

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 **Sonia Brulé** to lead worship. Please join us for coffee fellowship in the lower hall following worship.

This Week at a Glance: MARCH 5—12

SUNDAY	In-Person and Livestream Worship Church School	10:00 am 10:15 am
TUESDAY	Pastoral Care Committee Zoom Meeting CE & Faith Development Meeting	9:30 am 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 Policy & Planning Online Meeting	6:30 pm 8:00 pm
FRIDAY	Senior Satellite Fitness Programming	9:00 am
SUNDAY	In-Person and Livestream Worship Church School	10:00 am 10:15 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 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	Tom Vannus Jane Vannus Maureen Bruff	Brian MacKay Pat MacKay Wanda MacKay
AUDIO VISUALS	Tammy McDonald Josiah Duffin Rose Marie Finlay	Torry Thibodeau Isla Thibodeau Lizz Thibodeau
Fellowship	Gord & Mary Vair	Ann Hunter & Elaine McInnis

Thank you, Volunteers!

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

March 5, 2023

Second 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

Lent II Liturgy

PWS&D Insert

One: Just as the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness,

ALL: The Spirit sends us into places of uncertainty where we confront our weakness and insecurities.

ONE: Even when our situation changes, we cling to the tried and the true.

ALL: We insist that what worked in the past will work in the future.

ONE: Yet, Jesus calls us to die to our old ways so that the new will emerge.

ALL: He said that we need to be born again to see God's new realm.

ONE: Embracing God's realm will mean accepting different principles that no longer feed our egos.

ALL: It will mean putting the needs of others before our own.

ONE: We know the depth of God's love, revealed to us in Jesus, God's Son.

ALL: When we are reborn by God's Spirit, we will go where the Spirit leads us and love as God loves us.

Praise: *We praise you, O God* 425

Prayers of Adoration & Confession and 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 Grace 8 leave for Church School)

Praise: *To Abraham and Sarah* 478

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination (Unison)

God of Wisdom, we turn to Scripture to listen and learn. Send your Holy Spirit to help us listen carefully so that we hear what we have not heard before, and learn to follow Christ with deeper understanding and renewed commitment. Amen.

Scripture reading: Psalm 121

One: I lift up my eyes to the hills - from where will my help come?

All: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

One: The Lord will not let your foot be moved;
the Lord who keeps you will not slumber.

All: The One who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

One: The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.

All: The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

One: The Lord will keep you from all evil, will keep your life.

All: The Lord will keep you going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

Scripture Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a

John 3:1-17

Tori Thibodeau

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Choir Anthem: *Go Ye Now in Peace* by Eilers, arr. Larson

Message: *Born of the Spirit*

Sonia Brulé

Praise: *In the bulb there is a flower* 674

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Janet Bruce

Offering of our Gifts

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

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

Praise: *Lord Jesus, you shall be my song* 665

(Children return from Church School)

Benediction

Choral Amen

Musical Postlude

Choir Anthem *Go Ye Now in Peace*, Eilers, arr Larson

Go ye now in peace, in peace, and know that the love of God will guide you.

Feel His presence here beside you showing you the way.

In your time of trouble, hurt and despair are there to grieve you,

Know that the Lord will never leave you. He will bring you courage.

Know that the God who sent His Son to die that you might live, might live,

Will never leave you lost and alone in His beloved world.

Go ye now in peace.

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Please Pray

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Speaking of Stewardship

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I hope you enjoy reading these books.

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Soup'er Stew Sunday Lunch

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Lenten Opportunity to Give

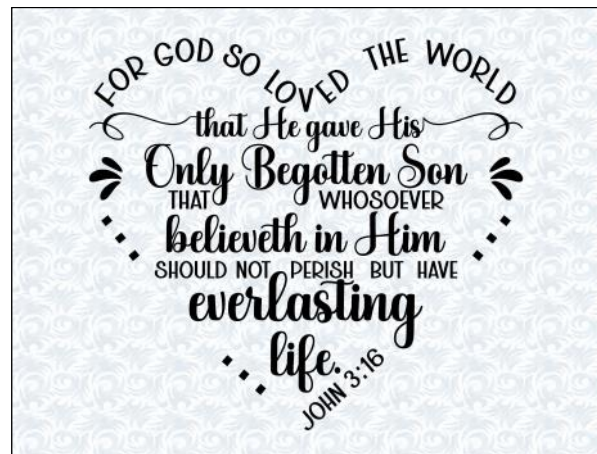
REFUGE MINISTRIES RELEASE KITS for individuals being release from prison. Bags are available in the narthex and a flyer with the list of items needed to fill the bags. Please return kits to the designated box in the narthex by Palm Sunday, April 2. **THANK YOU!**

Lenten Study: "A Time to Grow"

Join us for a Lenten study on Zoom. This hour-long, online session will take place every Wednesday evening in Lent from 7-8pm. Zoom link and details are available on our website, or through the church office. This week:

"Jesus: The Revolution of Love"
with Mark Scandrette.

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