

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

Welcome to Worship. Our service today will be in-person and livestreamed through our website at chalmerslondon.com. If you are visiting with us, please fill out a visitor card, found in the pews, and drop it in the offering plate or the visitor card basket on the information table. the visitor card basket on the information table.

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

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: NOVEMBER 17 — NOVEMBER 23

SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup (by appointment only) Knitting Circle Reachout Choir	2:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:30pm—9:00pm
THURSDAY	Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm—8:00pm
FRIDAY	Senior Satellite Exercise Programs	9:00am—11:45am
SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Our office hours are temporarily changing this week to the following:

Monday Nov. 18th 8:30am – 3:30pm, Tuesday Nov. 19th 8:30am – 2:30pm, Wednesday Nov. 20th 8:30am – 2:30pm, Thursday Nov. 21st 8:00am – 3:00pm, and Friday Nov. 22nd CLOSED.

These hours are posted on the church office door for your reference. For any questions or admin needs, feel free to reach the office by phone (519) 681-7242, or email office@chalmerslondon.com.

VOLUNTEERS: NOVEMBER 17

NOVEMBER 23

HOSTS	Carolyn Walker Laurie McNeil Anita Powell	Brenda Webster Todd Webster Bev Cameron
AUDIO VISUALS	Bob Jack Richard	Andrea Islay Lizz
FELLOWSHIP	Phillys & Keith Johnston	Tom & Jane Vannus
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Linda Adamson, Yvonne Daniel	Sarah Thompson, Judy Steward, Linda Adamson

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

November 17th, 2024

Twenty-sixth Sunday After Pentecost



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers
Lizz Thibodeau
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* Signifies to stand if you are able

WE APPROACH GOD

Instrumental Prelude

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Lorna Wilson

Call to Worship: One: The God of wisdom calls us to worship;
All: In humility, we gather to offer our thanks and praise.
 One: The God of peace calls us to let go of our cares and worries;
All: In faith, we turn to God for hope and guidance.
 One: The God of past, present and future welcomes us into this moment;
All: In joy, we celebrate life in God's presence!
 One: Let us worship God together.
All: Hallelujah! Let us praise the Lord!

*Hymn of Praise: *Morning Has Broken* 814

Prayers of Adoration & Confession & The Lord's Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

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

Choir Anthem: *Let Me Be A Light in the Darkness, by Carter Beall*

Celebrating with the Children *Days of Elijah by Robin Mark*

*Hymn of Praise: *Lord, The Light of Your Love is Shining* 376

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: 1 Samuel 2: 1-10

One: Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God.
All: My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory.
 One: There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God.
All: Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.
 One: The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength.
All: Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.
 One: The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn.
All: The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

One: The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts.

All: He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.

One: For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and on them he has set the world.

All: "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail.

One: The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven.

All: The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed."

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 1: 4-20 Mark 13: 1-8

Gord Vair

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God, and Lord Jesus Christ

Message: God Remembered Her

*Hymn of Praise: *Great is Thy Faithfulness* 324

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart, by Henry Smith*

Offering Prayer and Prayers of the People

*Hymn of Praise: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* 438

Commissioning & Benediction

*Benediction Song *Go Now In Peace, by Don Besig*

Instrumental Postlude

Let Me Be A Light in the Darkness, by Carter Beall

Verse 1: Let me be a light in the darkness to help you find your way; Let me be a light in the darkness to turn your night to day. Let me dry your tears when you're crying, Let me calm your fears when you're sighing; Let me be a light in the darkness for you.

Verse 2: Let me be a friend when you're lonely...when God seems far away; Let me be a friend when you're lonely to brighten up your day. Come and take my hand, let me lead you. Let God's Word of Life heal and feed you; Let me be a light in the darkness for you.

Verse 3: Let me give you hope for tomorrow; you're part of God's great plan. Let me give you hope for tomorrow; your life is in God's hands. God is on your side...never doubt it! Won't you let me tell you about it! Let me be a light... I want to be a light... Let me be a light in the darkness for you.

Please Pray

- ◆ For healing and patience for **D. McFadden**, he recovers his dislocated shoulder.
- ◆ For **S. Nimako**, who had surgery this last Friday, and for God to guide his surgeon and healing towards excellent results.
- ◆ For God’s continued healing for **P. Hunter**.
- ◆ For strength and healing for **J. Ferguson** as she deals with several health concerns.
- ◆ For God’s healing for **C. McCartney**, who is dealing with many health concerns; pray also for strength for Cathy as she cares for him.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers for **L. Bone, B. Ertl, J. Gill, L. Jongepier, L. McInnis, B. Smedley, B. Campbell.**

From PCC: Sunday, November 17 (Legacy Giving Sunday) We pray for all the people in congregations who leave a legacy gift—a bequest, a charitable gift annuity, a gift of life insurance—so that we may have vibrant ministry, today and tomorrow.

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Linda Bone	November 19
Shirley Hall	November 21
Sawyer MacKeigan	November 21
Alex Cote	November 22
Charles McCartney	November 23

Care & Share Corner

Your continued support of this vital ministry is greatly appreciated! Financial gifts are always welcomed!

Pantry needs for NOVEMBER are:

- ◇ Canned Soup
- ◇ Cereal



Mission Moment: Sunday November 17

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Action Réfugiés Montréal provides hope and assistance to refugees through social programming, sponsorship, and raising awareness of refugee rights. The organization operates the popular “Twinning Program,” which pairs newly arrived refugee women with women already residing in Montreal. Through frequent meetings and group activities, these “twins” forge bonds of friendship and solidarity. The program plays a crucial role in mitigating isolation and addressing barriers that these women encounter in their daily lives.

Chalmers Kettle Campaign

For over 35 years Chalmers Church has committed the volunteer hours for the White Oaks Mall Salvation Army kettle near Tim Hortons. Each year dozens of different members of our congregation gave selflessly of their time. We do it knowing that the Salvation Army kettles support the same mission that we have with our church: Sharing the love of Christ by being an example of service to others. Each year the London community inspires us with its generosity! Our kettle consistently raises over \$10,000 annually! Our Chalmers portion of the campaign runs for TWO Weeks. Monday, December 9th to December 23, no Sundays. 11am to 7:30 pm.

Sign up sheets in the Narthex starting Nov. 17th. Questions? Speak to Andrew Thibodeau.

The story our volunteers remember the most are the few times that people have put money into the kettle and have told us ... “Years ago, I was a recipient of Salvation Army generosity. Now I can give back.”

Advent Event

Saturday November 30th from 4:00pm—5:30pm. An intergenerational event to mark the start of the Advent/ Christmas season. There will be something for everyone! Bring a friend, kids, grandkids etc. for a great start to the festive season. Sign up sheet is in the narthex. Please sign up by Nov 24th so we know how many people to expect. Want to volunteer? Please get in touch with Linda Adamson.

Annual Christmas Potluck

Saturday Nov. 30th at 6pm
Bring a main dish or dessert! Coffee/Tea/Juice will be provided. Sign-up is in the Narthex.

Chalmers Knitting Group

Due to the overwhelming success of last year’s hat and mitts drive, the Knitting Group would like to collect them again this year. Watch for the “Mitten Tree“ which will be set up in the Narthex starting the first Sunday of Advent.

2024 Chalmers Advent Mission Project

Pick up a draw-string bag on the narthex table with the suggested list of care items, and return the bag to the church filled with \$15-\$20 worth of items to be donated as a Homeless Care Package. M&O will add \$5 to the bag. Project runs until December 22nd.

From the Library...

The Heart of Alaska Series by Tracie Peterson, Kimberley Woodhouse

Book 3 : The Heart of Alaska

Taylor Hale has a job at Yellowstone National Park as a guide, lecturer, botanist and park expert. She also has a suitor who will not take no for an answer. She must get away – as her mother is also keen for her to get married and settle down. Taylor’s boss writes to his friend at the Curry Hotel in Alaska and Taylor lands a job in Alaska – far away from all the things she is fighting to get out of her life.

Thomas is now a college graduate and is still spending his summers working at the Curry Hotel in Alaska. Thomas and Taylor meet – but it is a fiery relationship. She is defensive – and he doesn’t see why they would hire a woman for what he thinks is a man’s job.

Another interesting story of relationships set in a wonderful area where the sun never sets and the land is far from friendly – dangerous in many instances, and the people bring their own sets of problems.

A thoroughly interesting trilogy in my mind. I hope you agree.

- **Christine Hunter, Librarian**

Mitchell’s Soups and Pies

Orders are still being taken for Mitchell’s Soups! Display will be in the lower hall at coffee time, beside the Rheo Smoothies display. You can still also order Tourtière and Fruit (apple, cherry, blueberry and rhubarb) pies.

Ladies’ Night

Our next Ladies’ night will be Tuesday November 26th. We will be doing a Christmas candle craft, and providing desserts! Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex.

Giving to Chalmers

Our easiest donation option is to send an E-Transfer to chalmerspcloudon@gmail.com Your generosity is appreciated.

Retirement at St. George Presbyterian

The Reverend Keith McKee is retiring on December 1st, 2024. His final service at St. George’s Presbyterian Church, 1475 Dundas Street, London ON is on Sunday, November 24, 2024 at 10:30am. A reception will follow the service.

Rheo Thompson Smoothies

The fundraising team would like to announce the sale of Rheo Thompson chocolate mint, chocolate raspberry or chocolate orange smoothies for \$3 each. These chocolates make great stocking stuffers for Christmas or hostess gifts. Display will be in the lower hall at coffee time.