

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

Welcome to worship. Our services are in-person and live-streamed through our website at 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.

This Week at a Glance: OCTOBER 2—9

SUNDAY	Livestream and In-Person Worship <i>World Communion Sunday</i>	10:00 am
MONDAY	Ukes of London	7:00 pm
TUESDAY	Pastoral Care Committee Meeting Session Executive Meeting (online) CE & Faith Development Meeting (online)	9:30 am 2:00 pm 7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup Knitting Circle Online Prayer Meeting Reachout Choir Rehearsal	12:30 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm
THURSDAY	Chalmers Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
FRIDAY	Seniors' Satellite Recreation	9:00 am
SUNDAY	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 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, her cell (519) 680-1380 or

Worship Volunteers:

	This Week	Next Week
HOSTS	Mary Vair Karen Dutton Chris Hardy	Lorna Wilson Bill George Maureen Bruff
A/V	Torry Thibodeau Marilyn McFadden	Andrea Bruce Lizz Thibodeau
Webex	Richard Cote	Richard Cote
Fellowship	Gord & Mary Vair	Heather Reid

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

October 2, 2022

World Communion Sunday

In-Person and Livestream Worship



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Interim Moderator

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Call to Worship

One: Around the world people gather to break bread and pour wine.

All: We gather with them in heart and mind.

One: Around the world the broken body is made whole.

All: As part of that body we join in its unity.

One: Around the world the Banquet of God is prepared for the table.

All: We, who share in the banquet, come eagerly to be fed.

One: Let us worship together, let us share God's bounty.

Praise: *All who hunger, gather gladly* 534

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

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

All: And also with you.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 19

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

All: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

One: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

**All: yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

One: In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a
bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong runner
pursues its course with joy.

**All: Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit
to the end of them, and nothing is hid from its heat.**

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

**All: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

One: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**All: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

One: Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors?

**All: Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from proud thoughts;
do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent
of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Mary Vair

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Praise: *I'm gonna live so God can use me* 648

Sermon: I Need You

Special Praise: *We are One with You, O Lord* by J. Althouse

Chalmers Senior Choir

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering of our Gifts

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Offering Prayer

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Breaking the Bread

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Blessing

Postlude

All who hunger, gather gladly

Sylvia G. Dunstan

All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from restlessness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us, is our food

Refrain:

*Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.*

All who hunger, never strangers,
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.

All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their days in gratitude.

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One bread, one body

John B. Foley, Judee Archer Green

Refrain

*One bread, one body, one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless
and we, though many throughout the earth
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Refrain

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I'm gonna live so God can use me

African American Spiritual

I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me
anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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Let us talents and tongues employ

Fred Kaan

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy;
bread is broken the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

*Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loves abound!*

Christ is able to make us one;
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God, (Immanuel) everywhere!

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I come with joy

Brian A. Wren

I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved, and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me,
In love laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

The spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.

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CHOIR ANTHEM:

We Are One With You, O Lord

by Jay Althouse

We are one with you, O Lord.
We are one with you, O Lord.
When we break the bread and taste it,
we are one with you, O Lord.
And we know that you have suffered
for you gave your only Son.
We are one, O Lord, we are one.

We are one with you, O Lord.
We are one with you, O Lord.
When we pour the wine and drink it,
we are one with you, O Lord.
And your Spirit will be with us
till our life on earth is done.
We are one, O Lord, we are one.

For all that you have given,
for all we will receive,
We thank you, Lord, we thank you,
and we believe. Yes, we believe!

We are one with you, O Lord.
We are one with you, O Lord.
You have given us our faith,
and we are one with you, O Lord.
And your love is everlasting,
like the moon and stars and sun.
We are one, O Lord, we are one.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

Please Pray

- ◆ 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 from her recent surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Barry May** who and is convalescing at home.
- ◆ For God's comfort and healing for **Brenda Bakelaar** as she undergoes rehab at Parkwood Hospital.
- ◆ For strength and comfort for **Don & Betty Cross** with Betty's facing major surgery in the near future.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Angeline Nathaniel, Beth Hickey, and Catharine Campbell** as they are commissioned today as Stephen Ministers.

Chalmers COVID Protocols

Advanced registration is no longer required for Sunday services. We will continue with:

- 1) 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. Physical distancing will be observed in the outside sections.
- 3) Food & beverages are permitted in the building if numbers are kept to a minimum, and groups use their own disposable plates, napkins, cutlery and cups.

Congregational Letter

If you have not already done so, please pick up your Thanksgiving letter from the mail slots in the narthex today.



October 2: After Mikabens's first birthday in Haiti, his health began to deteriorate rapidly, showing signs of severe malnutrition. His parents brought him to the hospital, where he was diagnosed with severe acute malnutrition and consequently admitted for therapeutic nutrition treatment. Mikabens has since gained close to two kilograms and will shortly be able to return home.

Presbyterian World Service & Development's partnership with Zanmi Lasante (Partners in Health) and Canadian Foodgrains Bank is helping many young children in Haiti overcome critical malnutrition.

Speaking of Stewardship

The Earth is what we all have in common.
Wendell Berry – novelist, poet, environmental activist

**Chalmers
Upcoming Birthdays**



Lorna Wilson	October 3
Michelle Daniel	October 6
Eleanor Hannah	October 9
Phyllis Johnston	October 10
Keith Spooner	October 15

Library News

Home to Amana – Judith Miller

Book 1 – A Hidden Truth

Karlina Richter lives in the closed community of the Amana Colonies and loves to help her father look after the colonies sheep. When she discovers that a new shepherd is being sent to her village she wonders if this means an end to the job that she loves.

Dovie Cates mother grew up in this colony, and Dovie decides that she would like to know more about life in the place her mother called home.

This is a story about life in a community that all work together to keep things running smoothly and I found it interesting.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

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 in the amount you choose is withdrawn directly from your bank account monthly. Forms are available in the church office, or we can send you one by email.

Care & Share Chalmers' weekly food assistance program continues to serve our local community. Families in need can call the church once a month on Mondays to book an appointment for food pickup on Wednesdays between 12:30 and 1:30 pm. Many thanks to our very faithful volunteers! The need for donations of egg cartons and sturdy grocery bags is ongoing. Thank you for your support!

Update from the Interim Moderator

The Session met on Tuesday September 20th via zoom. The Session was pleased to receive such a positive report from the Presbytery of London. One of the main focuses of the meeting on Tuesday evening was discussing the Search Committee. The elders are taking a few days to pray and consider this important role for the church. It is anticipated by early October the Search Committee will be formed and then will commence their work. One of the first tasks of the Search Committee will be seeking input from the congregation! Stay tuned! The Session agreed that a combination of stability in the pulpit coupled with some new voices would be a good balance for worship leadership during this time of reflection and discernment. We are grateful that Rev. Michael Stol will be with us most Sundays. On the Sundays when Rev. Stol is not with us, we will be hearing preachers of various ages and backgrounds. This variety in the pulpit is useful for us as we prepare for a new minister. Likewise, various elders and/or members will be taking turns sharing the announcements on Sunday mornings. The Session felt this was an opportunity for the congregation to hear different voices and perhaps connect some names and faces!

Please continue to pray for the church and the Session during this exciting time of transition.

Rev. Mavis Currie