

## 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. Michael Stol**, who comes to lead us in worship. *Please join us for coffee fellowship today immediately following worship.*

### This Week at a Glance: MAY 28-JUNE 4

<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-person and Livestream Worship	10:00 am
<b>MONDAY</b>	Ukes of London	7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Reachout Choir Rehearsal	12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:15 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Senior Satellite Programming	9:00 am
<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-Person & Livestream Worship <i>Communion Sunday</i> Congregational Meeting	10:00 am  11:15 am

### Office Hours:

The church office is open Tuesday—Friday, 8:30am to 2:30pm. Please contact the church office with any needs or concerns (519) 681-7242 or by email at [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto: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](mailto:m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca).

### Volunteers: MAY 28 JUNE 4

<b>HOSTS</b>	Maureen Bruff Isla Thibodeau Chris Hardy	Todd Webster Brenda Webster Mavis Love—Symonds
<b>AUDIO VISUALS</b>	Tammy McRonald Jack Hardy Marilyn McFadden	Torry Thibodeau Isla Thibodeau Lizz Thibodeau
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Karen Dutton & Elaine McInnis	Keith & Phyllis Johnston

**Thank you, Volunteers!**

## Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

May 28, 2023

*Pentecost Sunday*

In-Person and Online 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: Come, Holy Spirit,

**All: the wind of God, the breath of life**

One: Come, Holy Spirit,

**All: our Advocate, our Counselor.**

One: Come, Holy Spirit,

**All: Teacher of Wisdom, Reminder of Christ.**

One: Come, Holy Spirit,

**All: Granter of forgiveness, Giver of peace.**

One: Come, Holy Spirit,

**All: May we feel God breathing through our worship.**

One: May we receive the Holy Spirit in this place.

**Praise:** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

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 leave for Sunday school)*

**Praise:** When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul 398

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

One: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

**All: In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.**

One: Yonder is the sea, great and wide,

**All: creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.**

One: There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

**All: These all look to you to give them their food in due season;  
when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand,  
they are filled with good things.**

One: When you hide your face, they are dismayed;



**All: when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.**

One: May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

**All: may the Lord rejoice in all these works—**

One: who looks on the earth and it trembles,

**All: who touches the mountains and they smoke.**

One: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have being.

**All: May my meditation be pleasing to the Lord, in whom I rejoice.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul! Praise the Lord!**

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Loretta Duffin

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Choir Anthem: *Send Down Your Spirit, Lord* by Besig, Price

Message: **Connected**

**Praise:** *We are one in the Spirit* 471

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Bill George

Offering of our Gifts

**Offering Praise:** *Spirit of the living God* 400

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

**Praise:** *Spirit, Spirit of gentleness* *(Children return)* 399

Benediction

**Sending Song:** *Come, O Holy Spirit* (2x) 388

Musical Postlude

**Send Down your Spirit, Lord** by Besig, Price

Send down Your Spirit, Lord. Send down Your Spirit, Lord. Send down Your Spirit, Lord. Fill us with the pow'r of Your Holy Word. When we start to wander and begin to stray, send down Your Spirit, Lord. When we're feeling lonely and we lose our way, send down Your Spirit, Lord. When temptation calls and we start to fall, help us turn to heaven up above. O precious Lord, send down Your love.

Send down Your love, O Lord. Send down Your love, O Lord. Send down Your love, O Lord. Touch us with Your grace forevermore.

When we hear a cry and want to lend a hand, send down Your love, Lord. When we try to help and need to understand, send down Your love, O Lord. When there's something wrong, and hope is almost gone, help us know the future will be bright. O precious Lord, send down Your light.

Send down Your light, O Lord. Send down Your light, O Lord. Send down your light, O Lord. Help us make it shine through all the world. Send down your light, O Lord. Send down Your love, O Lord. Send down Your Spirit, Lord. Send down Your Spirit, Lord.

## Please Pray

- ◆ For God's peace and comfort to surround **Doug, Janet and Andrea Bruce** and family, with the passing of Doug's father.
- ◆ For **Sam N.**, that God would continue to strengthen and heal.
- ◆ For peace and comfort for **Betty C.**, & strength for **Don** as he cares for her.
- ◆ For God's continued healing for **Ainsley M.**
- ◆ For **Joyce Y.**, that God would hold her in his loving arms and bring her peace.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers **Linda B., Leny J., Helen L., Jackie H., Beverley E., Laura M.,** and **Betty S.**

Next Sunday, **June 4** is **Communion Sunday**. If you are joining us from home, please plan on having bread and juice on hand to take part in the Lord's Table.

**Sunday School:** There will be a children's program during the the service TODAY. Children will leave after the children's message and return during the final hymn. Helpers are still needed for this vital ministry to our youth!

**Offering Plates:** Beginning this Sunday, we are resuming the tradition of **passing the offering plates** — plates will no longer be available in the narthex. Many thanks to **the Hosts** for your ongoing commitment and dedication to your role as we resume this practice!

### Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

 <b>Harry Soedarmasto</b>	<b>May 30</b>
<b>Bénie Mabondo</b>	<b>May 31</b>
<b>Charleen McCartney</b>	<b>June 2</b>
<b>Paul Matesic</b>	<b>June 4</b>
<b>Torry Thibodeau</b>	<b>June 4</b>



**May 28: With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Two Rivers Church in Guelph, Ontario, is exploring new and creative ways of being the church.** This ministry is made up of "living rooms," where people gather together in homes for meals and conversations that draw them deeper into friendship and spiritual formation in Christ. Recently celebrating 10 years of ministry, Two Rivers Church has grown to include six living rooms where the congregation meets together. At the same time, community engagement has expanded to include community gardening projects, neighbourhood cycling events, prayer walks, church retreats and an interactive "Stations of the Cross" walk through downtown Guelph during Holy Week.

### Speaking of Stewardship

Our stewardship calls us to explore ways of love and justice in respecting God's creation and in seeking its responsible use for the common good.

*Living Faith, 2.4.2*

### Bake, Plant & Yard Sale

**June 10, 2023 from 9 am to noon, rain or shine!** Sign up today in the narthex to donate baking, plants, household items, or to volunteer your time the day of the sale. Donations of gently used household items, garden tools, craft items, etc., will be received here at Chalmers on **Friday, June 9 from 1-5pm**. Please note: we are not accepting any clothing, furniture, appliances or large tools.

**Chalmers Nursery** is open this morning for children from infant to age 3. We are still in need of more nursery volunteers. Please speak to Patricia Matesic if you can help.

### From the Library... NEW Fiction!

We have some new, donated fiction, books and they will be on the New Book shelf for the next few weeks. Read and enjoy! *Christine Hunter, Librarian*

Coble, Colleen	A Stranger's Game
Colleen Coble	Because You're Mine
Miller, Judith	Somewhere to Belong
Lewis, Beverly	The Orchard
Lewis, Beverly	The Bridesmaid
Starns Clark, Mindy	The Amish Blacksmith
Starns Clark, Mindy	The Amish Groom
Klassen, Julie	Shadows of Swanford Abbey

### FINANCIAL REPORT – AS OF APRIL 30, 2023

<b>INCOME:</b>	
Offerings (General & PAR)	\$55,235.25
Other Offerings	1,906.25
On-line Donations	3,590.00
Rent & Other Income	5,381.00
Fund Income	4,470.40
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$70,582.90</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>	
Minister Stipend/Benefits	3,528.39
Salaries	26,610.37
Congregational Assessment	2,057.46
Church Building	27,575.29
Manse	215.58
Office & General	2,867.20
Committee Expenses	431.29
Session*	10,761.59
Fund Expense	3,090.65
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$77,137.82</b>
	<b>DEFICIT - \$6,554.92</b>

\*Includes Presbyterians Sharing & LDN Presbytery Dues

**Congregational Meeting:** Prior to looking for a new minister, the search committee and session were aware that it is common nowadays for clergy to prefer to live in their own homes rather than in a manse. It was decided that this kind of preference would not be a factor in choosing a candidate to call. Our new minister, Rev. Andrew Thompson is requesting a housing allowance rather than the use of the manse.

The Property Management Committee of Chalmers presented to Session the option of renting or selling the manse, but after considerable thought and discussion, it was decided that the ongoing maintenance and management of the property would take energy away from the work of the Church. It was agreed that the best path forward would be to sell the manse, and invest the proceeds. The "manse fund" could then be used to fund the minister's housing allowance, as well as other initiatives. If it is decided that the manse is to be sold, the trustees would create terms for the use of the "manse fund." These terms would be discussed and approved at a future congregational meeting. Before any terms are created, however, a congregational meeting must occur to vote on the sale of the manse. The Presbytery of London must also be consulted.

Therefore, **a congregational meeting is called for Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>** immediately following worship to discuss the sale of the manse. As the Interim Moderator, Rev. Currie, is otherwise occupied that day, she has asked elder Richard Cote to let his name stand to moderate this meeting of the Chalmers congregation. We are grateful to Andrew Thibodeau and the Property Management Committee for their diligent and thoughtful work regarding this matter.