

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.

There will be **no coffee fellowship today** due to the long weekend.

This Week at a Glance: AUGUST 6—13

SUNDAY AUGUST 6	In-Person & Livestream Worship Chalmers Library Open *No Coffee Fellowship—long weekend	10:00 am
SUNDAY AUGUST 13	In-Person & Livestream Worship Chalmers Library Open Coffee Fellowship in the lower hall	10:00 am 11:15 am

Office Hours:

For the summer months, Wendy's Office Hours are Tuesday to Thursday, 8:30 am—1:30 pm. Please call ahead before visiting the church, at (519) 681-7242 or email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca. **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 to 2:30 pm. Please call or email the office with any questions or pastoral care needs.

Volunteers: AUGUST 6

	AUGUST 6	AUGUST 13
HOSTS	Marg Ward Bev Cameron Ann Hunter	Muriel Bertling Christine Hunter Maureen Bruff
AUDIO VISUALS	Andrea Bruce Josiah Duffin Josiah Duffin (Marilyn)	Torry Thibodeau Islay Thibodeau Lizz Thibodeau
FELLOWSHIP	No Coffee—Long Weekend	Gord & Mary Vair

Thank you, Volunteers!

CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Worship Celebration

August 6, 2023

In-Person and Livestream Worship

10th Sunday After Pentecost



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: Our God is faithful in words, and gracious in action.

All: Our eyes look to God for nurture in every season.

One: God is near to all who call out in truth.

All: God satisfies every living thing.

One: God watches over all who offer love and praise,

All: so we will praise God's holy name for ever and ever.

Praise: *All things bright and beautiful* 435

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

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: *Father, I adore you* 292

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 17:1-8, 15

One: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry!

All: Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!

One: From you let my vindication come!

All: Let your eyes see the right!

One: If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me,
you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

**All: As for what others do, I have avoided the ways of the violent,
by the word of your lips. My steps have held fast to your paths
my feet have not slipped.**

One: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.

**All: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those
who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.**

One: Guard me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.

**All: As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied beholding your likeness.**

Scripture Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

Matthew 14:13-21

Maureen Bruff

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Special Praise: *How Great Thou Art* Jim Harrett

Message: A struggle for a blessing

Praise: *O Breath of life, come sweeping through us* 384

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission Chris Hardy

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *All people that on earth do dwell* 65

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

Praise: *We are God's people* 472

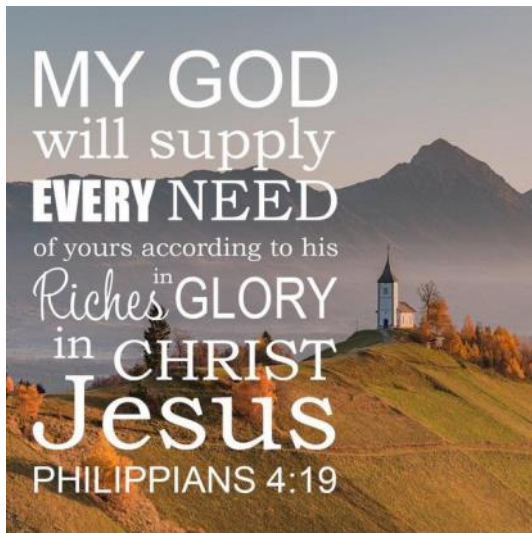
Benediction

Choral Amen

Musical Postlude Mary MacDonald

Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing and comfort for **Beverley E.** who is recovering in hospital with significant injuries from a car crash.
- ◆ For God's peace and healing for **Holly W.** who is in University Hospital after suffering a brain bleed. Please pray for wisdom for the doctors caring for her.
- ◆ For God's peace and strength for **Shirley H.**, as she moves to Tillsonburg on August 19.
- ◆ For God's grace and peace for **Ed and Janice C.**, as Ed settles in to his new home at Earl's Court Gardens.
- ◆ For **Bill C.** as he settles into his new home at Westmount Gardens.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers **Helen L., Jackie H., Laura M., Betty S.**
- ◆ For all those in our congregation who are travelling this summer—may the Lord keep them safe and bring them back refreshed and renewed.



August 6: In Malawi, Alifonsina Banda, a 26-year-old mother, took part in vocational skills training through the PWS&D-supported Every Girl Empowered project. Despite the long-standing perception in her community that electronics courses are not for girls, Alifonsina challenged herself and enrolled in the electronics course. Since completing the class, she has repaired phones, installed satellite dishes, and worked as an electrician, earning a sustainable income from her business. "After the course, I had the most wonderful festive season in my life. I may not be able to remember how much money I made, but I had a client almost every day," she shares. In the future, Alifonsina plans to open an electronics shop to sell spare parts and is thankful that the Every Girl Empowered project has given her a lifelong opportunity to improve the financial opportunities for herself and her family.

Speaking of Stewardship

Stewardship begins with love—not giving.
Unknown

A special thank you to Bob & Rose Marie Finlay for sharing their musical talents at Parkwood Institute last Sunday. It was very much enjoyed by all!

Jim Gill

From the Library...

The Pelican Harbor Series – by Colleen Coble
#2 - Two Reasons to run

This book starts with Jane Hardy, Chief of Police for Pelican Harbor, discovering that her son did not die in that Commune 15 years ago. She meets up with him and his father and immediately falls in love with her 15 year old son. She struggles with the fact that her father had lied to get her out of the Commune, but her father and her son are soon enjoying each other's company.

There is an oil platform just off the coast of Pelican Harbor, and Keith McDonald, one of the workmen on board this rig, sends a scary message to Jane Hardy telling her of a plan to cause an explosion on the rig. This would be bad news in so many different ways, but then Keith disappears and Jane has to try and find out what exactly is going on. Where is Keith and is the rumour of an explosion really true?

Another very exciting read.

Christine Hunter, Librarian.

Flowers in Memory Anyone wishing to place flowers in the sanctuary in memory of a loved one, is welcome to do so at any time. If you wish these to be acknowledged, please let Wendy know by Wednesday at noon, so a note can be placed in the bulletin.

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Kiera de Hoog	August 6
Grace Laursen	August 8
Cameron Abrams	August 8
Keith Johnston	August 9
Yvonne Daniel	August 11
Kym Abrams	August 13
Todd Webster	August 13

Special Praise:

How Great Thou Art, by C. Boberg, Arr. S.K. Hine

Oh Lord, my God!
When I, in awesome wonder,
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

When through the woods
and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come,
with shout of acclamation,
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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