

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

Welcome to worship. Our services are in-person and livestreamed through our website at 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. Today we welcome **Rev. Michael Stol** to lead worship. Please join us for coffee in the lower hall following worship today.

This Week at a Glance: FEBRUARY 12-19

SUNDAY	In-Person and Livestream Worship Communion Sunday Stephen Ministry Online Meeting	10:00 am 7:00 pm
MONDAY	Worship Committee Online Meeting Ukes of London	7:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Reachout Choir Rehearsal	12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY	Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
FRIDAY	Senior Satellite Fitness Programming	9:00 am
SUNDAY	In-Person and 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 email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca. **Rev. Mavis Currie** is Chalmers' Interim Moderator. For emergency Pastoral Care she may be reached at her church office, (519) 631-2414, on her cell (519) 860-1380 or by email, m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca.

Worship Volunteers:

	THIS SUNDAY	NEXT SUNDAY
HOSTS	Bill George Lorna Wilson Carolyn Walker	Todd Webster Brenda Webster Marg Ward
AUDIO VISUALS	Torry Thibodeau Isla Thibodeau Lizz Thibodeau	Tammy McDonald Josiah Duffin Richard Cote
Fellowship	Gord & Mary Vair	Tom & Jane Vannus

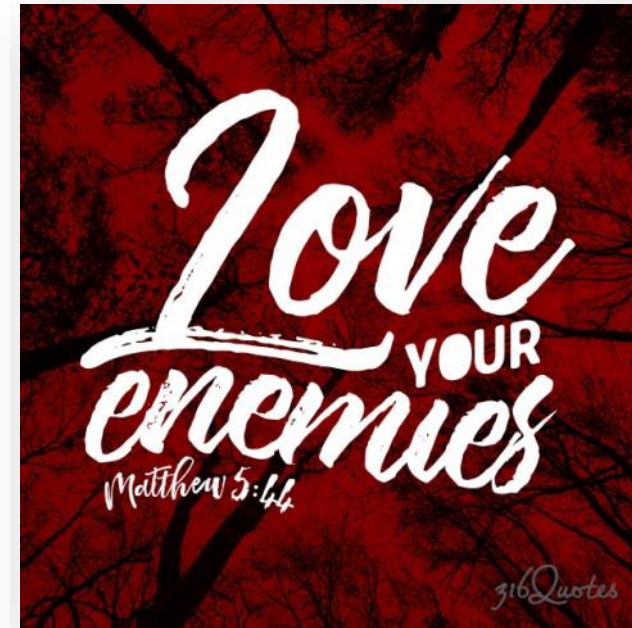
Thank you, Volunteers!

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

February 12, 2023

6th Sunday after the Epiphany

In-person and Live-stream Worship



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Interim Moderator

All the People of Chalmers
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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

One: As the weak realize their strength,

All: as they eat and are satisfied,

One: God's love abides in us.

All: As the stranger finds a friend,

One: as the family offers forgiveness,

All: God's love abides in us.

One: As the ends of the earth know of God's grace,

All: God's love abides in us.

Praise: *Love divine, all loves excelling*

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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: "A Valentine for My Enemy"

Praise: *Lord, I want to be a Christian*

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WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

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One: Do not fret because of the wicked;

All: do not be envious of wrong doers,

One: for they will soon fade like the grass,

All: and wither like the green herb.

One: Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.

All: Take delight in the Lord, who will give you the desires of your heart.

One: Commit your way to the Lord; trust in the Lord, who will act.

**All: The Lord will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

One: Be still and wait patiently before the Lord;

All: do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

One: Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath.

All: Do not fret - it leads only to evil.

One: For the wicked shall be cut off,

All: but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.

One: Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;

though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.

All: But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.

One: The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord who is their refuge in the time of trouble.

All: The Lord helps them and rescues them;

One: rescues them from the wicked, and saves them,

All: because they take refuge in the Lord.

Scripture Readings: Luke 6:20-31

Bill George

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Choir Anthem: *For the Least* by Wayne Wold

Message: Embracing My Enemy

Rev. Michael Stol

Praise: *Blest are they*

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WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Doug Bruce

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *Give thanks with a grateful heart*

Offering Prayer

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

Praise: *O for a world where everyone*

730 (vv.1,4,5)

Benediction

Praise: *May the God of hope*

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Musical Postlude

Love divine, all loves excelling

Charles Wesley

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest;
take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly re stored in thee,
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

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Lord, I want to be a Christian

African-American Spiritual

Lord, I want to be a Christian
in-a my heart, in-a my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving
in-a my heart, in-a my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy
in-a my heart, in-a my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in-a my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus
in-a my heart, in-a my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.
In-a my heart, in-a my heart,
in-a my heart, in-a my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in-a my heart.

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Blest are They

Matthew 5:3-12; paraphrase David R. Haas.

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

Chorus
Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
They shall have their fill.

Blest are thy who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you who suffer hate
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad yours is the kingdom
shine for all to see.

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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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O for a world where everyone

M. Winter, C. Glaser, L. Mason

O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.

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May the God of hope go with us every day

Alvin Schutmaat

May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
brining light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all.
Working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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CHOIR ANTHEM: For the Least by Wayne L. Wold

What can we offer to a God who lacks nothing? How are we to serve a God our eyes cannot see? Jesus has given us an answer to ponder: "What you do unto others, you do unto me."

For the least of our brothers and the least of our sisters have a place that is special in our Savior's heart. As we welcome and greet them, as we clothe them and feed them, we serve Jesus, who calls us now to listen and do our part.

Hear our vows and our pledges to serve those at the edges, those who suffer and cower in the dark of night. May God give us the Spirit, may we all clearly hear it: how our God is still calling us to listen and make things right.

Find the lost, find the least, make them welcome at the feast.
"What you do unto others, you do unto me."|

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Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing and comfort for **John Elliot** as he recovers foot amputation surgery, and adjusts to life at Mount Hope.
- ◆ For God's healing and comfort for **John Cree**, as he recovers from knee replacement surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Sam Nimako** as he recovers at home.
- ◆ Continue to keep in your prayers **Linda Bone, Leny Jongepier, Helen LeTissier, Jackie Harrett, Beverly Ertl, Laura McInnis** and **Betty Smedley**.
- ◆ For God's wisdom and guidance for Chalmers' **Pastoral Search Committee** as they prepare questions for possible applicants. May the Lord bless Rev. Mavis as she guides the Committee in this important process.
- ◆ For **Turkey/Syria** following devastating earthquakes that have taken many lives. May God give strength to those clearing the rubble, peace for bereaved families and healing for the survivors.



February 12: Lay Preachers in Ghana

In many small rural communities in Ghana, lay preachers, evangelists and catechists play a crucial role. Under the direction of a district minister, who has many congregations under their care, lay leaders provide much-needed spiritual leadership. While they share a deep commitment to their call to ministry and service in the church, many have not received formal theological training. **To equip these lay leaders with helpful tools for effective ministry, the Presbyterian Church of Ghana established three Lay Training Centres (Tamale, Ramseyer and Nsaba), which receive support through Presbyterians Sharing.**

Speaking of Stewardship

The unselfish effort to bring cheer to others will be the beginning of a happier life for ourselves. *Helen Keller*

2022 Annual Report

Copies of the 2022 Annual Report of Chalmers Presbyterian Church are available in the narthex today. If you would like an electronic copy, or to receive a copy in the mail, please call the church office or email

chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca

Tax Receipts

Please pick up your tax receipt today from the mail slots in the narthex.

From the Library...

Someday Home – by Lauraine Snelling

This is just a lovely, family, feel good story. Lynn lives in the big family home with both sons living in houses on the same large piece of property. Phillip and Tom run a family plumbing business and both are married with children. So it is a busy family area with G'ma Lynn enjoying having most of her family close by.

But Lynn's husband died suddenly about a year and a half ago, and Lynn is having trouble getting over his sudden, unexpected death.

Her sons suggest that she should sell her house and let them build her one closer to their homes, but Lynn loves her old house and really wants to stay there. Read how Lynn finds a way to make all her dreams come true, help some new friends, and find peace in her heart.

One more time – a lovely family, feel good story.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

Church School Lent Rotation

There will be a "**Lent Rotation**" beginning March 5 for the 4 Sundays in March. This will take place in the Marshall Hall during worship and is designed for children from SK to Grade 8. Children will leave the Sanctuary after the children's time in the service and return during the last hymn.

Fundraising Team is Back in Action!

Keep your calendars clear for Sunday, March 19th for a **Souper Stew Sunday Lunch**. More details to follow...

Lenten Opportunity to Give

The Mission & Outreach Committee, in cooperation with Refuge Ministries Canada, are once again inviting you, during Lent, to donate **RELEASE KITS** for individuals being release from prison. Bags are available in the narthex—please see below for the list of items needed to fill the bags. Donations of individual items from the list are also welcome. Please return kits to the designated box in the narthex by Palm Sunday, April 2. Thank you for your generous support of this valuable ministry.

RELEASE KIT CONTENTS:

- Tooth brush and toothpaste
- Bar of soap
- Comb
- Notepad and Pen
- Deodorant

Lenten Study: "Time to Grow"

Join us for a Wednesday evening zoom Lenten study on the components of faith. This hour-long, online session will occur every Wednesday evening in Lent from 7-8pm. Contact the office for the zoom link. For more details please see the **bulletin insert**, or Chalmers' website.

Chalmers Birthdays This Week

Laverne Barfoot	February 12
Daniel Bolton	February 12
Josiah Duffin	February 13
Nancy Bethke	February 14
Anita Powell	February 14
Hunter Nurse	February 15
Lorraine Woods	February 18

Chalmers Annual General Meeting
11:30 AM in the Sanctuary
Sunday, February 26, 2023
All Chalmers Members are encouraged to attend.