

## CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

Welcome to worship. **Our service today will be in-person only.** A pre-recorded service will be available through the home page of our website at ChalmersLondon.com. Today we extend a warm welcome to **Rev. Andrew Thompson** who joins us to preach for the call as Minister of Chalmers Presbyterian Church. A congregational meeting will be held immediately following the service. Coffee fellowship to follow in Marshall Hall.

### This Week at a Glance: APRIL 16-23

<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 16</b>	In-person ONLY Worship <i>Children's Program</i> <b>Congregational Meeting</b> Stephen Ministry	10:00 am  <b>11:15 am</b> 7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Reachout Choir Rehearsal	12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Senior Satellite Programming	9:00 am
<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 23</b>	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am

### Office Hours:

The Church Office is open Tuesday to Friday, 8:30 am–2:30 pm. Please contact the church office with any needs or concerns (519) 681-7242 or by email at chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca. Contact **Rev. Mavis Currie**, Chalmers' Interim Moderator, for emergency Pastoral Care at her church office, (519) 631-2414, on her cell (519) 860-1380 or by email, m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca.

### Volunteers: TODAY

### NEXT WEEK

<b>HOSTS</b>	Mavis Love-Symonds Muriel Bertling Chris Hardy	Fran Peach Anita Powell Joyce Kilbourne
<b>AUDIO VISUALS</b>	Torry Thibodeau Isla Thibodeau Lizz Thibodeau	Andrea Bruce Jack Hardy Richard Cote
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Brian & Pat MacKay	Gord & Mary Vair

**Thank you, Volunteers!**

## Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

April 16, 2023

2nd Sunday of Easter

In-person Worship



### 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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Brad Dobbie  
**Rev. Mavis Currie**

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## WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Introductions

Maureen Bruff

**Praise:** Thine be the glory

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Call to Worship

From Psalm 84

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty

**All: Our soul longs, even faints for the courts of the Lord;  
our heart and our flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

One: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
our King and our God.

**All: Blessed are those who dwell in your house,  
for they are ever singing your praise!**

One: Blessed are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**All: For better is one day in your courts  
than a thousand days spent any other place.**

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

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:** *Jesus, stand among us*

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## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 16

One: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**All: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."**

One: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

**All: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings  
of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.**

One: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**All: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
I have a goodly heritage.**

One: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

**All: in the night also my heart instructs me.**

One: I keep the Lord always before me;

**All: the Lord is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad,  
and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure**

One: for you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

**All: You show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-31

Chris Hardy

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Choir Anthem: *We Have Seen the Risen Lord* by Stan Pethel

Message: Peace be with you

**Praise:** *We are God's people*

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Maureen Bruff

Offering of our Gifts

**Offering Praise:** *He is Lord*

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Offering Prayer

**Praise:** *Go Out to the World*

Benediction

Choral Amen: *Sing Amen*

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Musical Postlude

## Please Pray

- ◆ For **Sam Nimako** who had a pacemaker inserted this week. Pray this will help him experience better health.
- ◆ For peace and comfort for **Betty Cross**, and strength for **Don** as he cares for her.
- ◆ For God's continued healing for **Ainsley Marshall**.
- ◆ For **Joyce Yull**, that God would hold her in his loving arms and bring her peace.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers **Linda Bone, Leny Jongepier, Helen LeTissier, Jackie Harrett, Beverley Ertl, Laura McInnis, and Betty Smedley**.
- ◆ For God's wisdom and guidance for the congregation, as well as God's blessing for **Rev. Andrew Thompson** as he preaches for the call today.

**A Children's Program** will take place this morning during worship. Children from SK to grade 8 will leave the sanctuary after the Children's Time and return during the final hymn.

### Nursery Volunteers Needed:

Thank you to those who have offered to work in the nursery today. Much appreciated! We are in need of volunteers going forward. Please contact Patricia Matesic at pawm54@outlook.com, or call the church office to volunteer.



**April 16: Supported by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC's New Beginnings program facilitates a renewal process that helps congregations discern God's call for their future and create a plan to move forward.** With the help of the program, the rural congregation of St. James Presbyterian Church, North Yarmouth, in southwestern Ontario successfully brought their church community closer together and found new ways to reach out to their neighbours, such as through a partnership with a local charity called Harvest Bowl, which collects vegetables that would otherwise be thrown away and repurposes the ingredients to create dry soup mixes for distribution to food banks and shelters.

### Speaking of Stewardship

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

*1 Thessalonians 5:18*

**Housing Need:** Nina and Volodymyr Salamatova are in need rental accommodations effective August 1, 2023. If you are able to help in any way, please contact the church office.

### Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

<b>Laurie MacNeill</b>	April 21
<b>Carol Goodfellow</b>	April 27
<b>Odette Mabondo</b>	May 4
<b>Doris Tutt</b>	May 4

### Meet Rev. Andrew Thompson!

The Search Committee and Session are delighted to introduce the congregation to Rev. Andrew Thompson, as the candidate who is preaching for the call to be the new minister at Chalmers!

Andrew obtained his Bachelor of Arts from Tyndale University and Seminary, his Bachelor of Theology from McGill and his Master of Divinity from Presbyterian College in Montreal. He was ordained within the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and has served as Minister at Atwood Presbyterian Church in Atwood (2011-2015) and at Knox St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Dutton (2015-present). Andrew also serves as the 31 Combat Engineer Regiment, St. Thomas and Waterloo, ON Reserve Canadian Armed Forces Chaplain since 2016. He was the chaplain for the Dutton Fire Department from 2016-2019, and served as the Moderator of the Presbytery of London in 2021-2022.

Andrew is married to Sarah, and together they have a busy household with four children ranging in age from 2-13 years. In his spare time (does he have spare time?), Andrew enjoys woodworking and playing guitar.

The search committee was struck by Rev. Andrew Thompson's thoughtful application, his sincere and dynamic presence in the pulpit and his reflective presence.

As he noted in his application, Andrew has a passion for Christian community and seeks "to inspire the faith community by engaging in outreach". He has a heart to walk alongside God's people through times of joy and sadness.

The Search committee and Session extend a warm welcome to Andrew today and are excited to recommend him to be the next minister at Chalmers.

### The minister has preached for the call...what happens now?

The process of calling a minister in the Presbyterian Church in Canada is deeply rooted in the belief that God calls us – not just as individuals – but through the community of faith. Before a candidate is invited to preach for the call, written applications are reviewed, interviews are conducted and the search committee spends time in prayer. The candidate's application is then reviewed and approved by the Session before the "call weekend."

Following the service today, all members and adherents are invited to stay in the sanctuary for a congregational meeting, led by the interim moderator, Rev. Mavis Currie. The name of the candidate will be brought forward and the congregation will vote. If the vote is in the affirmative, every member and adherent will be invited to sign the call—this will be done in the narthex.

The call is then presented to the Presbytery of London for review and approval. The presbytery will ensure that the call is in good order and that the call is strongly supported with the signatures of most members and adherents. Then the call is placed in the hands of the candidate for their acceptance.

Near the beginning of the candidate's ministry, a special service will be held to celebrate this new chapter in the congregation's life. This service is called an Induction Service. Members of presbytery attend, and it is a time for worship, thanksgiving and celebration!