

## CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us for in-person worship this Sunday at 10 am. Please pre-register by Friday noon. We will also be livestreaming the service. This can be viewed through our website at [chalmerslondon.com](http://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: NOVEMBER 21-28

<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-Person & Livestream Worship Service	10:00 am
<b>MONDAY</b>	Ukes of London	7:00 pm
<b>TUESDAY</b>		
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Care & Share Food Pick-up	12:30 pm
	Knitting Circle (in Narthex)	1:30 pm
	Online Prayer Meeting	8:00 pm
	Property Management Online Meeting	7:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Online Community Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
	<i>Choir Rehearsal</i>	6:30 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-Person & Livestream Worship Service	10:00 am

### OFFICE HOURS:

Denise will be in the office from Monday to Thursday. Please call ahead before dropping by the church. [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto:chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca) or call (519) 681-7242 .

Rev. John can be reached by email [jbannerman@bellnet.ca](mailto:jbannerman@bellnet.ca) or on his cell, 226-919-9180.

### WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS:

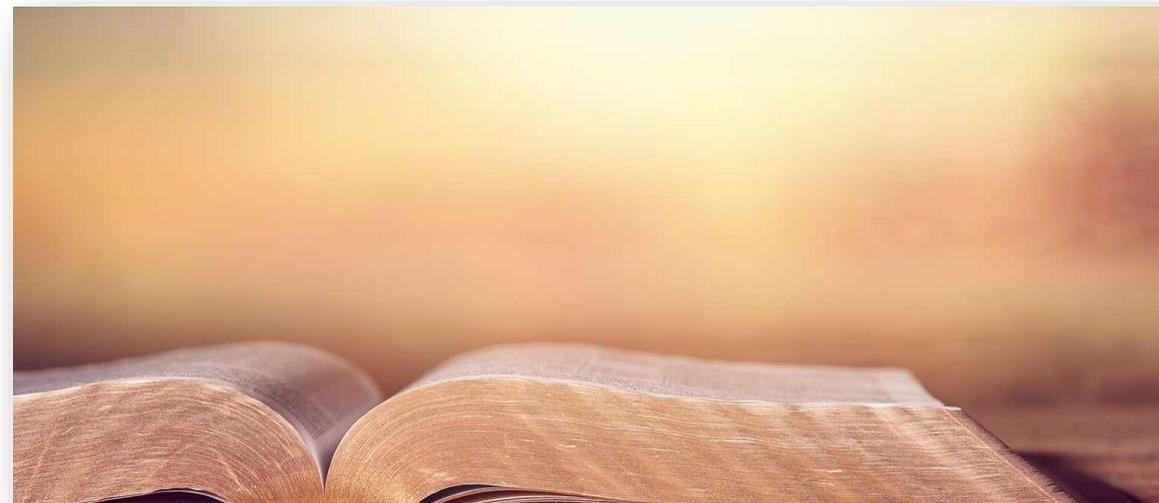
	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<b>HOSTS</b>	Maureen Bruff, Rita McWilliam Bill George & Lorna Wilson	Amy Kemp, Mark Ranson Yvonne Daniel, Rita McWilliam
<b>A/V</b>	Torry Thibodeau, Richard Cote Rose Marie Finlay	Andrea Bruce, Richard Cote
<b>Webex</b>	Richard Cote	Isla Thibodeau

# Chalmers Presbyterian Church

## Worship Celebration

November 21, 2021

*In-Person & Livestream Worship*



### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers  
Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Office Administrator  
Caretaker  
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers  
Tom Hunter  
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Rev. John Bannerman

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## WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Let us praise the One who has filled the world with blessings!

**All: Let us sing to the Creator who has filled our lives with joy.**

One: Troubles come upon us, unexpected opportunities cross our paths.

**All: But we step forward in faith, sharing our gifts.**

Praise: *We praise you, O God* (Lyrics on p. 3) 425

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

The Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you

**All: And also with you.**

Special Praise: *Come and find the quiet centre* (Lyrics on p. 3) Gord Vair

Celebrating with the Children (PCC Video)

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100 (Unison)

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into God's presence with singing.  
Know that the Lord is God.  
The Lord made us; we belong to God.  
We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.  
Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving,  
and God's courts with praise.  
Give thanks to the Lord, bless God's name.  
For the Lord is good;  
God's steadfast love endures forever,  
God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Scripture Readings: Philippians 3: 10-14

Matthew 5: 1-10

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Praise: *God who gives to life its goodness* (Lyrics on p. 3) 334

Message: *Stepping Forward in Faith*

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission (PWS&D Video)

Offering of our Gifts

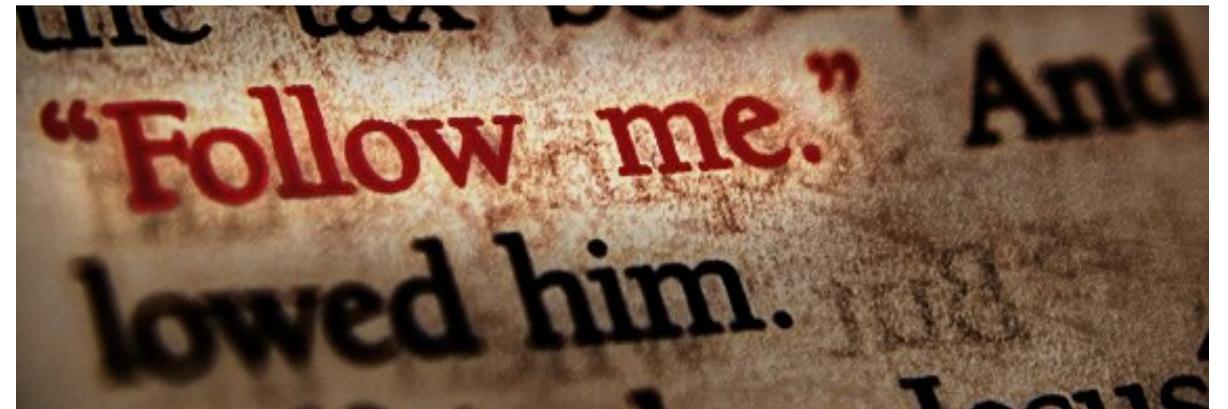
Offering Praise: *God, whose giving knows no ending* (Lyrics on p. 3) (vs1,3) 663

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

Praise: *In the bulb there is a flower* (Lyrics on p. 3) 674

Blessing

Musical Postlude



## We praise you, O God

Netherlands Folk Song

We praise you, O God,  
our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion  
our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you;  
we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name;  
glad praises we sing.

We worship you;  
God ever faithful, we bless you;  
through life's storm and tempest  
our guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us,  
you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord,  
life's battles we win.

With voices united  
our praises we offer,  
and gladly our songs  
of true worship we raise.  
Our sins now confessing,  
we pray for your blessing;  
to you, our great Redeemer,  
forever be praise.

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## God who gives to life its goodness

Walter Henry Farquharson

God, who gives to life its goodness,  
God creator of all joy,  
God who gives to us our freedom  
God who blesses tool and toy:  
teach us now to laugh and praise you  
deep within, or shouted loud,  
till the whole creation dances  
For your goodness, holy God.

God who fills the earth with beauty,  
God who binds each friend to friend,  
God who names us cocreators,  
God who wills that chaos end:  
grant us now creative spirits,  
minds responsive to your mind,  
hearts and wills your rule extending,  
all our acts by Love refined.

## Come and find the quiet center

Shirley Erena Murray

Come and find the quiet centre  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, face to face,  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare!

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## God whose giving knows no ending

Robert L. Edwards

God, whose giving knows no ending,  
from your rich and endless store:  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
costly cross, grave's shattered door,  
gifted by you, we turn to you,  
offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever,  
gracious donor of our days.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,  
gain through powers your  
grace conferred;  
ours to use for home and kindred,  
and to spread the Gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
serving you by loving all.

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## In the bulb there is a flower

Natalie Sleeth

In the bulb there is a flower,  
in the seed, an apple tree,  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;  
what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning,  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing,  
in our life, eternity,  
in our death, a resurrection,  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.

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## Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing for Janice Duffin as she receives treatment in hospital following recent surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Janet Bruce** as she recovers at home following knee surgery.
- ◆ For God's comfort for Sherri Hartman's mother, **Linda Clifford**, who is palliative. May the Lord give strength to Sherri and Kevin as they care for her at home.
- ◆ For the family and friends of **Vivianne Pearse** as they grieve her passing on November 11th.
- ◆ For God's strength and healing for **Linda Bone** as she recovers from foot surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Charles McCartney**, who is recovering at home.
- ◆ For God's healing and pain control for **Joyce Yull**.
- ◆ For healing and pain control for **Vic Laursen** following recent hip surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Leslee Johnston** as she recovers from surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Ken Hall** as he convalesces at home. May the Lord give strength to Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Barry May**.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Betty Smedley, Linda McPherson, and Ross Cole**.
  
- ◆ For the people of **British Columbia** as they struggle with the devastating effects of the historic rainfall, mudslides, flooding.
  
- ◆ For God's protection, peace and grace to surround us as we walk through these trying times due to the COVID-19 virus.



### November 21

#### Protecting Children in Malawi

Ten-year-old Joseph lives with his family in northern Malawi. One day, Joseph showed up to school, not quite himself. His friends noticed and asked what was wrong. "My father and mother shout at each other and fight almost every week. Sometimes my father calls us bad names and chases us out of the house at night, for no reason," he said. His friends, who had learned about children's rights and what support was available to them, urged him to speak to a Child Protection Worker. The Child Protection Worker understood the economic challenges that were exacerbating the abuse and connected the family with resources to address them. Together, the family is using what they have learned to build a more peaceful home. This project is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.

#### SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

Life's persistent and most urgent question is "What are you doing for others?"  
*Martin Luther King Jr. (1929 – 1968), minister, civil rights activist*

#### LIBRARY NEWS

##### The Second Half – by Lauraine Snelling

An interesting family story. The Sorensens are getting ready to retire. At least Ken is, and Mona is looking forward to taking some time off from her business and doing some travelling – seeing a bit of the world, visiting the grandchildren.

Their son is divorced with two young children, and is an officer in the Army. When he is suddenly facing an overseas assignment at very short notice, he asks his parents to look after his family. This is not something they had been expecting, but also something they feel they must do.

Read on to see how this family story turns out.

*Christine Hunter, Librarian*

## Our Reopening Protocol

1. Please remember to preregister to attend Sunday worship. We have limited seating and can not guarantee your place if you are not registered.
2. As of November 28th, everyone worshipping at Chalmers will need to present their Proof of Double Vaccination at the Registration Desk. Please bring a copy of your PRINTED form with you.
3. For your safety, a 2 meter physical distancing is required both in the Chalmers' building and on the property.
4. Masks must be worn at all times.
5. Please remain seated at the end of the service until a host escorts you out of the Sanctuary.
6. Please exit the building immediately after leaving the Sanctuary. Any visiting may be done with physical distancing in the parking lot.
7. We are allowed to sing with a mask on. No wind instruments are allowed at this time.

*\*\*The London Public Library will help you get a copy of your vaccination certificate. You will need to take your Health Card and Postal Code to the library. They will assist you at the computer and print your information, free of charge. They do not store any of your personal information.\*\**

**ADVENT BIBLE STUDY:** Join us online for a 4 week study of the book, "**Incararnation: Rediscovering the Significance of Christmas**" by Adam Hamilton. Mondays, November 29—December 20, 7—8 pm on Zoom. How God became human in the Christ child of Bethlehem is a mystery. It is difficult to understand and harder to explain. Adam Hamilton explores the why and to what end questions of the Incarnation. Books available for \$10, and printed study materials will be provided. **RSVP** to Rev. John and let him know if you'd like a book.

## Year-To-Date Financial Snapshot

Year-To-Date October 31, 2021

Actual Income	\$ 189,442
Budgeted Income (straight line basis)	\$ 213,351
Actual Expenses	\$ 195,048
Budgeted Expenses (straight line basis)	\$ 213,502

Deficit year-to-date is \$ 5,606 which is not unexpected during pandemic times. The "General Offerings" continue under plan (about \$20,000), partially offset by "Canada Helps" donations above plan (\$ 10,000) and wage subsidy support above plan by \$5,000.

Expenses are very close to expected amounts. We are pleased some line items - health & dental, building insurance, and presbytery dues have been fully paid for the year. Please continue to uphold your congregation's financial picture in your prayers.

Respectfully,  
Mark Ranson – Convenor Policy & Planning

### Chalmers Birthdays this Week

Shirley Hall	November 21
Sawyer MacKeigan	November 21
Alex Cote	November 22
Charles McCartney	November 23
Susan High-Smith	November 24
Sarah Walker	November 26
Ed Carrier	November 27

The **Election of Elders** will be held on Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. Those professing members present for in person worship will be able to vote on that Sunday morning. The ballots and envelopes will be delivered this week to professing members who may not be present for in person worship on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Those ballots will need to be returned to the church office or mail box by no later than Sunday morning, November 28<sup>th</sup>.