helps children in times of great stress.



## HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

A very special birthday greeting to **Laura McInnis** who turns 90 on October 13! Laura, we pray God will continue to bless you with health, strength and much joy on your special day, and in the year ahead!

**CHALMERS ONLINE PRAYER:** Join us Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm on Zoom. Link available through Chalmers' website. All welcome!