

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

Welcome to worship. Our service today will be in-person and livestreamed through our website at ChalmersLondon.com. We extend a warm welcome to **Rev. Dennis Cook**, who comes to lead us in worship.

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

This Week at a Glance: JUNE 11-18

SUNDAY	In-person and Livestream Worship	10:00 am
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup	12:00 pm
	Knitting Circle	1:00 pm
	Reachout Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm
THURSDAY	Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:15 pm
FRIDAY	Senior Satellite Programming	9:00 am
SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am

Office Hours:

The church office is open Tuesday—Thursday, 8:30 am—12:30 pm and Fridays 8:30am –12 noon. 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: JUNE 11

JUNE 18

HOSTS	Yvonne Daniel Mary Vair Ann Hunter	Bev Cameron Bill George Lorna Wilson
AUDIO VISUALS	Tammy McRonald Isla Thibodeau Rose Marie Finlay	Andrea Bruce Marilyn McFadden Josiah Duffin
FELLOWSHIP	Keith & Cathy Spooner	Tom & Jane Vannus

Thank you, Volunteers!

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

June 11, 2023

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

In-Person and Livestream Worship



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Interim Moderator

All the People of Chalmers
Tom Hunter
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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Maureen Bruff

Call to Worship:

One: We gather together, seeking life in all its fullness.

All: We gather in God's name, longing for what is real and true.

One: We gather, drawn by the words of our Creator and Redeemer.

All: We gather to worship our Lord, who is worthy of all glory and praise.

Praise: Come All You People / Uyai Mose

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: To Abraham and Sarah

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WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 33:1-12

One: Rejoice in the Lord O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

All: Praise the Lord with the lyre, make melody to the Lord with the harp of ten strings. Sing to the Lord a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

One: For upright is the word of the Lord, whose work is done in faithfulness.

All: The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

One: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, and all their host by the breath of God's mouth.

All: The Lord gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle, and put the deeps in storehouses.

One: Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe!

All: For the Lord spoke, and it came to be; the Lord commanded, and it stood firm.

One: The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing, and frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the thoughts of God's heart to all generations.

All: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people chosen as God's heritage.

Scripture Reading: Romans 4:13-25

Yvonne Daniel

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Choir Anthem: *Gentle Voice* by S. Daus Dengler and L. Dengler

Message: The Absurdity of Faith

Rev. Dennis Cook

Praise: *I know not why such wondrous grace*

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WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *We give Thee but Thine own*

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

Praise: *Simply trusting every day*

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Benediction

Choral Amen

Musical Postlude

Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing for **Ed C.** who remains in hospital after suffering several falls. Pray also for wisdom for doctors and strength for Janice as she cares for him.
- ◆ For God's comfort and healing for **Janet B.** as she recovers from surgery.
- ◆ For **Beverley E.** and **Sharon M.**, that they would find suitable and affordable accommodations.
- ◆ For peace and comfort for **Betty C.**, & strength for **Don** as he cares for her.
- ◆ For God's continued healing for **Ainsley M.**
- ◆ For God's strength and comfort for **Rev. Michael Stol** and family with the passing of his mother in hospital on Thursday, June 8.
- ◆ For God's peace for **Joyce Y.** who is now receiving palliative care at UH.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers **Linda B., Leny J., Helen L., Jackie H., Beverley E., Laura M.,** and **Betty S.**

Reachout Returns we are thrilled to welcome back Reachout Gospel Choir to present **Sunday, June 25** in the morning worship service. Please plan on joining us for this wonderful musical presentation!

Many thanks for all the donations of household goods, baking, and plants, and to all the volunteers who gave of your time and energy to make our spring sale happen!



June 11: Prema and her five children live in the Umerkot district of Pakistan. After her husband's death, Prema found it very difficult to provide for her family, and severe drought throughout the district only brought more hardship. Her eldest son tried hard to find work so that he could help support his mother and siblings, but despite his best efforts, his job prospects were limited due to a physical disability. A glimmer of hope came when Prema and her family were selected for a food assistance project run by Presbyterian World Service & Development's local partner. The food aid that Prema's family has received through this project has helped them to become more resilient to future adverse events.

Speaking of Stewardship

"Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost."

*Saint Ignatius of Loyola
Catholic Priest, Theologian*

Chalmers' Ministry to Children is very much in need of more adult volunteers. If you can commit to one Sunday a month in either crucial ministry, please contact Linda Adamson (Sunday School) or Patricia Matesic (nursery). Thank you!

From the Library...

A Bride in Store – by Melissa Jagears
This story takes place in 1881 when "mail-order brides" seemed like a good idea. Marriages would be arranged by mail, and the bride and groom would meet for the first time when the bride arrived in her new town.

Eliza Cantrell is just such a bride-to-be, and is on her way by train to meet her intended husband when the train is robbed. A group of men come through the carriages and demand money, jewelry and anything of value from the passengers. Eliza has her inheritance with her as a start in her new life, and she tries to hide it from the robbers, but is not successful, and is injured in the process.

When their train finally arrives in Salt Flatts, Eliza has no money, is seriously hurt, and her future husband is not even in town.

This is an interesting story that takes place in a time long past. I thoroughly enjoyed it.

Christine Hunter, Librarian.

Have you considered signing up for **PAR (Pre Authorized Remittance)?** It's easy to do, makes consistent offerings simple and can be stopped or adjusted easily. Forms are available in the church office, or we can send you one by email. Thank you for your continued, faithful support of the work of the ministry at Chalmers!

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Clarke Ferguson	June 12
Cyndi Cote	June 15
Angeline Nathaniel	June 21



CHOIR ANTHEM

Gentle Voice by S. Daus Dengler and L. Dengler

Far above the noise of life, there's a voice that is gently calling. "Leave behind your cares and strife. Come to me, I will give you rest. Bring your fear, and bring your pain. Bring your anger, and bring your worry." Do you hear the voice of Jesus gently calling, "Come unto me."

Gentle voice, so meek and mild, gentle words of understanding. "You are my beloved child. Come to me, I will give you rest. Bring your grief, and bring your cares. Bring you heartaches, and bring your sorrow." Do you hear the voice of Jesus gently calling, "Come unto me"?

Gentle voice so full of love, gentle words so rich in mercy. "You are my beloved child. Come to me. I will give you rest."

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PWS&D Appeal: East Africa is facing a severe humanitarian crisis, with conflicts forcing thousands from their homes and extreme weather events causing greater food insecurity. PWS&D is supporting food assistance responses in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan and Sudan. Until **June 30** any donations toward this campaign are eligible to be matched by the Canadian Government, up to \$5 million. Donations may be made online at <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/donate-east-africa-hunger/> or by calling 1-800-619-7301 x291.