

## WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Silent Prayer A time to be still and know the presence of God

Call to Worship : Psalm 118:24

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

**All: let us rejoice and be glad in.**

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Declaration of Pardon

The Peace May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

★ Praise: God, we praise you for the morning 436 (1,2,4 & 5)

(Children & Teachers leave for Sunday School)

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture reading: Psalm 126

**Refrain: Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices.**

One: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

**All: Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

One: then it was said among the nations,  
"The Lord has done great things for them."

**All: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**

One: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

**All: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.  
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. R**

Choir Anthem: Celebrate and Sing with Praise! by Don Besig & Nancy Price

Scripture Readings: Mark 10: 46-52 Lizz Thibodeau

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

★ Praise: Shout to the Lord

Sermon: **A Harvest of Joy**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection Shout for joy to the Lord 66 (refrain)

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts This is the day 78 (1&3)

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

**God of peace and joy, we praise you for you have absorbed our tears and received them as our prayer and praise. With these gifts of money, including those given through PAR, we worship you with glad and generous hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord ...**

★ Praise: Trees of the Field

(Children & Teachers return from Sunday School)

Celebrating with the Children and **The Lord's Prayer**

★ Praise: Lord of all hopefulness 748

★ Commissioning and Benediction

★ Praise: May the God of hope 726

Musical Postlude

★ *This symbol is used to invite people to stand. All songs and responses will be projected on the screens.*



**Celebrate and Sing with Praise!** (by Don Besig & Nancy Price)

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Join in thanksgiving, come sing and rejoice!  
Servants of God gather this day to celebrate, Celebrate and sing out with praise!

Sing out with joy; sing out with love and lift up your voices to heaven above.  
Children of God, here in this place we celebrate, celebrate, celebrate and sing out with praise!

Rejoice in those who came before us. They built, with faith, this fellowship we share.  
Come raise your voice and join the chorus as we go forth with songs of joy and show God's love  
to people everywhere, everywhere.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Join in thanksgiving, come sing and rejoice! People of God,  
go forth this day and celebrate, Celebrate, celebrate and sing out with praise, with praise.

Lift up your voice and sing with praise. Come, celebrate with praise!

## CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to worship at Chalmers. If you are a guest, visitor or newcomer to Chalmers we reach out to you with hospitality and friendship in Jesus' name. Please take a moment to fill in a guest card—available in the pew holder or from the welcome table. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate, in the box on the welcome table, or given to Rev. John.

Please note that some fellow worshippers are sensitive to perfumes. We ask that you consider keeping Chalmers scent-free. Thank you.

There will be a time of refreshments and fellowship in the lower hall following worship. The **striped mugs** at coffee hour are for visitors. Please help our visitors feel welcome.

### AT A GLANCE: October 28 - November 4

SUNDAY    Worship & Sunday School - 10am  
Library Open – 11:15am  
Stephen Ministry - 7pm

MONDAY    Ukes of London - 7pm

TUESDAY    Care & Share - 1pm  
Seniors' Fitness - 1pm

WEDNESDAY    Knitting Circle - 1:30pm  
Reachout - 7:30pm

THURSDAY    Early Years' Group - 9:30am  
Choir - 6:30pm  
Praise Team - 8pm

FRIDAY    Senior's Satellite - 9am  
Seniors' Euchre - 1pm

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Library Open – 11:15am  
Stephen Ministry - 7pm

### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 9-12  
Friday: 12-4

### UPCOMING DATES:

Nov. 4: Lost Pilgrims' Concert - Knox St. Thomas  
Nov. 10: Christmas Sale  
Nov. 17: Bible Readers' Workshop  
Nov. 18: Tasteful Topics  
Nov. 18: Ukes of London Concert  
Nov. 24: Christmas Potluck

### TODAY'S HOSTS:

Tammy & Jay McDonald  
Torry Thibodeau & Winter Hales  
Karen Dutton & Yvonne Daniel

### NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Murray & Lois Cummings  
Dennis Smedley & Bev Cameron  
Maureen Bruff & Keith Spooner

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Oct 28: Gail McHardy-Leitch & Don Leitch  
Nov 4: Keith & Phyllis Johnston  
Nov 11: Marilyn & Dave McFadden  
Nov 18: Tasteful Topics

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Oct 28: Dan & Jackie  
Nov 4: Heather & Patricia  
Nov 11: Laurie & Leslee  
Nov 18: Cathy & Jane

### OFFERING COUNTERS:

Oct 28: Maureen & Heather  
Nov 4: Brenda & Todd  
Nov 11: Bruce & Joanne  
Nov 18: Maureen & Heather



# Chalmers Presbyterian Church

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

23rd Sunday after Pentecost - Reformation Sunday

October 28th, 2018—10:00 am

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

Qui sème dans les larmes moissonnera avec des cris de joie!

Psalm / Psaumes 126:5

### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers  
Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Office Administrator  
Caretaker  
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers  
Tom Hunter  
Beth Hickey  
Lizz Thibodeau  
Brad Dobbie  
Rev. John Bannerman

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## Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God's healing to surround Jack Webster who is in hospital with severe leg pain.
- ◆ For God to comfort and console John Coy as he grieves the unexpected death of his wife Beverley. May John and his family know the peace of Christ that passes understanding.
- ◆ For Jules Mabondo Munge as he works to bring his family to Canada from the Congo.
- ◆ For healing and strength for Beth Hickey who is recuperating at home following surgery she had earlier this month.
- ◆ For God's peace and hope for Linda Bone as she deals with her cancer diagnosis.
- ◆ For healing and strength for Wendy Lefler who is recovering at home.
- ◆ For God's blessing for Daisy Herbert, Eileen Reid, Linda McPherson, Margaret Middaugh, Maureen Gaskin, Doris Doskas, Ross Cole.

I wish to say thank you for the many cards, calls, prayers, kind gestures and well-wishes that I have received over the past several weeks. I have much appreciated the support of my Chalmers family. Beth Hickey

**"WHEELS ARE TURNING"** Concert featuring The Lost Pilgrims at Knox Presbyterian Church, St. Thomas on Sunday, November 4th at 7pm. Free Will Offering to support Spencer Edwards and Family. Spencer served as our Synod Youth Consultant for many years. Last year he suffered a serious health crisis due to an infection in his spine. This concert is to help raise funds to ensure that the Edwards' family home can be made wheelchair accessible.

**FALL BIBLE STUDY:** Mondays, November 5 - December 10, 7-8:30pm. Ecclesiastes for Everyone by John Goldingay. Please sign up.

Have you considered signing up for **PAR (PRE AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE)**? It's easy to do, makes consistent offerings simple and can be stopped or adjusted easily. Offering is withdrawn directly from your bank account monthly. Forms are available in the narthex, or speak to Lizz in the office.



### October 28: A call to music ministry

Music is an important part of our worship and praise to God. In Ephesians (5:19), Paul encourages us to "Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord." With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, Knox Presbyterian Church in Weyburn, Saskatchewan, is engaging its community through a new music ministry called PALM: peace, art, love and music. Under the PALM banner, the congregation has hosted a variety of music and art-related events for all ages including a youth showcase night, which featured several local youth musicians and included an open-mic segment. Knox has also arranged for local bands, musicians and even puppet show performers to share their gifts at the church's hot meal gathering, which provides food and entertainment to those living on the margins in their community. *Presbyterians Sharing brings communities together*

### SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

Love grows by giving. The love we give away is the only love we keep. The only way to retain love is to give it away.

*Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915), writer*

### CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

Saturday Nov. 24th, 6pm in the Lower Church Hall. Bring your favourite potluck dish. Come and join a delicious start to the holiday season. Please sign up on sheet in Narthex

Chalmers' Outreach Committee is selling **CHALMERS PENS** to raise funds for an Information Display screen for the narthex. Pens are \$5 and make wonderful stocking stuffers!

Chalmers is hoping to host its **ADVENT EVENT** again this year on Saturday, December 1st. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Linda Adamson or sign the sheet in the narthex.

## LIBRARY NEWS

**The Sacrifice** – by Robert Whitlow

This was a winner for me. We have a few books by Robert Whitlow and I have come to love his writing.

In this book there is a faint black/white struggle, but also a young man who is very disturbed. Lawyer Scott Ellis gets the job of defending this young man who is accused of firing on a black church service one Sunday afternoon when they are preparing a baptism in the local river. One of the very interesting parts of this story is a group of young people at the local high school who, as Christians, have a prayer meeting regularly at the school. The power of this prayer meeting is heart warming and affirming that prayer can change lives. Of course there is a little love interest in this story! I really enjoy this author's writing – and this is no exception. An interesting mystery story well told! Highly recommended!  
Christine Hunter, Librarian

**DID YOU KNOW?** The process of nominating elders concludes today. Only professing members of the congregation may nominate and be nominated. Chalmers is using the model of term service for elders. Elders are ordained for life but serve for a term of six years, although they may stand for re-election following their six-year term. Elders who have completed their term of service are eligible to be nominated. Please see the list of professing members and nomination forms on the table in the narthex.

Please consider sitting closer to **THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY**, particularly on the north side. When watching the service on the livestream, the sanctuary can look empty even with a full congregation because the front six pews are so bare. This does not look appealing to people who may be searching for a church home.

Calling all current **SCRIPTURE READERS** and those interested in reading the scripture during worship. Please come to a Bible Readers' Workshop on Sat., Nov. 17th 10:00-11:30am. Please sign up in the narthex.

## RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISING UPDATE

**Chalmers Annual Christmas Bazaar – Saturday, November 10 – 9 am – 12 noon**

Something for everyone – Tea room, baking, and meat pies, Christmas Room, knitting, crafts, lots of jewellery, and much more! Bring your family, friends and neighbours. We need baked goods and preserves as well as new and like new Christmas items for the Christmas room. We are also looking for donations of new/like new items in original packaging that can be given as Christmas gifts that are not necessarily Christmas items - any items that can be re-gifted. Items can be dropped off at the church on Fri. Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00 pm and 6:00-8:00 pm. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you can help either Friday or Saturday.

Thank-you for your continued support.

### RTR FINANCIALS

\$107,206 – Funds as of October 15

15 – Funds received October 21

\$107,221 – TOTAL funds received to date

\$109,000 – Financial Goal (Only \$1,779 left to raise)

Please note that once the financial goal of \$109,000 is reached, any further monies received for the roof project will be applied to the financial deficit of the church.

*The fundraising team: Janet Bruce, Bob Finlay, Yvonne Daniel, Pat MacKay & Brenda Webster*

**CHALMERS' PINS** will be for sale in the lower hall following worship for \$5 each with proceeds going to the roof fund. Thank-you for your ongoing support of this project.

*Indwell is hiring a full-time FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNITY COORDINATOR IN LONDON. Please go to our website for details about joining this great team at indwell.ca/get-involved/careers. This posting will remain open until November 1, 2018.*