

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. Please plan on joining us for coffee fellowship in the lower hall following worship today.

This Week at a Glance: NOVEMBER 26—DECEMBER 3

SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship Stephen Ministry Meeting	10:00 am 7:00 pm
MONDAY	Ukes of London	7:00 pm
TUESDAY	Ladies' Night	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Advent Bible Study Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Reachout Choir Rehearsal	10:30 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
FRIDAY	Senior Satellite Exercise	9:00 am
SATURDAY	Christmas Potluck Supper	6:00 pm
SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am

Office Hours: Monday to Thursday, 8:30 am—2:30pm. Call 519-681-7242 or email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca with any questions or admin needs.

Rev. Andrew Thompson's office hours are Mondays 9:30—2:30, Wednesdays & Thursdays 9:30 am to noon and Fridays, 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Volunteers: NOVEMBER 26

DECEMBER 3

HOSTS	Bill George Lorna Wilson Marg Ward	Wanda MacKay Brian & Pat Mackay
AUDIO VISUALS	Andrea Bruce Islay Thibodeau Lizz Thibodeau	Andrea Bruce Jack Hardy Rose Marie Finlay
FELLOWSHIP	Marg Ward & Mary Vair	Carolyn Walker & Muriel Bertling
NURSERY	Nursery Available, Unsupervised	Nursery Available, Unsupervised
SUNDAY SCHOOL	Linda Adamson, Marilyn McFadden	Linda Adamson, Judy Steward

CHALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Worship Celebration

November 26, 2023

In-Person and Livestream Worship



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers
Tom Hunter
Beth Hickey
Wendy Sibley
Brad Dobbie
Rev. Andrew Thompson

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WE APPROACH GOD

Instrumental Prelude

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Doug Bruce

Call to Worship

One: The Lord is the first and the last, our beginning and our end.

All: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord our God, who was and is and is to come.

Blessing and honour, glory and majesty be to our God, now and evermore.

Hymn of Praise: *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

267 (vv. 1, 2 & 5)

Prayers of Adoration & Confession, and **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: *I Have Felt the Hand of God* by Courtney, Martin

Celebrating with the Children

Praise Time: *Amazing Love (You Are My King)*

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Responsive Psalm: 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 Reading: Luke 23:32-43

Matthew 25:31-46

Yvonne Daniel

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Message: **The King on a Cross**

Hymn of Praise: *My Shepherd is the King of love*

691 (vv. 1, 2, 5 & 6)

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *Give thanks with a grateful heart*

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

Hymn of Praise: *Crown him with many crowns*

274 (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

Benediction

Choral Amen

Instrumental Postlude



CHOIR ANTHEM: I Have Felt the Hand of God by Courtney, Martin

I have felt the hand of God in your hand. Holding me, you gave me strength to stand.
When I was all alone, you came and met my need. And when I lost my way, your hand was there to lead.
Through your touch, God's hand reached out to me. I have felt the hand of God in your hand.

I have heard the voice of God in your voice, singing praise, you taught me to rejoice.
Your voice of comfort caused my grief to end. And when my faith was gone, you called me home again,
When you spoke, God's voice called out to me. I have heard the voice of God in your voice.

I have seen the face of God in your face. Giving all, you shared with me God's grace.
And you were faithful to guide me as I grew. I saw your love for God and I saw God in you.
When you smiled, God's love surrounded me. I have seen the face of God,
I have heard the voice of God. I have felt the hand of God through you.

Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing for **Barry M.** who is in hospital receiving treatment for an infection.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Janice C.**, who is back in hospital and suffering from COVID.
- ◆ For God's healing and comfort for **Beverley E.** as she receives care in hospital.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Charles M.**, who is dealing with many health concerns; pray also for strength for Cathy as she cares for him.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Holly W.** as she recovers from a stroke.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers **Helen L., Jackie H., Laura M., Betty S., Ed C., Bill C.**

Communion Sunday

Sunday, December 2 is the first Sunday in Advent and we will be celebrating Holy Communion that morning, as well as the sacrament of baptism. If you are joining us for home, you may wish to have bread and juice on hand so you can celebrate at the Lord's Table with us.

Advent Bible Study

Sign up TODAY in the narthex for our new Bible study on Wednesday mornings from 10:30—11:30am, beginning November 29 and running for 5 weeks. We'll be looking at "**Heaven & Earth: Advent and the Incarnation**" by William H. Willimon. Here's a teaser... "It's not within our own power to make a fresh start. If we're to have a future different from the past, it must come as a gift, something not of our devising. What we need is a God who refuses to be trapped in eternity, a God who not only cares about us but is willing to show up among us and do something with us, here, now. " **All are welcome to attend!**

Mission Moment

November 26: Over the past two years, Canadian aid organizations advocated to remove legal barriers to much-needed aid in Afghanistan. The barriers prevented aid organizations, including PWS&D, from providing urgent humanitarian assistance since the Taliban took control in August 2021. The recent parliamentary adoption of Bill C-41 now enables Canadian aid organizations to provide crucial aid in Afghanistan safely and effectively. Bill C-41 is vital to improving access to health care, ensuring access to food, water and sanitation, education, and protecting human dignity. As winter approaches, the needs are even greater. PWS&D will now support work in Afghanistan once again—an important step in coping with political, economic and climate adversity for many in the country.

Stewardship Moment

"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above..." *James 1:17a*



Care & Share thank you for your generous support of this crucial ministry to our neighbours. **The need is greater than ever!** Your gifts are helping ease food insecurity for **208 families** (8 new just this week!!) in our area. Thank you!

From the Library...

Free Books

I have removed some Christmas Fiction books from our library, and also some non-fiction books from our library. These books will be available to anyone who wants to take them – no charge. You'll find them in the Library today only. Please just take a minute and check them out.

Happy reading.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

Offering Envelopes

If you use a guest envelope, please be sure to include your contact information on the reverse side of the envelope so we can send you a receipt in January. Contact the church office if you would be interested in envelopes for 2024. **NOTE: if you have envelopes and will NOT be using them in the new year, please let Wendy know.**

Gaza Humanitarian Crisis

Donations made to the PWS&D humanitarian response will help with shelter, food, emergency help and mental health support for all those suffering the devastation of war, and are **eligible for matching** by the Canadian Government. Visit <https://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/> to donate, or give through Chalmers, and mark your envelope or cheque "PWS&D Gaza Relief".

Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Sarah Walker	November 26
Ed Carrier	November 27
Mary MacLeod	November 27
Fran Peach	November 30
Gary Smith	December 4

Salvation Army Kettle 2023

There are still volunteer hours available for the White Oaks Mall Salvation Army kettle, near Tim Hortons. Our Chalmers portion of the campaign runs for TWO weeks, **Monday, December 11 to December 23, no Sunday, from 11am to 7:30 pm.** Sign up in the narthex TODAY! Questions? Speak to Andrew Thibodeau.

Frozen Beef & Fruit Pies for Sale

Cost - \$5.00 ea. Proceeds to the General Fund. These are available following Sunday service or by pre-ordering through the Church office or email to mobruff@rogers.com.

MINT SMOOTHIES

Great stocking stuffers (or as a treat) \$3 or 2 for \$5.00. Available following Sunday service.



ALL Chalmers Volunteers!

I hope to have the volunteer schedule for January to March 2024 out by mid-December. Can each of you please email me as soon as possible with any dates (vacation etc.) you know you will **NOT** be available during those months? I will try to schedule around any of these exceptions. Thanks very much! *Wendy*