

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 to join us for coffee fellowship in the lower hall following worship.

This Week at a Glance: SEPTEMBER 3—10

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 3	In-Person & Livestream Worship No Coffee—Long Weekend	10:00 am
TUESDAY	CE & Faith Development Meeting	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Pastoral Care Team Meeting Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Property Management Online Meeting Reachout Rehearsal	9:30 am 12:30 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10	In-Person & Livestream Worship Induction Service—Rev. Andrew Thompson	10:00 am 3:00 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 3 SEPTEMBER 10 AM INDUCTION SERVICE 3PM

HOSTS	Lorna Wilson Bill George Mavis Love-Symonds	Gord & Mary Vair Chris Hardy	Yvonne Daniel Maureen Bruff Christine Hunter
AUDIO VISUALS	Torry Thibodeau Jack Hardy Richard Cote	Andrea Bruce Josiah Duffin Rose Marie Finlay	Torry Thibodeau Islay Thibodeau Lizz Thibodeau
FELLOWSHIP	Coffee Fellowship —long weekend	No Coffee due to Induction Service	Session

CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Worship Celebration

September 3, 2023

In-Person and Livestream Worship

14th Sunday After Pentecost



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

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship: (Unison)

Psalm 100 (NIV)

Shout for joy to the Lord all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Praise: *Saviour, like a shepherd lead us*

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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.

Celebrating with the Children

Praise: *Lord, listen to your children praying (2x)*

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WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 26:1-8

One: Vindicate me, O Lord,

All: **for I have walked in my integrity**

and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

One: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.

All: **For your steadfast love is before my eyes**

and I walk in faithfulness to you.

One: I do not sit with the worthless, nor do I consort with hypocrites;

I hate the company of evildoers, and will not sit with the wicked.

All: **I wash my hands in innocence and walk around your altar, O Lord
singing aloud a song of thanksgiving, and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

One: O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell,

All: **and the place where your glory abides.**

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Matthew 16:21-28

Lorna Wilson

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Special Praise: *There is a Balm in Gilead (Traditional Spiritual)*

Bob Finlay

Message: The Call of Moses

Praise: *Will you come and follow me*

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WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Bill George

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *Give thanks with a grateful heart*

Offering Prayer, Prayers of the People

Praise: *To God be the glory*

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Benediction

Choral Amen

Musical Postlude

Please Pray

- ◆ For **Andrew & Jamie B.**, evacuated from Yellowknife due to forest fires; for safety for all those being evacuated and God's protection of all those who are fighting fires everywhere.
- ◆ 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 continuing to make good progress in hospital.
- ◆ For God's peace and healing for **Holly W.** who is in University Hospital after suffering a brain bleed.
- ◆ For God's peace and comfort for **Shirley H.**, as she settles into her new home in Tillsonburg.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers **Helen L., Jackie H., Laura M., Betty S., Ed C., Bill C.**

Induction Service

Presbytery will meet here on **Sunday, September 10, at 2:30 pm** followed by a special service at 3:00 pm for the induction of the Rev. Andrew Thompson as minister of Chalmers Presbyterian Church. All are welcome to attend the Induction Service. See [insert](#) for further details.

Chalmers Choir

Regular, weekly rehearsals resume this Thursday, September 7th at 6:30pm. If you love to sing, why not join us? Please speak to our Music Director, Beth Hickey, if interested.



September 3: Parbati Damai lives in Nepal with a spinal cord injury she endured after falling down a hill three years ago. During that time, her family took her to the local hospital for emergency treatment, where she underwent multiple surgeries and started using a wheelchair. However, with her husband and sons working during the day, she was often left at home in her wheelchair for 10 to 14 hours daily, causing pressure sores to develop on her body. Parbati's local health facility couldn't provide her with the help she needed, so they referred her to the Green Pastures Hospital for further treatment. There, with the support of PWS&D's partner, she received treatment and counselling free of charge. Parbati hopes to complete her treatment and return home soon.

Speaking of Stewardship

God never promised to meet our budget, only our needs.

J. Hudson Taylor – Baptist missionary to China

Reachout Choir will be rehearsing this Wednesday at 7:30 pm for all current members to brush up our spring cantata for upcoming presentations. We will begin rehearsing for Christmas next Wednesday, September 13 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.

From the Library...

The Pelican Harbor Series – by Colleen Coble

Book 3 - Three Missing Days

Jane Hardy, Chief of Police in Pelican Harbour has been called out to a house fire. The owner of the house is found dead in the house, and one of the fire-fighters also loses his life in the blaze. Jane starts to investigate and as she works through this happening, she gets deeper and deeper into a mystery that seems unsolvable.

On the back of this fire and the two deaths, Jane's son, Will is the last person to see his step-mother alive, and is accused of her murder.

This is a fast-paced, no holds barred story of a family vendetta that looks like it could destroy Jane and her family.

I initially found this 3rd book in this interesting series to be a little slow getting started, but when it does – it is interesting, exciting, and really keeps you guessing as to what is really going on here until the very last page!

Christine Hunter, Librarian.

Knitting Circle resumes Wednesday, September 6. We meet in the choir room, weekly from 1:00—2:30 pm. All who enjoy knitting or crocheting for themselves or charity, are welcome to attend. Contact Joyce Kilbourne for more info.

Senior Satellite: 55+ exercise classes will resume here at Chalmers on Friday, September 15 from 9 am to noon. Sign up through the City of London website.



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, DESERT. Plan on bringing a friend. **Sign up today in the Narthex!**



Care & Share Food Assistance Program resumes this week. Many thanks to our faithful volunteers who make this crucial ministry possible!

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Grace Hardy	September 4
Mary MacLeod	September 5
Brenda Webster	September 5
Marilyn McLeod	September 6
Betty Longmore	September 8