

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: SEPTEMBER 18-25

SUNDAY	Livestream and In-Person Worship	10:00 am
TUESDAY	Session Meeting (Zoom)	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup	12:30 pm
	Knitting Circle	1:00 pm
	Online Prayer Meeting	7:00 pm
	Reachout Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm
THURSDAY	Chalmers Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
FRIDAY	Seniors' Satellite Recreation	9:00 am
SUNDAY	Livestream and In-Person Worship - Stephen Minister Commissioning	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 by email, m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca.

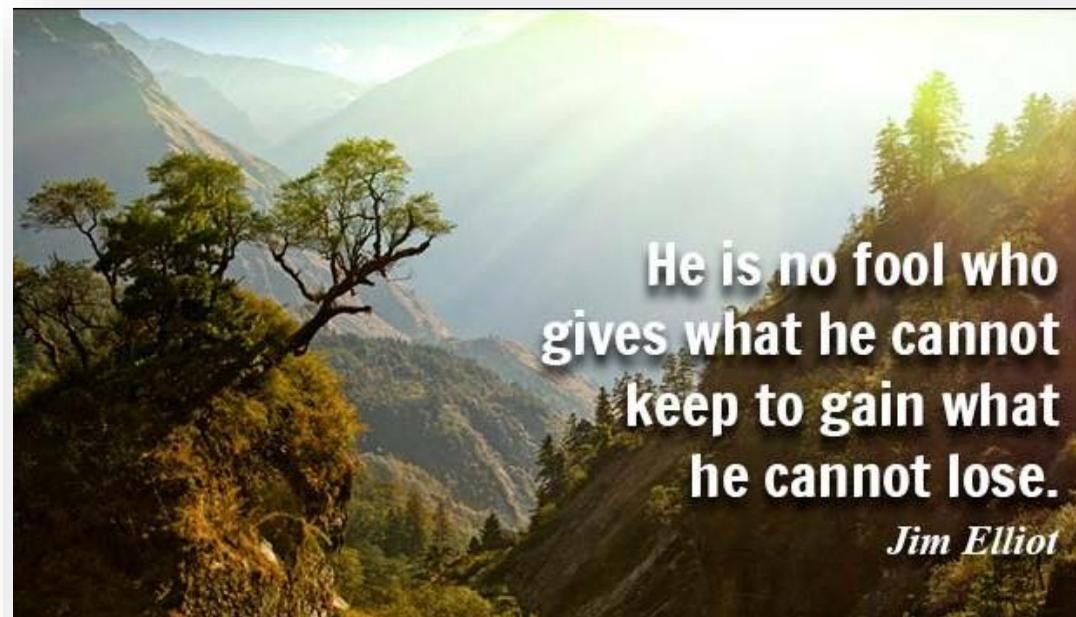
Worship Volunteers:

	This Week	Next Week
HOSTS	Pat & Brian MacKay Muriel Bertling	Anita Powell Fran Peach Jane Vannus
A/V	Tammy McRonald Rose Marie Finlay	Tammy McRonald Rose Marie Finlay
Webex	Lizz Thibodeau	Richard Cote
Fellowship	Marg Ward	Holly Williams

Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

September 18, 2022

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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Wendy Sibley
Brad Dobbie
Rev. Mavis Currie

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

One: People of God, who do you come to worship?

All: We come to worship the one true God.

One: How will you worship?

All: Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.

One: Come, you who belong to God.

Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

All: Come and abide in God's heart, now and forever.

Praise: *Praise to the Lord* 73

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

Praise: *Blest are they* 624

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 15

One: O Lord, who may abide in your tent?

Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**All: Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their neighbours;
in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honour those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.**

One: Those who do these things shall never be moved.

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:38-48

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise: *Be Thou My Vision* 461

Sermon: **Fools and Oddballs**

Special Praise: *We Are Called*, by David Haas Chalmers Senior Choir

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *Give Thanks*

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

Praise: *O for a World* 730

Blessing

Postlude

(All hymn lyrics found on page 3)

CHOIR ANTHEM *We Are Called* by David Haas, arr Mark Hayes

Come! live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain: *We are called to act with justice. We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.*

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called to be hope for the
hopeless, so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!

Praise to the Lord

Psalm 113, Paraphrase Ron Klusmeier

Praise to the Lord,
all of you, God's servants.
Blessed be the name of our God
now and ever.
From the rising up of the sun
may the Lord be praised,
praise to the name of the Lord!

There is none like our God
in the heavens or on earth,
who lifts the poor from the dust,
seating them with the mighty,
who stoops to raise the weak and low:
may the Lord be praised,
praise to the name of the Lord!

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Give thanks with a grateful heart

Henry Smith

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given
Jesus Christ His Son. (repeat)

And now let the weak say "I am strong",
let the poor say "I am rich",
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
(repeat)

Give thanks, give thanks.

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Blest are They

Matthew 5:3-12; paraphrase David R. Haas.

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

Chorus
Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill.

Blest are thy who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God.

Blest are thy who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs.

Blest are you who suffer hate
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad yours is the kingdom
shine for all to see.

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Be thou my vision

Words Irish, Anonymous
8th C. Translation, Mary Byrne

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art,
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom; be thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my armour and be thou my might;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my
power.

Riches I heed not nor vain earthy praise,
thou my inheritance through all my days;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heaven's
Sun; heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

O for a world

M. Winter, C. Glaser, L. Mason

O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived
and all is done with justice
and with praise.

O for a world
where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken,
children spared,
equality achieved.

We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich,
the weak are strong,
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn:
outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears
will be no more,
and all but love will cease.

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Chalmers Senior Choir

Chalmers Senior Choir rehearsals have resumed
Thursdays at 6:30 pm.

Have you ever considered joining choir? New
members are always welcome! Please contact
Beth Hickey or call the church office if interested.



Please Pray

- ◆ For God's blessing for **Ken Hall, Vic Laursen, Betty Smedley, and Linda McPherson.**
- ◆ For God's comfort for **Laurie Spence Bannerman, Rev. John and family** with the passing of Laurie's father, Alexander (Sandy) Spence.
- ◆ For God's comfort for the family and friends of former Chalmers member, **John (Jack) Mann**, who passed away on Friday, September 16.
- ◆ For healing and a spirit of perseverance for **Shirley Hall** as she recovers at home from a fractured clavicle bone.
- ◆ 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 was released from hospital this week and is convalescing at home.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Brenda Bakelaar** who is in hospital due to a fall.

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.



September 18: Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) works to improve the quality of life for people living with disabilities. John, who had a limb amputated when he was younger, is a participant in a livelihoods program at the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Centre. As a participant, John was able to attend a workshop on vegetable production. **"I can't thank the program and their partners, like PWS&D, enough.** I can produce enough food now to feed myself and my family because of the training and the seed that I received from the program. Thankfully, the training and the seed I received came at the right time and has proven to be the game-changer. Thank you so much for the timely intervention," shared John. This livelihoods program with the Garu Community-Based Rehabilitation Centre is supported by PWS&D through the Presbyterian Church of Ghana.

Speaking of Stewardship

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

Psalms 24:1

**Chalmers
Upcoming Birthdays**

Shirley Brabant	September 20
Doug Bruce	September 22
Erica MacKay	September 24
Rita McWilliam	September 26

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

If you do not have **Offering Envelopes** and would like some for 2023 please contact Wendy in the office as soon as possible. **PAR** (Pre-Authorized Remittance) forms are also available through the church office.

Update from Presbytery

At the regular September meeting of the presbytery, a visitation team report was presented concerning the exit interviews with Rev. John Bannerman, the Session and the congregation of Chalmers. It was such a positive and affirming report that is encouraging our congregation to continue to move the process forward toward calling a minister! Would you like to read the report?

Printed copies are available in the foyer.

Volunteers Needed!

- ◆ **Chalmers' Sunday School** is looking for teachers! If you can help on either a weekly or every other week basis, please contact Judy Steward.
- ◆ **The Christian Education & Faith Development Committee** is looking for members. This group meets on the first Tuesday of the month and is responsible programming and activities that promote Christian Education and Faith Development for the congregation. Some of these include Children and Youth Ministries, Adult Bible Studies, Workshops etc. If you would like to join us, please contact Linda Adamson.
- ◆ **The Pastoral Care Committee** is looking for two volunteers. This involves 10 meetings per year to oversee Stephen Ministry, pastoral care calls and cards, and funeral receptions post COVID. Please contact the office or Mary MacDonald, Convenor.

CONGREGATIONAL FIRE DRILL

At the conclusion of the service this morning, we will be holding a fire drill. Please familiarize yourself with the fire exits identified on the enclosed floor plan. Upon exiting the building, please proceed to the meeting spot **by the basketball net on the east end of the parking lot.** Those individuals who have concerns walking on the uneven grassy areas are encouraged to select an exit on the south end of the building so they can use the paved parking lot. Your attention and participation is greatly appreciated.