

WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Silent Prayer

A time to be still and know the presence of God

Call to Worship

One: We gather by God's call and we are God's people.

All: Day by day, Sunday by Sunday, we praise the living God.

One: We are a community in Jesus Christ.

We have been given the ministry of reconciliation.

All: In praise, in prayer, in proclamation and fellowship, we are sustained by our Lord. Let us worship God.

Prayers of Adoration and Confession We come to ask your forgiveness 201
Declaration of Pardon

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

★ Praise: Come all you people / God welcomes all
(Children & Teachers leave for Sunday School)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture reading: Psalm 133

One: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

All: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

One: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

All: For there the LORD has ordained his blessing, of live forevermore.

Healing & Reconciliation: Bobby & Karen's Story

Choir Anthem: Healing Grace (Chisum, Sadler, arr. Holstein) †

Scripture Readings: 2 Corinthians 5:17-20
Matthew 18:15-22

Lorna Wilson

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Healing & Reconciliation: Mary Louise's story

★ Praise: Called as partners in Christ's service

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Healing & Reconciliation: Cindy's story

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection Live in Charity / Ubi caritas 501 (3x: English, Latin, English)

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Truth & Reconciliation Commission: Four Calls to Action

The Offering of Our Gifts O for a world where everyone 730 (1-2, 4-5)

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

Generous God, thank you for your abundant gifts. Bless us, we pray, through the giving of these gifts of money so that we might be a blessing to others as we participate in your ministry of reconciliation in Jesus' name...

★ Praise: How then shall I live
(Children & Teachers return from Sunday School)

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

★ Praise: For the healing of the nations (tune: Praise, my soul) 736

★ Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Musical Postlude

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



† **Healing Grace by Chisum, Sadler, arr. Holstein:** Hear our prayer, O Lord; incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Merciful God and Father, loving us like no other, hear our prayer, the cry of our hearts, as we come to you; we acknowledge our transgressions, we confess to you our sins. Show us mercy and compassion, touch our lives with your healing grace again. Release us from the past, as we seek your face; wash us free at last, we receive your love, we receive your healing grace.

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. The **striped mugs** at coffee hour are for visitors. Please help our visitors feel welcome.

AT A GLANCE: April 29 - May 6

SUNDAY	Worship - 10am Library Open - 11:15am Coffee Fellowship - 11:15am Junior Choir - 11:30am
MONDAY	Ukes of London - 7pm
TUESDAY	Pastoral Care - 9:30am Seniors' Fitness - 1pm Care & Share - 1pm Christian Ed & FD - 7pm
WEDNESDAY	Session Exec - 12pm Knitting Circle - 1:30pm Mission Committee - 6:30pm Reachout - 7:30pm
THURSDAY	Prayer Breakfast - 7:15am Choir Rehearsal - 6:30pm
FRIDAY	Seniors' Fitness - 9am Seniors' Euchre - 1pm
SUNDAY	Worship - 10am Library Open - 11:15am Cup for Camp - 11:15am Junior Choir - 11:30am Youth Group - 12:30pm Stephen Ministry - 7pm

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

UPCOMING DATES:

May 6: Cup for Camp day
May 26: RTR Plant, Yard & Bake Sale

TODAY'S HOSTS:

Yvonne Daniel & Dennis Smedley
Bob & Mary Taylor
Linda Powers & Host Needed

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Gail & Don Leitch
Murray & Lois Cummings
Tammy & Jay McDonald

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

April 29: Sherri & Kevin Hartman
May 6: Heather Reid & Marg Ward
May 13: Sue Garner & Laurie Bannerman
May 20: Gail & Don Leitch

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

April 29: Patricia Matesik & Hailee
May 6: Marilyn McFadden & Kirstyn
May 13: Laurie Bannerman & Jackie N
May 20: Heather deHoog & Joycie

OFFERING COUNTERS:

April 29: Doris & Yvonne
May 6: Brenda & Todd
May 13: Maureen & Heather

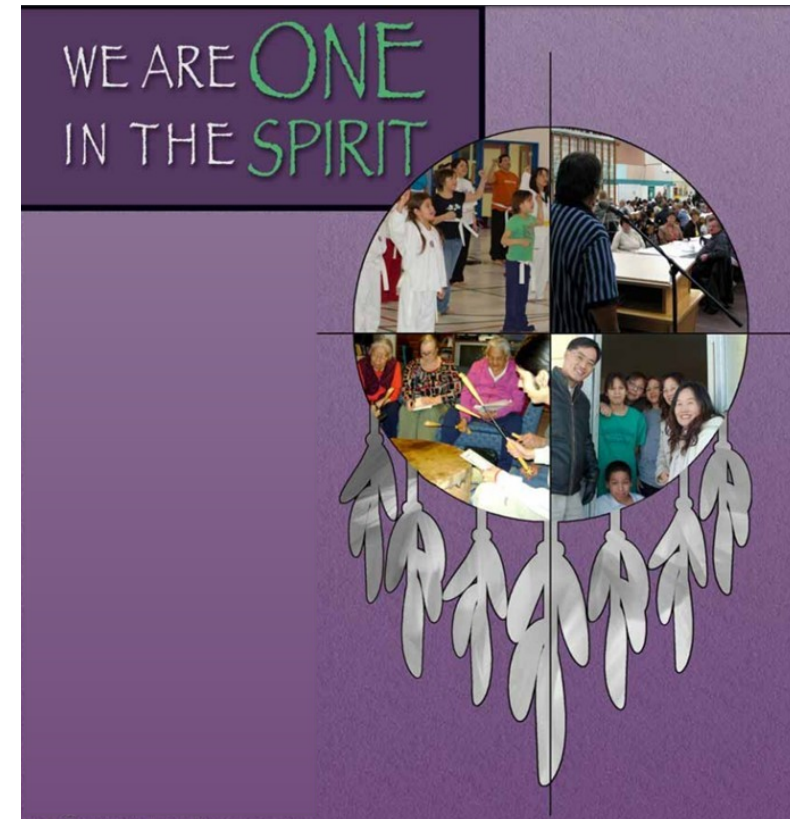


Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

5th Sunday of Easter

April 29th, 2018—10:00 am



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 peace and comfort for Gail McHardy-Leitch, her husband Don, and their daughter Ailsa as they grieve the passing of Gail's father Martin McHardy.
- ◆ For comfort for those grieving those who died in the Humboldt tragedy and for those injured in that horrific accident.
- ◆ For God's healing for Jules Mabondo, a member of our church family and senior choir, who had eye surgery and is resting and recovering at his home here in London.
- ◆ For Wendy Lefler who is receiving care at home, and for her husband George.
- ◆ For God's blessing for Shirley Bakelaar, Ross Cole, Doris Doskas, Maureen Gaskin, Linda McPherson, Margaret Middaugh, Eileen Reid and Daisy Herbert.

Eternal God, you are the giver of life. Therefore, we lift up to you those who died on April 23rd in Toronto when violence erupted. There is no making sense of their deaths, there is no justice available in this moment.

Yet may those who love them be comforted. We are a people who know about Death. Al our hope rests in Christ, the first fruits of the Resurrection.

We lift up to you those whose lives have been disrupted, shattered, with broken bodies and bruised minds. Life will not be the same yet may they, like Jacob, find new life even as they limp forevermore.

We lift up to you those who were there first. The passersby, the lunch mates untouched, the strangers standing nearby who first witnessed the horror. We lift up to you EMS personnel, the vanguard of those rebuilding lives. And we lift up to you the police, 32 Division who responded first among many; we honour the officer who disarmed the attacker with the power of words and conviction. May they all be healed of their own wounds from today.

Finally, we pray for the man. The man who drove the truck and took those lives. May your Holy Spirit convict him so that he may repent, and in so turning to you find new life.

Adapted from A Lament for Young Street, Toronto by The Rev. Matthew Sams, Willowdale PC.



April 29: A shining light

Inspired by the words in Matthew's gospel, Lighthouse Arabic Ministry is a shining light in the city of Winnipeg, inviting all to see how great and wonderful God is. The congregation is known for providing newly arrived Arabic speaking immigrants with a spiritual home and support through Christian community. This ministry, supported by gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*, is one of the PCC's most recent new church developments and has seen consistent growth since its founding. The ministry is broad, and reaches many. It is exciting to see people's lives change as they follow Jesus. For people struggling to adapt to Canadian society, it is truly a lighthouse offering direction and pointing to God's love.

Presbyterians Sharing is growing congregations

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

It is only with gratitude that life becomes rich!
Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian (1906-1945)

WORSHIP COMMITTEE is seeking your support :

1) Urgent: Volunteer(s) required for the Audio Team in the sound booth. Training is provided and no special skills are required. Please speak to a member of the AV team if you can assist in this important Ministry.

2) Hymn sings are being considered prior to the service on the occasional Sunday morning. We would like to hear from you - what is your favourite hymn? It can be one you remember from younger days, or something we sing regularly. Add to the list in the Narthex. Thank you.

The **LONDON CHRISTIAN PRAYER BREAKFAST** will be held on Thursday, May 3rd, from 7:15-9am at the Lamplighter Inn and Conference Centre in London. The guest speaker will be Dr. Preston Pouteaux, pastor, speaker, writer and curator of conversations about faith and neighbourhoods. Advanced tickets are \$30 each. Please speak to Rev. John or sign up on the sheet on the table in the narthex.

LIBRARY NEWS

I would like to thank all those who have been contributing to the library – either with donations to the library fund, or donations of books. It really helps to keep our library current and our inventory up-to-date.

Thank you once again – I really do appreciate your interest and your help.
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 is withdrawn directly from your bank account monthly. Forms are available in the narthex, or speak to Lizz in the office.

Have you ever noticed how many people it takes behind the scenes on a Sunday morning? **HOW CAN YOU HELP?** Could be a host, a scripture reader or prepare coffee fellowship? Are you capable with computers and tech stuff (A/V booth)? What about helping with the children in the nursery? We have at least 16 people scheduled behind the scenes every Sunday (not counting the Praise team, the choir and the Sunday School teachers!)

Chalmers' Session has agreed to allow **GRACE COMMUNION INTERNATIONAL CHURCH**, a small congregation of about 10 people, to use our lower classroom for worship on Sunday mornings. Please make our brothers & sisters in Christ feel welcome.

INCOME TAX REFUND? Please consider giving a tithe (10%) of any income tax refund you may receive to the general fund of Chalmers and/or the Raise the Roof fund.

Help provide scholarships for Camp Kintail staff at **CUP FOR CAMP** day during coffee fellowship on Sunday, May 6th

CAMPERSHIP funding request forms for Camp Kintail are now available in the Narthex.

RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISING UPDATE

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING FUNDRAISER ... SATURDAY, MAY 26 – PIE & BAKE SALE, PLANT SALE AND YARD SALE – 8:00 – 12:00 noon

How can you help – We need pies and other baked goods, plants and any items for the yard sale that are in good condition. Volunteers are also needed to help with the set-up and clean-up.

If you are able to assist in any way please add your name to the sign up list on the table in the Narthex. Thank-you! Thank-you! Thank-you! Did You Know - The weekly offering envelope has a line item "**Please consider an additional gift to the Roof Fund**".

RTR FINANCIALS

\$96,191 – Funds as of April 9

105 – Funds received April 22 & PAR

880 – Pasta Lunch

\$97,176 – TOTAL funds received to date

The fundraising team - Janet Bruce, Yvonne Daniel, Bob Finlay, Pat MacKay and Brenda Webster

In 2015, **THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION OF CANADA (TRC)** announced 94 Calls to Action upon concluding six years of receiving testimonies from residential school survivors.

These Calls to Action are for churches, governments, businesses, and all parts of Canadian society to address the history and legacy of residential schools.

The 1994 General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada adopted a Confession to God and Indigenous people for the harm it caused while operating eleven residential schools (two after 1925).

Reconciliation is a priority for the church, and the Calls to Action provide concrete recommendations of how the church can live into this commitment.