

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. Today we welcome **Rev. Michael Stol** to lead worship. Please join us for coffee fellowship in the lower hall following worship.

This Week at a Glance: MARCH 19-26

SUNDAY	In-Person and Livestream Worship Church School Soup'er Stew Lunch	10:00 am 10:15 am 11:15 am
MONDAY	Visitation & Memorial Service—J. Elliot	10:00 am
TUESDAY	Session Online Meeting	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Lent Study - Link on Chalmers' website Reachout Choir Rehearsal	12:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 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 Church School Stephen Ministry	10:00 am 10:15 am 7:00 pm

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: THIS SUNDAY

	THIS SUNDAY	NEXT SUNDAY
HOSTS	Bev Cameron Chris Hardy Ann Hunter	Joyce Kilbourne Elaine McInnis Christine Hunter
AUDIO VISUALS	Tammy McDonald Richard Cote Marilyn McFadden	Andrea Bruce Jack Hardy Rose Marie Finlay
Fellowship	Soup'er Stew Lunch	Muriel Bertling & Carolyn Walker

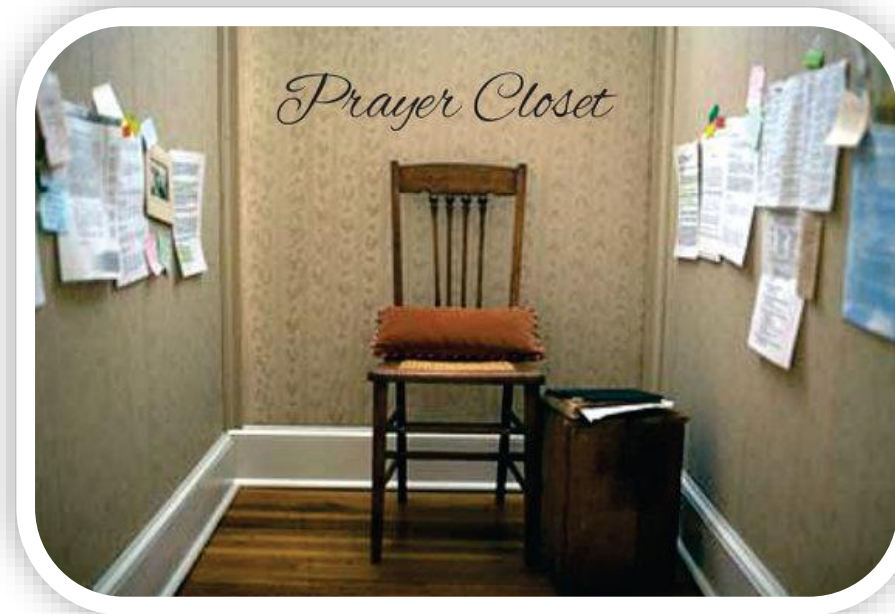
Thank you, Volunteers!

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

March 19, 2023

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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
Tom Hunter
Beth Hickey
Wendy Sibley
Brad Dobbie
Rev. Mavis Currie

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Welcome to worship this day.

All: We have come seeking peace and hope.

One: This is the house of the Lord. In it you will find what you seek.

All: Help us to open our hearts to God's word and will for us.

One: Ask for God's help—and it will be given to you.

All: Praise be to God who loves and cares for us.

Praise: *Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

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 *(Children in SK to Grade 8 leave for Church School)*

Praise: *Lord, listen to your children praying* 449 (x2)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 138

One: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;

**All: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name
for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.**

One: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

**All: All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.**

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.

One: For though the Lord is high, God regards the lowly;
but perceives the haughty from far away.

**All: Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;**

One: you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.

**All: O Lord, fulfill your purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord,
endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.**

Scripture Reading: Luke 11:1-13

Mary Vair

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Choir Anthem: *Did You Think to Pray* Arr. Greg Gilpin

Message: **Prayer Closets**

Praise: *Take time to be holy*

638

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Janet Bruce

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *God forgave my sin / Freely, freely*

774

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

Praise: *What a friend we have in Jesus*

746

(Children return from Church School during the hymn)

Benediction

Choral Amen

Musical Postlude

Choir Anthem *Did You Think to Pray?* Arr. Greg Gilpin

When you left your room this morning, did you think to pray?

Did you ask for loving favour as a shield today?

Oh, how praying rests the weary! Prayer will change the night to day.

So in sorrow and in gladness, don't forget to pray.

In the name of Christ our Saviour, did you think to pray?

Did you claim the Holy Spirit as your guide and stay?

Oh, how praying rests the weary! Prayer will change the night to day.

So in sorrow and in gladness, don't forget to pray.

Don't forget to pray. Don't forget to pray.

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Please Pray

- ◆ For God's comfort and peace **Kim & Mike Poser, Karen Dutton and Dennis Shackelton, Brenda & Todd Webster** with the passing of John Elliot on Tuesday, March 14. Visitation is at A. Millard George Funeral Home today from 1-3pm and 6-8pm, and the funeral will take place at Chalmers Monday, March 20 at 11 am, with visitation 1 hour prior in the narthex.
- ◆ For God's continued healing for **Ainsley M.** who is recovering at home.
- ◆ For strength for **Bob and Mary T.** and healing for Mary, as she deals with constant pain.
- ◆ For comfort for **Joyce Y.**
- ◆ For God's continued healing and strength for **Shirley H.** as she deals with some health challenges.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers **Linda B., Leny J., Helen L., Jackie H., Beverly E., Laura M., Sam N.** and **Betty S.**
- ◆ For God's wisdom and guidance for Chalmers' **Pastoral Search Committee** as they interview potential candidates. May the Lord bless Rev. Mavis as she guides the Committee in this important process.

Soup'er Stew Sunday Lunch

JOIN US TODAY in the lower hall for our fundraising 'Soup'er Stew Lunch'! A freewill donation is appreciated. We'll enjoy a time of food and fellowship, followed by Irish music performed by Bob & Rose Marie Finlay.

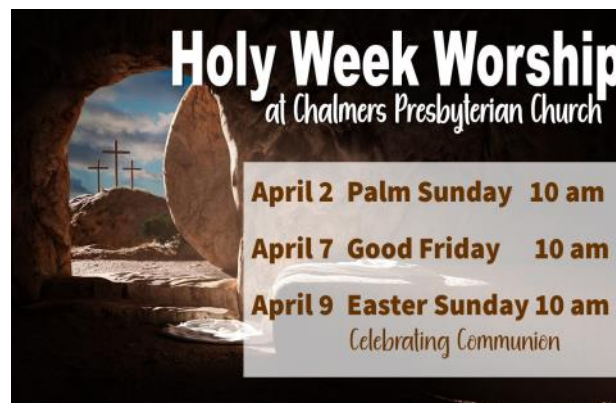


March 19: Hawa Issifu lives in Ghana with her husband. Hawa became ill with a disease that caused damage to her spinal cord. Her husband explored every option available to them in search of a remedy but found none. One day, Hawa was registered for assistance at the Garu Community Based Rehabilitation (CBR) Centre by the Centre's field staff during a community survey. With the support of Presbyterian World Service & Development, the CBR program provided Hawa with a tricycle and wheelchair, as well as business training and access to start-up capital for a small business. **This assistance helped Hawa get around independently, and her business is gradually expanding and creating new opportunities for her family.**

Speaking of Stewardship

"The power of the future lies not in the hands of those who believe in scarcity, but of those who trust in God's abundance."

Walter Brueggemann – scholar, theologian



From the Library...

Mitford Series – Jan Karon

#1 – At Home in Mitford

I don't know if you have walked with Father Tim through his beloved town of Mitford. Do you know about his dog Barnabas who is bigger than a truck and only controlled by quoting scriptures at him.

I really enjoy reading this series and following Father Tim, Episcopal Priest through his life with his many church members and friends, each with their own peculiarities.

Just let me quote a little bit from page 625 of this first book in the series:

"How could he (Father Tim) have considered taking Monday off? Monday was the diving board poised over the rest of the week. One walked out on the board, reviewed the situation, planned one's strategy, bounced a few times to get the feel of things, and then made a clean dive. Without Monday one simply bombed into the water, belly first and hoped for the best."

Give it a try – I'm sure you will enjoy these stories as much as I do.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

A Lenten Opportunity to Give

Chalmers Mission & Outreach Committee, in cooperation with **Refuge Ministries Canada**, once again invites you during this Lent season to donate release kits for individuals being released from prison. Bags are available in the narthex, along with a flyer with the list of items needed to fill the bags. Please return kits to the designated box in the narthex by Palm Sunday, April 2. THANK YOU!

Lenten Study: "A Time to Grow"

There is still opportunity to join in our multi-church Lent study on Zoom! This hour-long, online session will take place every Wednesday evening in Lent from 7-8pm. The Zoom link and details are available on our website, or through the church office. All are welcome! This week's study:

"Cross: Where God Is"
with Nadia Boltz Weber

Upcoming Workshop

On **Wednesday, April 19 at 10:30 am** Dawn Easton from Logan's Funeral Home will be presenting on the benefits of pre-arrangements and also follow up for executors after a death. This workshop will take place at St. George's Presbyterian Church, 1475 Dundas Street. Lunch will follow. You are invited to bring a family member along with you.

For the sake of numbers, please RSVP stgeorge@execulink.com or 519.455.5760 by April 14th. All are welcome.

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Beverley Ertl	March 19
John Biro	March 21
Kenneth McRonald	March 22
Marg Ward	March 22
Ireland MacKeigan	March 23
Jim Gill	March 25
Shirley Andersen	March 27
Audrey Baldwin	March 29

