

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 to leave us a record of your visit.

Please plan on joining us for our Fall Church Picnic on the east lawn after worship.

This Week at a Glance: SEPTEMBER 17—24

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17	In-Person & Livestream Worship Church Picnic	10:00 am 11:30 am
TUESDAY	Session Meeting	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Reachout Rehearsal	12:30 pm 1:00 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
FRIDAY	Senior Satellite Exercise Resumes	9:00 am
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 24	In-Person & Livestream Worship Stephen Ministry Meeting	10:00 am 7:00 pm

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.

To reach the church office, chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca or 519-681-7242.

Rev. Andrew Thompson's office hours are Monday, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm, Wednesday and Thursday 9:30 am - noon and Friday, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Please call or email the office with any questions or pastoral care needs.

Volunteers: SEPTEMBER 17

SEPTEMBER 24

HOSTS	Marg Ward Bev Cameron Joyce Kilbourne	Muriel Bertling Todd & Brenda Webster
AUDIO VISUALS	Andrea Bruce Jack Hardy Richard Cote	Torry Thibodeau Josiah Duffin Lizz Thibodeau
FELLOWSHIP	Church Picnic	Gord & Mary Vair

CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Worship Celebration

September 17, 2023

In-Person and Livestream Worship

16th Sunday After Pentecost



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers
Tom Hunter
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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship:

One: Praise the Lord.

All: Let us praise God together.

One: For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is God's steadfast love;

All: as far as the east is from the west, so far God removes our sins.

One: So let us rejoice in God's gracious presence.

All: Let us praise the God of mercy together.

Praise: *God is love: come heaven, adoring* 314

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.

Celebrating with the Children

Praise: *Those who wait upon the Lord* 662

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 114

One: When Israel went out from Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,
Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel God's dominion.

All: The see looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

One: Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?
O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

**All: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.**

Scripture Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

Hebrews 12:1-3

Heather Reid

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Praise be to God

Choir Anthem: *Make a Joyful Noise* by Jeff Reeves

Message: Putting one foot in front of the other

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WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission 630 (vv. 1 & 2)
Maureen Bruff

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *When we are living* 630 (vv. 1 & 2)

Offering Prayer, Prayers of the People

Praise: *The church's one foundation* 479

Benediction

Choral Amen

Musical Postlude

PROJECTION SCREENS

The two front projection screens will not be in use for the next few Sundays as we are waiting for a part. Please excuse the inconvenience. In the interim, hymn books are available, and you will find the hymn lyrics on the back of the announcement insert in your bulletin. Thank you.

Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing for **Marilyn M.**, as she recuperates from surgery for her broken leg.
- ◆ For God's healing and comfort for **Beverley E.** who is making good progress in hospital.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers **Helen L., Jackie H., Laura M., Betty S., Ed C., Bill C.**
- ◆ For all those facing the devastation of the earthquake in Marrakech, Morocco. May God bring comfort to those who have lost loved ones and provide for the many now without shelter.



September 17: For the five congregations that comprise the Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry, 'church' goes well beyond someone's physical presence in the building on Sunday morning. Over the past year, they have asked themselves, "How do we reach out to those in our community and meet them where their needs are greatest?" Each congregation faces a wide diversity of social and economic challenge in their communities, including drug addiction, homelessness, unemployment and food insecurity. A common thread that unites their communities despite distance: people are searching for acceptance and help. The congregations are working to meet these needs through compassion and care.

Speaking of Stewardship

It's not how much we give, but how much love we put into giving. *Mother Teresa*

CHALMERS LADIES' NIGHT

Tuesday September 26 at 7:30 pm. Mark your calendars to join in a fun night - preparing for Thanksgiving, fellowship, future plans and of course, DESSERT. Plan on bringing a friend. **Sign up today in the Narthex!**

From the Library...

Murder Wears Mittens – by Sally Goldenbaum

This is, as you may have guessed, a murder mystery.

In the small town of Sea Harbor, Massachusetts, there are a group of ladies who meet week by week to knit garments for sale, for donation to good causes and to give them a time to chat, laugh and enjoy each other's company.

Cass Halloran is at the Laundromat just doing a bit of laundry when she sees a young boy hanging around the driers. She wonders why he is out alone and so late in the day – so when he heads out the door, she follows him to make sure he gets home safely.

Dolores Cardozo is a senior lady, living on her own, who loves to find worthy causes and donate to them financially. Dolores is found dead one day, murdered in her own home. Interesting? You need to read this fascinating book to find out how the ladies of the knitting group help to solve this murder.

I enjoyed it – you may too!

Christine Hunter, Librarian.

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Shirley Brabant	September 20
Sarah Thompson	September 20
Doug Bruce	September 22
Erica MacKay	September 24

Senior Satellite: 55+ exercise classes take place here Fridays from 9 am to noon. Sign up and pay for lessons through the City of London website.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting following worship on

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Regarding the investment of the proceeds from the sale of the manse. Members are encouraged to attend.

Reachout Choir: We have begun rehearsing on Wednesdays at 7:30 pm, and welcome all new or returning singers who would like to sing for the Christmas season. No experience necessary! Everyone in grade 7 and beyond is welcome.



SUNDAY SCHOOL is in need of teachers. If you would be able to help out approximately once a month, please speak to Linda Adamson. All volunteers will need to obtain a police record check.

Nursery Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to provide nursery supervision so some of our young families can attend worship. We hope to create a rotating roster, with 1 adult and 1 youth per week. A police record check is required for anyone age 16+. Youth helpers welcomed! Please contact the church office.



Chalmers Choir

Weekly rehearsals have resumed on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. If you love to sing, why not join us? Please speak to our Music Director, Beth Hickey, if interested.

The church's one foundation

Samuel John Stone

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord; we are his new creation by water and the word; from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be his living servant people, by his own death set free.

Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, our charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth, one holy name professing and at one table fed, to one hope we are pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.

Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed, by schisms rent asunder by heresies distressed; yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?" But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war, we wait the consummation of peace forevermore; 'til with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blest, and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

We now on earth have union with God the Three-in-One, and share, through faith, communion with those whose rest is won, O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we, like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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Those who wait on the Lord

Traditional, Arr. John L. Bell

Those who wait on the Lord... shall renew their strength; they shall rise upon wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint: help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.

Those who serve the suffering world...

Those who live the risen life...

Those who love the Mystery...

Those who die on the march...

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When we are living

Elise S. Eslinger, Roberto Escamilla

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus, and when we're dying it is in the Lord. Both in our living and in our dying, we belong to God; we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give. Good works of service are for offering. When we are giving or receiving, we belong to God; we belong to God.

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God is love: come heaven, adoring

Timothy Rees C.R. (alt tune Hyfrydol)

God is love: come heaven, adoring; God is love: come earth, rejoice. Come creation, voices soaring, sing exulting with one voice. God who laid the earth's foundation, God who spread the heavens above, God who breathes through all creation – God is love, eternal love.

God is love, whose arms enfolding all the world in one embrace, with unfailing grasp are holding every child of every race, and when human hearts are breaking under sorrow's iron rod, all the sorrow, all the aching, wrings with pain the heart of God.

God is love, and though with blindness sin afflicts all human life, God's eternal lovingkindness guides us through all earthly strife. Sin and death and hell shall never o'er us final triumph gain; God is love, so love forever o'er the universe must reign.

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Praise, I will praise

French, Claude Frayssse, Tr. Kenneth Morse

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart. O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name. Praise, I will praise you Lord, with all my heart. In you I will find the source of all my joy, Hallelujah!

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart. O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name. Love, I will love you Lord, with all my heart. In you I will find the source of all my joy, Hallelujah!

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart. O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways, and glorify your name. Serve, I will serve you Lord, with all my heart. In you I will find the source of all my joy, Hallelujah!

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CHOIR ANTHEM: Make a Joyful Noise, by Jeff Reeves

Spoken: Make a joyful noise, make a joyful noise! 2X

Make a joyful noise to the Lord of lords. Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Refrain: *Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Enter His gates with glorious praise!*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Worship the Lord and be glad!

Sing a new song to the Lord. Fill the earth with hymns of praise.

Come bless the Lord with music, rejoice this holy day. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! Make a joyful noise, make a joyful noise,

Make a joyful noise to the Lord!