

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We will be live-streaming the service this week. This can be viewed 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.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: MARCH 20-27

SUNDAY	Livestream and In Person Worship	10:00 am
MONDAY		
TUESDAY	Online Community Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup	12:30 pm
	Knitting Circle	1:30 pm
	Online Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
	Property Management	7:30 pm
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
SUNDAY	Livestream and In Person Worship	10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:

Our regular church hours are Mon-Thurs, 9:30-4:30pm. Rev. John can be reached by email jbannerman@bellnet.ca or on his cell, 226-919-9180.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

	This Week	Next Week
HOSTS	Karen Dutton Anita Powell Fran Peach Rita McWilliam	Mary Vair Amy Kemp Rita McWilliam
A/V	Torry Thibodeau Isla Thibodeau	Torry Thibodeau Isla Thibodeau
Webex	Lizz Thibodeau	Lizz Thibodeau

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

March 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers
Tom Hunter
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Denise McLay
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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship PWS&D Liturgy for Lent 3

Praise: *Teach me, God, to wonder* 704

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

The Peace One: May the peace of Christ be with you
All: And also with you.

Celebrating with the children

Praise: *I hunger and I thirst* 198

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 145: 1-9

One: I will praise you, my God, my Sovereign, and bless your name forever and ever.

All: Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

One: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

All: your greatness is unsearchable.

One: One generation shall praise your works to another,

All: and shall declare your mighty acts.

One: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

All: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

One: The Lord is gracious and merciful,

All: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

One: The Lord is good to all,

All: and your compassion is over all creation.

Scripture Readings: 1 John 4: 7-12 John 15: 12-17

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise: *We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet* 202

Sermon: *Mission Partners*

Choir Anthem: *For the Least*

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Offering of our Gifts

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

Praise: *When the poor ones* 762

Blessing

Musical Postlude

**** Hymn lyrics are on page 3 ****

CHOIR ANTHEM

For the Least

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."

Teach me, God, to wonder

Walter Henry Farquharson

Teach me, God, to wonder;
teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty
capture me.

Refrain

*Praise to you be given;
love for you be lived,
life be celebrated; joy you give.*

Let me, God, be open;
let me loving be;
let your world of people
speak to me.

Refrain

Let me, God, be ready;
let me be awake,
in your world of loving,
my place take.

Refrain

Teach me, God, to know you,
hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour
when we meet.

Refrain

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God forgave my sin / Freely, freely

Carol Owens

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.

Chorus:

*He said: 'Freely, freely you have received;
freely, freely give.*

*Go in my name and because you believe,
others will know that I live.'*

I hunger and I thirst

John Samuel Beweley Monsell

I hunger and I thirst;
Jesus my manna be;
ye living waters,
burst out of the rock for me.

Thou bruised and broken bread,
my lifelong wants supply;
as living souls are fed,
oh feed me, or I die.

Thou true life-giving vine,
let me thy sweetness prove;
renew my life with thine;
refresh my soul with love.

Since first their course began,
rough paths my feet have trod.
Feed me, thou living bread;
help me, thou Son of God.

For still the desert lies
my thirsting soul before;
O living waters, rise
within me evermore.

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All power is given in Jesus' name
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his power as he told me to.

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We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet

Anna Briggs, Kenneth Finlay

We lay our broken world
in sorrow at your feet,
haunted by hunger, war and fear,
oppressed by power and hate.

Here human life seems less
than profit, might and pride,
though to unite us all in you,
you lived and loved and died.

We bring our broken towns,
our neighbours hurt and bruised;
you show us how old pain and wounds
for new life can be used.

We bring our broken loves,
friends parted, families torn;
then in your life and death we see
that love must be reborn.

We bring our broken selves,
confused and closed and tired;
then through your gift of healing grace
new purpose is inspired.

O Spirit, on us breathe
with life and strength anew;
find in us love, and hope, and trust,
and lift us up to you.

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When the poor ones

Manzano, Olivar, Lockwood

When the poor ones who have nothing
share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the crippled in their weakness
strengthen others,

Refrain (x2)

then we know that God
still goes that road with us.

When at last all those who suffer
find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope
seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times
seems all around us,

Refrain (x2)

When our joy fills up our cup
to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words
other than true,
when we know that love for simple things
is better,

Refrain (x2)

When our homes are filled with goodness
in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace
instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet
is called a neighbour,

Refrain (x2)

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Please Pray

- ◆ We thank God that **Janet Bruce** had successful surgery. May God's healing hand be upon Janet as she recovers during these next few weeks.
- ◆ For God's healing and strength for **Jeanne Ferguson** as she receives treatment and care in hospital.
- ◆ For healing and pain control for **Vic Laursen** who is now receiving care in the complex care rehab program at St. Thomas Hospital.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Ken Hall, Betty Smedley, Linda McPherson, and Ross Cole.**
- ◆ For God's protection, peace and grace to surround us as we walk through these trying times due to the COVID-19 virus.

Praying for Ukraine

God of the Powers, and Maker of all creation; God of justice, and Lover and Maker of peace, we are distressed by the violence and the threats of violence and destruction in the world, and especially by acts of war and brutality that people experience in Ukraine.

In solidarity with them, we pray for those who are suffering and in danger, who live in fear and anxiety, who fear what tomorrow will bring, who are anxious for their lives and the lives of those they love and care for, and who mourn the dead. We pray that those with power over war will lay down weapons, and that those who have power to accomplish peace will have wisdom and compassion.

God of Grace, the Giver of Life, send your Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, who is everywhere present and fills all things, to sustain the hope of all those who seek justice and peace and to inspire the leaders of nations to do what is right. In the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray. Amen.



Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, **The Presbyterian Church in Canada is able to support many important outreach ministries associated with Cyclical PCC, a church planting support initiative.** One such ministry is Cornerstone Ministries. Cornerstone Ministries provides Christian hope and healing through innovative and supportive practices to struggling single moms and families in the Dunnville area of Ontario. Since moving most of their ministry work online, many more people have been positively impacted by Cornerstone. Through outreach, counselling and practical support, over 200 local families have come to know the God who loves them, helping them to blossom in faith, courage and wholeness.

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

Empty pockets never held anyone back. It's only empty hearts that do it.
- Norman Vincent Peale

Chalmers
Upcoming Birthdays

Marg Ward	March 22
Laurie Spence Bannerman	March 22
Kenneth McRonald	March 22
Jim Gill	March 25
Shirley Anderson	March 27
Audrey Baldwin	March 29

Chalmers is open for in person worship!

The following protocols are in place:

- 1) There will be no Proof of Vaccination required.
 - 2) Preregistration for services will be needed (closed Thursday at noon).
 - 3) Contact tracing will be done.
 - 4) Screening upon entering the building.
 - 5) Masks will be worn at all times in the building.
 - 6) Physical distancing of 2m will be maintained in the building at all times.
 - 7) Singing, congregational and choir, with masks on and separated by a minimum of 2m, and soloists behind the screen without masks.
- ***Ministry and community groups may meet following the above protocols. ***

The MONTHLY online **Community Coffee Hour** is this Tuesday, March 22 at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for friendly conversation online. You'll find the Zoom link on the Calendar, on Chalmers' website.

LIBRARY NEWS

Network of Deceit by Tom Threadgill This is a complex, but very interesting story about the death of a teenager at a local pleasure park. Amara Alvarez is the detective in charge of solving this case, but finds herself stalked online by cybercriminals. Now I am no computer expert, but I really enjoyed this story, even if I didn't always understand exactly what was going on. An exciting, interesting mystery story.
Christine Hunter, Librarian

Volunteers are Needed!

- 1) **Hosting** -We are looking for more volunteers to host on Sunday mornings. A short training will take place to go over the procedures and protocols.
- 2) **The Worship Committee** meets once a month to support our Minister and Music Director, and to provide leadership and oversight for the Worship life at Chalmers. We are searching for a new member to participate in this ministry
- 3) **The Audio/Visual (A/V) Team** provides audio and visual services required for in- person and live streaming, during our Sunday worship services. The A/V team is looking for volunteers to be part of this important ministry. Training will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact the church office at 519-681-7242, or email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca and we'll direct you to the right committee.



MISSION TEAM UPDATE

The mission team is pleased to report the 10% of the 2021 operating surplus (\$626) was allocated fully to Camp Kintail for support of their campership programs.

Mark Ranson, Interim Convener
Mission Committee