

## CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

Welcome to worship. Our services are in-person and live-streamed 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 Sunday we welcome **Rev. Michael Stol** to lead worship.

### This Week at a Glance: SEPTEMBER 25—OCTOBER 2

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Livestream and In-Person Worship <i>Stephen Minister Commissioning</i>	10:00 am
<b>MONDAY</b>	Ukes of London	7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Online Prayer Meeting Reachout Choir Rehearsal	12:30 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Chalmers Senior Choir Rehearsal Property Management Meeting	6:30 pm 7:00 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>NO Seniors' Satellite Recreation</b> <i>due to Truth &amp; Reconciliation Day</i>	9:00 am
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Livestream and In-Person Worship <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	10:00 am

### Office Hours:

Our regular office hours are Tuesday—Friday, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Please contact the church office with any needs or concerns at [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto:chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca) or (519) 681-7242. **Rev. Mavis Currie** is Chalmers' Interim Moderator. For emergency Pastoral Care she may be reached at her office, (519) 631-2414, her cell (519) 680-1380 or by email, [m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca](mailto:m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca).

### Worship Volunteers:

	This Week	Next Week
<b>HOSTS</b>	Anita Powell Fran Peach Jane Vannus	Mary Vair Karen Dutton Chris Hardy
<b>A/V</b>	Tammy McDonald Rose Marie Finlay	Torry Thibodeau Marilyn McFadden
<b>Webex</b>	Richard Cote	Richard Cote
<b>Fellowship</b>	Holly Williams	Gord & Mary Vair

## Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

September 25, 2022

Presbyterians Sharing Sunday

In-Person and Livestream Worship



Presbyterians  
Sharing

### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers  
Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Office Administrator  
Caretaker  
**Interim Moderator**

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

Musical Prelude

Presbyterians Sharing Video

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Call to Worship

One: God loves us with a steadfast love.

**All: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!**

One: God loves us so much he gave us his Son.

**All: Let us believe and have eternal life!**

One: God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.

**All: Let us have faith to receive this grace!**

One: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

**Praise:** *Come, let us sing of a wonderful love* 706 (vv. 1,2,4)

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

The Peace: One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Praise:** *As when the Hebrew prophet raised* 189 (vv. 1-3)

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 121

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

**All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

One: The Lord will not let your foot be moved;  
the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.

**All: The One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

One: The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

**All: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

One: The Lord will keep you from all evil, will keep your life.

**All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and forevermore.**

Scripture Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

John 3:14-21

One: The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Praise:** *There is a Redeemer* 358

Sermon: **Dangerous Love**

Choir Anthem: *Let Me Be a Light in the Darkness* Chalmers Senior Choir

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Presbyterians Sharing Video

Offering of our Gifts

**Offering Praise:** *Give Thanks*

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

Stephen Ministry Commissioning Service (see insert)

**Praise:** *Lord, whose love* 722

Blessing

Postlude

*(All hymn lyrics found on page 3)*



## Come let us sing of a wonderful love

Robert Walmsley, Adam Watson

Come let us sing of a wonderful love  
tender and true, tender and true;  
out of the heart of the Father above,  
streaming to me and to you;  
wonderful love, wonderful love,  
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell  
joyfully came, joyfully came,  
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,  
sharing their sorrow and shame:  
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,  
saving, redeeming a measureless cost.

Come to my heart, O though wonderful love;  
come and abide, come and abide,  
lifting my life 'til it rises above  
envy and falsehood and pride:  
seeking to be, seeking to be  
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

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## As when the Hebrew prophet raised

Isaac Watts

As when the Heberw prophet raised  
the brazen serpent high  
the wounded looked and straight were cured;  
the people ceased to die.

So from the Saviour on the cross  
a healing virtue flows;  
who looks to him with living faith  
is saved from endless woes.

For God gave up the Son to death,  
so generous was that love,  
that all the faithful might enjoy  
eternal life above.

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## There is a redeemer

Melody Green

There is a redeemer,  
Jesus God's own Son,  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
Holy one.

*Thank you, O my Father  
for giving us your Son,  
and leaving your Spirit 'til  
your work on earth is done.*

Jesus my Redeemer,  
name above all names,  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,  
oh for sinners slain.

When I stand in glory,  
I will see his face,  
and there I'll serve my King forever,  
in that holy place.

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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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## Lord, whose love

Albert F. Bayly

Lord, whose love through humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
offered mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart,  
consecrating to your purpose  
every gift that you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As, O Lord, your deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
use the love your Spirit kindles  
still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision,  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to tireless striving  
your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service,  
forth in your dear name we go  
to the child the youth, the aged,  
love in living deeds to show;  
hope and health, good will and comfort,  
counsel, aid and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know, and live.

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## CHOIR ANTHEM:

### Let Me Be A Light in the Darkness

by Beall, Carter

Let me be a light in the darkness  
to help you find your way;  
let me be a light in the darkness  
to turn your night to day.  
Let me dry your tears when you're crying,  
let me calm your fears when you're sighing;  
let me be a light in the darkness for you.

Let me be a friend when you're lonely,  
when God seems far away;  
let me be a friend when you're lonely  
to brighten up your day.  
Come and take my hand,  
let me lead you.  
Let God's Word of Life heal and feed you; I  
et me be a light in the darkness for you.

Let me give you hope for tomorrow;  
you're part of God's great plan.  
Let me give you hope for tomorrow;  
your life is in God's hands.  
God is on your side...never doubt it!  
Won't you let me tell you about it!  
Let me be a light... I want to be a light...  
Let me be a light in the darkness for you.

## Please Pray

- ◆ For God's blessing for **Ken Hall, Vic Laursen, Betty Smedley, and Linda McPherson.**
- ◆ For God's healing Spirit to strengthen and encourage **Leny Jongepier** as she recovers at Westmount Gardens from her recent surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Barry May** who and is convalescing at home.
- ◆ For God's comfort and healing for **Brenda Bakelaar** as she undergoes rehab at Parkwood Hospital.
- ◆ For strength and comfort for **Don & Betty Cross** with Betty's facing major surgery in the near future.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Angeline Nathaniel, Beth Hickey, and Catharine Campbell** as they are commissioned today as Stephen Ministers.

## Chalmers COVID Protocols

Advanced registration is no longer required for Sunday services. We will continue with:

- 1) Masks are **recommended** in the building.
- 2) Physical distancing of 2 m maintained in the building at all times. \*NOTE: the two centre sections of the sanctuary are now open for full seating. Physical distancing will be observed in the outside sections.
- 3) Food & beverages are permitted in the building if numbers are kept to a minimum, and groups use their own disposable plates, napkins, cutlery and cups.

## Congregational Letter

Please pick up your copy of the Thank-giving letter to the congregation from the mail slots this morning.



**September 25: Giving to Presbyterians Sharing means participating in Christ's mission together through The Presbyterian Church in Canada.** Our gifts bring hope and transformation to vulnerable individuals and communities in Canada. We equip congregations and leaders through resources and webinars. We connect Presbyterians across the country through the *Presbyterian Connection* newspaper. We provide free websites for congregations, synods, presbyteries, camps and specialized ministries. We equip ministers through our theological colleges. We help congregations discern God's call and create a plan for their future through renewal programs. We support the PCC's efforts of confession, truth and reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and communities. We live out the biblical call to seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God. Together, with Presbyterians across Canada, we are making mission and ministry happen!

## Speaking of Stewardship

At the core of our existence is an unending process of being gifted by God – in whose power is our every breath.

*Thomas Troeger – minister, author*

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays	
Rita McWilliam	September 26
Joyce Yull	September 30
Lorna Wilson	October 3

## Library News

**Home to Amana** – Judith Miller

### Book 1 – A Hidden Truth

Karlina Richter lives in the closed community of the Amana Colonies and loves to help her father look after the colonies sheep. When she discovers that a new shepherd is being sent to her village she wonders if this means an end to the job that she loves.

Dovie Cates mother grew up in this colony, and Dovie decides that she would like to know more about life in the place her mother called home.

This is a story about life in a community that all work together to keep things running smoothly and I found it interesting.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

## Volunteers Needed!

- ◆ **Chalmers' Sunday School** is looking for teachers! If you can help on either a weekly or every other week basis, please contact Judy Steward.
- ◆ **The Christian Education & Faith Development Committee** is looking for members. This group meets on the first Tuesday of the month and is responsible programming and activities that promote Christian Education and Faith Development for the congregation. If you would like to join us, please contact Linda Adamson.
- ◆ **The Pastoral Care Committee** is looking for two volunteers. This involves 10 meetings per year to oversee Stephen Ministry, pastoral care calls and cards, and funeral receptions post COVID. Please contact the office or Mary MacDonald, Convenor.

## Update from the Interim Moderator

The Session met on Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> via zoom. The Session was pleased to receive such a positive report from the Presbytery of London. One of the main focuses of the meeting on Tuesday evening was discussing the Search Committee. The elders are taking a few days to pray and consider this important role for the church. It is anticipated by early October the Search Committee will be formed and then will commence their work. One of the first tasks of the Search Committee will be seeking input from the congregation! Stay tuned! The Session agreed that a combination of stability in the pulpit coupled with some new voices would be a good balance for worship leadership during this time of reflection and discernment. We are grateful that Rev. Michael Stol will be with us most Sundays. On the Sundays when Rev. Stol is not with us, we will be hearing preachers of various ages and backgrounds. This variety in the pulpit is useful for us as we prepare for a new minister. Likewise, various elders and/or members will be taking turns sharing the announcements on Sunday mornings. The Session felt this was an opportunity for the congregation to hear different voices and perhaps connect some names and faces!

Please continue to pray for the church and the Session during this exciting time of transition.

Rev. Mavis Currie