

## 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. the visitor card basket on the information table. *Please join us for coffee fellowship in the lower hall immediately following worship today.*



### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: SEPTEMBER 29 — OCTOBER 6

<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Care & Share Food Pickup (by appointment only) Knitting Circle Reachout Choir	12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:30—9pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Senior Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm—8pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Senior Satellite Exercise Programs	9am—11:45am
<b>SUNDAY</b>	In-Person & Livestream Worship	10:00 am

**Church Office Hours :** Our office is closed on Mondays, and is open **Tuesday– Friday 8:30am—3pm.** These hours are posted on the church office door for your reference. For any questions or admin needs, feel free to reach the office by phone (519) 681-7242, or email [office@chalmerslondon.com](mailto:office@chalmerslondon.com).

### Volunteers:

#### SEPTEMBER 29

#### OCTOBER 6

<b>HOSTS</b>	Brenda Webster Todd Webster Ann Hunter	Loretta Duffin Christine Hunter Muriel Bertling
<b>AUDIO VISUALS</b>	Andrea Lizz Richard	Torry Jack Islay
<b>FELLOWSHIP</b>	Gord & Mary Vair	Karen Dutton & Dennis Shackelton
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b>	Sarah Thompson, Yvonne Daniel, Linda Adamson	Sarah Thompson, Yvonne Daniel, Linda Adamson

# Chalmers Presbyterian Church Worship Celebration

September 29, 2024

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*



Artwork by MJ Singleton

## *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Sunday*

### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers  
Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Office Administrator  
Caretaker  
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers  
Lizz Thibodeau  
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\* Signifies to stand if you are able

## WE APPROACH GOD

Instrumental Prelude

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Janet Bruce

Call to Worship:

One: Just as sunrise breaks through the darkness each day,

**All: So, God's grace, mercy and justice shine forth.**

One: We gather together, with devotion and doubt, with weariness and wonder;

**All: trusting that God's peace and love are present here.**

One: Come and worship as you are, knowing you are loved.

**All: We come, rejoicing, to praise God's holy name.**

\*Hymn of Praise:

*Lord, Whose Love*

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Prayers of Adoration & Confession & 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.**

Special Praise:

*"Many and Great, O God"*

Arranged by Dan Damon

Special Praise Lyrics: *"Many and Great, O God"*

Arranged by Dan Damon

Many and great, O God, are your things,

Maker of earth and sky.

Your hands have set the heavens with stars;

Your fingers spread the mountains and plains.

Lo, at your word the waters were formed:

Deep seas obey your voice.

Grant unto us communion with you,

Star abiding one;

Come unto us and dwell with us;

With you are found the gifts of life.

Bless us with life that has no end,

Eternal life with you.

Celebrating with the Children

\*Hymn of Praise:

*You Are My All in All*

*Dennis Jernigan*

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Responsive Reading: Psalm 18:7-17

One: Then the earth reeled and rocked; the foundations also of the mountains trembled and quaked, because he was angry.

**All: Smoke went up from his nostrils, and devouring fire from his mouth; glowing coals flamed forth from him.**

One: He bowed the heavens, and came down; thick darkness was under his feet. He rode on a cherub, and flew; he came swiftly upon the wings of the wind.

**All: He made darkness his covering around him, his canopy thick clouds dark with water.**

One: Out of the brightness before him there broke through his clouds hailstones and coals of fire.

**All: The LORD also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice.**

One: And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; he flashed forth lightnings, and routed them.

**All: Then the channels of the sea were seen, and the foundations of the world were laid bare at your rebuke, O LORD, at the blast of the breath of your nostrils.**

One: He reached down from on high, he took me; he drew me out of mighty waters.

**All: He delivered me from my strong enemy, and from those who hated me; for they were too mighty for me.**

Scripture Reading:

Isaiah 58:1-12, Matthew 5:1-10, 13-16

Maureen Bruff

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God and Lord Jesus Christ.**

Message:

The Fast That God Has Chosen

\*Hymn of Praise:

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

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## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise:

*God Forgave My Sin (Freely, Freely)*

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Offering Prayer and Prayers of the People

\*Hymn of Praise:

*Go Out to the World*

*Richard Cootes*

Commissioning & Benediction

\*Benediction Song:

*May The God of Hope Go With Us Everyday*

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Instrumental Postlude

## Please Pray

- ◆ For peace and strength for **G. Laursen**, as she waits to hear next steps to address her cancer diagnosis.
- ◆ For the loved ones of **Rev. Deane Gordon Cassidy**, as he has recently passed away. We pray for those that grieve to uphold loving memories of him, and that they find healing.
- ◆ For God's healing for **P. Hunter** who was in a serious motorcycle accident.
- ◆ For strength and healing for **J. Ferguson** as she deals with several health concerns.
- ◆ For God's healing for **C. McCartney**, who is dealing with many health concerns; pray also for strength for Cathy as she cares for him.
- ◆ We honour Survivors of Residential Schools, children who died because of Residential Schools and members of their families. Having rejected the Doctrine of Discovery, we commit to walk in ways that will end anti-Indigenous racism.
- ◆ Please continue to keep in your prayers for **L. Bone, S. Nimako, B. Ertl, J. Gill, L. Jongepier, L. McInnis, B. Smedley, B. Campbell.**



### Care & Share Corner

Your continued support of this vital ministry is greatly appreciated! Financial gifts are always welcomed!

#### Pantry needs for OCTOBER are:

- ◆ Cookies
- ◆ Canned Fruit



### Mission Moment: Sunday September 29th

Today is Presbyterians Sharing Sunday— a day to celebrate the mission and ministry we do together. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support a wide range of mission and ministry in Canada and around the world. Through these gifts, we build strong congregations, serve vulnerable people, walk with Indigenous people, seek justice and share God's love around the world. Together, we provide hospitality for people who are homeless and help those involved in the sex trade reclaim their lives. We help congregations discover new and unique ways of renewing their ministry and provide many resources (printed and digital) for congregations to use in worship and study. We help translate the Bible into Indigenous languages in Taiwan and bring hope and love to prisoners in Malawi. And so much more! When we put our gifts in God's hands, God does remarkable things.

#### From PCC: Sunday, September 29th

**(Presbyterians Sharing Sunday)** We pray for the mission and ministry supported through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, and give thanks for congregations and individuals who support the work of the PCC through their generous gifts.

Hello from your seasonal decorating committee (aka Brenda & Pat). We are requesting assistance in setting up our Thanksgiving display in the Sanctuary/ Narthex coming up on October 13. We are requesting the donation of produce ( e.g. pumpkins, squash, apples or any fall fruits or vegetables) or flowers/ plants to help make up our colourful display. All edibles will be donated to the Care & Share programme after Thanksgiving Monday. Items must be brought to the church by Wednesday October 9 for us to use. Many thanks for your sharing & caring to help enhance our worship space for Thanksgiving.

### From the Library...

#### The Paris Dressmaker – By Kristy Cambron

This is another book that takes place during the Second World War – in Paris, France – and is truly fascinating.

Again – I kept a notebook with the year and a note of the first two characters – just to remind me of what part of the story we were at.

I think this was my favourite of the three.

The story starts in 1939, in France and Lily de Laurent is running for her life. Lily is a fashion dressmaker, but here she is – running for her life – with a gun in her pocket and a bullet in her side. She happens to run into an old friend, Rene Touliard, who hides her in his truck, and takes her to a secret hiding place in Paris.

The story jumps to 1944 and to a totally occupied Paris with the French underground trying to get the Germans out of their beautiful city and get their lives back onto some semblance of normality.

I really enjoyed this book – the underground movements – the way that women were able to help in the war effort, and the last hurrah when it all ended for these brave folks.

This was my favourite of the three books, but they were all interesting and exciting to read.

— **Christine Hunter, Librarian**

### Chalmers Upcoming Birthdays

Lorna Wilson October 3



### What is Alpha?

Alpha is an opportunity to explore the Christian faith in a relaxed, non-threatening setting over 6-week sessions. It is low-key, friendly and fun. For those who are curious about the Christian faith and for those who have been long-time Christians. Coffee, tea and desserts will be provided.

When: On Wednesday 6:30pm to 7:30pm  
Oct 9th - Nov 13th

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex, or contact Rev. Andrew at the Chalmers church office: [office@chalmerschurch.com](mailto:office@chalmerschurch.com)

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER  
6:30PM - 7:30PM

FAMILY  
HALLOWEEN  
PARTY

ENJOY GAMES, FELLOWSHIP, AND  
SOME SPOOKY SNACKS

COME DRESSED AS SOMEONE  
FROM THE BIBLE!