

## CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

Welcome to worship. Our services are in-person and live-streamed 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 Sunday we welcome **Rev. Michael Stol** to lead worship.

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

### This Week at a Glance: OCTOBER 16—23

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Livestream and In-Person Worship	10:00 am
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Session Meeting (Online)	7:00 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Reachout Choir Rehearsal	12:30 pm 1:00 pm 7:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Chalmers Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Seniors' Satellite Recreation	9:00 am
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Livestream and In-Person Worship	10:00 am

### Office Hours:

Our regular office hours are Tuesday—Friday, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. Please contact the church office with any needs or concerns at [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto:chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca) or (519) 681-7242. **Rev. Mavis Currie** is Chalmers' Interim Moderator. For emergency Pastoral Care she may be reached at her office, (519) 631-2414, on her cell (519) 680-1380 or by email, [m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca](mailto:m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca).

### Worship Volunteers:

	This Week	Next Week
<b>HOSTS</b>	Yvonne Daniel Brian MacKay Pat MacKay	Muriel Bertling Chris Hardy Mary Vair
<b>A/V</b>	Torry Thibodeau Isla Thibodeau	Tammy McRonald Isla Thibodeau
<b>Webex</b>	Richard Cote	Lizz Thibodeau
<b>Fellowship</b>	Mary Vair Robin Cohen	Brian & Pat MacKay

**Thank you, Volunteers!**

## Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

October 16, 2022

19th Sunday after Pentecost

In-Person and Livestream Worship



### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers  
Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Office Administrator  
Caretaker  
**Interim Moderator**

All the People of Chalmers  
Tom Hunter  
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## WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

One: We come like Philip: following the angels, waiting for a word from the Spirit.

**All: So, breathe your Word into us, O God, that we might have boldness to speak to the stranger on the road, to proclaim the good news about Jesus, to love one another.**

One: Let us dwell within your deep love for us. Let us live within the truth of Scripture: Perfect love casts out all fear.

**Praise:** *The love of God comes close* (474, vv. 1,3 & 5)

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

The Peace: One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrating with the Children: video "Phillip and the Ethiopian"

**Praise:** *Go out to the world*

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 22:25-31

One: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear you.

**All: The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!**

One: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord;

**All: and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.**

One: For dominion belongs to the Lord who rules over the nations.

**All: All who sleep in the earth shall bow down to the Lord;**

One: All who go down to the dust, shall bow before the Lord; and I shall live for God.

**All: Posterity shall serve the Lord; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that God has done it.**

Scripture Reading: Acts 8:25-40

Yvonne Daniel

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Praise:** *Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord* 260

Sermon: 'Water is Thicker Than Blood' Rev. Michael Stol

Choir Anthem: *Go My Children, With My Blessing* Chalmers Senior Choir

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission Bill George

Offering of our Gifts

**Offering Praise:** *God forgave my sin / Freely, freely* 774

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

**Praise:** I, the Lord of sea and sky 592

Blessing

Postlude

*(All hymn lyrics found on page 3)*

### Choir Anthem

**Go, My Children, With My Blessing,**

Vajda/Pelz

Go my children, with my blessing, never alone; waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever, go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure, here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;  
Here you heard my dear Son's story, Here you touched him, saw his glory,  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go my children, fed and nourished, closer to me; grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you, Here his tender comfort stilled you;  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace, I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace,  
I the Lord will be your Father, Saviour, Comforter and Brother:  
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.

## The love of God comes close

John L. Bell, Graham Maule, John David Edwards

The love of God comes close  
where stands an open door,  
to let the stranger in,  
to mingle rich and poor.  
The love of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way;  
the love of God is here to stay.

The peace of God comes close  
to those caught in the storm,  
forgoing lives of ease  
to ease the lives forlorn.  
The peace of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way;  
the peace of God is here to stay.

The joy of God comes close  
where faith encounters fears,  
where heights and depths of life  
are found through smiles and tears.  
The joy of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way;  
the joy of God is here to stay.

The grace of God comes close  
to those whose grace is spent,  
when hearts are tired or sore  
and hope is bruised and bent.  
The grace of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way;  
the grace of God is here to stay.

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## Go out to the world

Richard Cootes

Refrain:  
Go out to the world,  
go out to the world!  
Go out to the world  
and proclaim the Good News!  
And know that I am with you,  
yes, until the end of time,  
as you go out to the world  
and proclaim the Good News.  
As you go out to the world  
and proclaim the Good News.

As the Father sent me,  
go out to the world!  
So am I sending you,  
go out to the world!  
With the peace that I leave you,  
go out to the world!  
With the joy of the Gospel  
in your hearts.

Refrain

You are the salt of the earth,  
go out to the world!  
A city on a hill,  
go out to the world!  
A light unto the nations,  
go out to the world!  
Let the light of your goodness  
ever shine.

Refrain

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## Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord

Donald Fishel

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen  
Lord,  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
He is King of creation: *Refrain.*

Spread the good news o'er all the earth;  
Jesus has died and has risen: *Refrain*

We have been crucified with Christ.;  
Now we shall live forever: *Refrain*

Come, let us praise the living God,  
Joyfully sing to our Saviour: *Refrain*

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## God forgave my sin / Freely, freely

Carol Owens

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,  
I've been born again in Jesus' name,  
and in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share his love as he told me to.

Chorus:  
*He said: 'Freely, freely  
you have received;  
freely, freely give.  
Go in my name  
and because you believe,  
others will know that I live.'*

All power is given in Jesus' name,  
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,  
and in Jesus' name I come to you  
to share his power as he told me to.

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## I, the Lord of sea and sky

Daniel L. Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin,  
my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

*Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them,  
they turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them,  
my hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide,  
'till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

Refrain

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# Please Pray

- ◆ For God's comfort and strength for **Linda Bone & family** with the passing of Cyril Bone on Friday, October 7.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Ken Hall, Vic Laursen, Betty Smedley, and Linda McPherson.**
- ◆ For God's healing Spirit to strengthen and encourage **Leny Jongepier** as she recovers at Westmount Gardens.
- ◆ For God's encouragement for **Barry May** who is convalescing at home.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Brenda Bakelaar** as she recuperates at home.
- ◆ We pray for comfort and healing for **Betty Cross** was able to come home from hospital last week.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Peter Longmore** as he recovers from heart surgery, and strength for Betty as she supports him.
- ◆ For the **Salamatov family**, who have settled into the manse; for God's comfort for **Myla** as she receives care at home for a serious illness.
- ◆ For God's healing touch for **John Elliott** who is receiving care in hospital.

## CHALMERS WINTER BAZAAR

Please plan on joining us Saturday, November 12, 9am to Noon as **Chalmers' Winter Bazaar is back!** Shop our baked goods, preserves, crafts, nearly new items and of course, Ruth's famous pies! Note: no used Christmas items this year. Invite your friends and family—all welcome! Pie order forms available in the narthex or through the church website.



**October 16:** In Pakistan, after repeated and prolonged droughts, Rano and her husband, Jeevo, were left with land that was unable to produce a harvest. As they were contending with worries about how they would feed their family, the situation turned worse when Jeevo's mother died, and they had to take on significant debt in order to pay for the funeral expenses. Jeevo went to Karachi to work, while Rano purchased food and necessities for the family on credit. Unfortunately, Jeevo's earnings were only enough to pay their debt and nothing else. Things finally improved when Rano and Jeevo's family were selected to be part of a Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) food assistance project, where they received food packages of oil, wheat, rice, sugar, tea and salt. **As a church, our Christian response to hunger is put into action through PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank.**

## Speaking of Stewardship

*"Give what you have. To someone, it may be better than you dare to think."*  
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow – poet, educator

**Pies, Pies, Pies!** Orders are now being received for beef or turkey pies (\$6) and fruit crumble pies (\$5). Pick up an order form in the narthex, or download from Chalmers' website, and return to Yvonne Daniel or Maureen Bruff with payment. Deadline to order is Sunday, October 30, 2022. Pie pickup will be at the Church, date TBA.

## Library News

**Home to Amana** – Judith Miller

Book 2 – A Simple Change

Jancey Rhoder's parents decide to sell their home and move to Amana Colonies, and Jancey is not really sure what she wants to do. Her boyfriend really doesn't want her to go, but Jancey's mother is sick, and Jancey wants to make sure she spends as much time as she can with her mother, so she decides to spend as much time with her as she can. How will she react to life in a colony? Will she settle there and accept the rigid rules of life in a colony?

Again an interesting, page turning read.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

**Care & Share Needs:** We continue to support an ever-increasing number of local families facing food insecurity. Please donate non-perishable food items in the bin provided in the vestibule. Items of particular need are **baked beans and pasta sauce and canned vegetables.**

## Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Marilyn McFadden	October 17
Karen Dutton	October 19
Tom Vannus	October 19
Lillian Cree	October 21
Don McPhee	October 21
Gillian Cote	October 23

## Update from Rev. Maivis Currie, Chalmers' Interim Moderator:

The Session of Chalmers is delighted to report that a **search committee** has been formed as we continue our journey toward calling a new minister to Chalmers.

The Search committee is meeting on Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup> for the first time. Our first task will be formulating a questionnaire to collect feedback from everyone in the congregation regarding our hopes, dreams and challenges as a congregation. This questionnaire should be available for the congregation's input sometime in November! The members of the search committee are: Maureen Bruff (Convener), Yvonne Daniel, Torry Thibodeau, Chris Hardy, Bob Finlay, Beth Hickey, Andrea Bruce, Brian McKay, Bill George, Linda Adamson, Marilyn McFadden, Brenda Webster. We are grateful for each of these members of our church who have committed their time and energy to this important task! As the work of the search committee progresses, we will be sharing regular updates with the congregation.

## Chalmers COVID Protocols

- 1) Please **do not enter** the Chalmers building if you have symptoms of COVID-19. If you test positive, please do not return to the church until you have tested negative.
  - 2) Masks are **recommended** in the building.
  - 2) Physical distancing of 2 m maintained in the building at all times. \*NOTE: the two centre sections of the sanctuary are now open for full seating.
- Please respect the comfort level of others with respect to masking and physical distancing.**
- 3) Food & beverages are permitted if numbers are kept to a minimum, and groups use their own disposable plates, napkins, cutlery and cups.