

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us as we **live stream** worship for the next few weeks. The service will be available through our website at chalmerslondon.com. The live stream video link is found on the home page. We encourage you to let us know you have joined us by filling in the short response form.

This morning we welcome **Rev. James Clark**, of St. Lawrence Presbyterian Church to bring the message while Rev. John is on vacation. Our thanks to Doug & Janet Bruce for their contributions to worship this week.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: AUGUST 23-30

SUNDAY	Worship (Online)	10:00 am
TUESDAY	Care & Share	12:30 pm
THURSDAY	Virtual Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
SUNDAY	Worship (Online) Task Force Online Meeting	10:00 am 7:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

The Chalmers Church office is closed until such a time as meeting restrictions are lifted. Please email chalmerspclondon@gmail.com with any questions or needs. Rev. John can be reached at his home phone (519) 681-9876 or cell phone (226) 919-9180. Regular updates will be posted on the home page of our website, www.chalmerslondon.com. You may also find up to date information on the **Chalmers Presbyterian Church Ministries Group** Facebook page.

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Worship Celebration

August 23, 2020

12th Sunday after Pentecost

(Online Worship)



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
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Caretaker
Pastor

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:31

One: The who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.

All: They shall mount up with wings as eagles.

One: They shall run and not be weary.

All: They shall walk and not faint. Let us worship God.

Praise: *Come, let us sing to the Lord our song* (Lyrics on page 3) 412

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Psalm 124

One: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side
—let Israel now say—

**All: if it had not been the Lord who was on our side
when our enemies attacked us,
then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
then over us would have gone the raging waters.**

One: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth.

**All: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Scripture Reading: Exodus 1:8-12

Romans 13:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: **Resilience**

Special Praise: *Green Pastures* by H. Taylor/W. Sanderson
(Lyrics on page 3)

Betty Sanderson

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

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

Praise: *O God, our help in ages past* (Lyrics on page 3)

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The Blessing

Musical Postlude

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song

James Montgomery

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song:
we have stood silently too long;
surely the Lord deserves our praise,
so joyfully thank God for our days.

O thirsty soul, come drink at the well;
God's living waters will never fail.
Surely the Lord will help you to stand,
strengthened and comforted by God's hand.

You dwell among us and cause us to pray,
and walk with each other following your way;
our precious brothers and sisters will grow
in the fulfilling love they know.

Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing
to the desire of all living things.
Come, all you creatures, high and low;
let your praises endlessly flow.

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen

O God, our help in ages past

Isaac Watts

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne,
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

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Special Praise

Green Pastures

by Helen Taylor Wilfred Sanderson

Beside the green pastures
I'll rest me today
My Father's green pastures
how peaceful are they

With fresh grasses springing
so cool to my tread
And kind spreading branches
a shade overhead
And kind spreading branches
a shade overhead

Sweet hour of refreshment,
dear season of rest
No fear can disturb me,
no trouble molest

This quiet and calm shall my spirit restore
Until I go forth on my journey once more.

So come this world's onslaught
of weal or of woe
This thought shall stay with me
wherever I go

Though storm winds may bluster
and tempests may roll
My Father's green pastures
shall comfort my soul
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shall comfort my soul.

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Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God's healing for **Jo-Ann Marshall** as she recovers at home from leg surgery. May God give her strength and peace during her time of convalescence.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Ken Hall** as he recovers at home after enduring a fall late last year. May the Lord give strength to his wife, Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ We extend sympathy and prayers for the family of **Roy Young** who passed away on Tuesday, August 18. The funeral will take place at Westview Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at 3:00 p.m., with visitation one hour prior. Registration is required through the Westview website.
- ◆ We also extend sympathy and prayers to Laurie & Les MacNeill and family with the passing of Laurie's mother, **Joan MacKenzie**, long time faithful member of Chalmers, on Wednesday, August 19. Funeral arrangements pending.

We give thanks to God for Roy and Joan and the ways they served God and touched our lives. We praise the Lord for the living hope we have in Christ.
- ◆ For **Todd Webster** who is now at home receiving treatment for pancreatitis.
- ◆ For God's protection, peace and grace to surround us as we walk through these trying times due to the COVID-19 virus.
- ◆ For God to inspire us to be generous in giving our time, talents and treasure for the ongoing work of the Lord in the world.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Betty Smedley, Linda McPherson, and Ross Cole.**



Sunday, August 23

World Humanitarian Day (August 19)
Ravaged by almost three decades of conflict as well as recurrent droughts, Somalia's population suffers from chronic food insecurity. Lacking access to basic necessities, many are vulnerable to disease and malnutrition. In response, Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) and Canadian Foodgrains Bank are providing vital humanitarian assistance to those in need. Pregnant and lactating women, as well as children under five, are being screened for malnutrition and receiving supplementary feeding. Additionally, the project is empowering vulnerable women with lessons about how to prevent further malnutrition, eat a balanced diet and maintain nutrition, providing them with the tools and knowledge they need to live a life full of nourishment.

PWS&D supports food security and nutrition

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP August 23

The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.

Proverbs 22:9, NIV

CHALMERS ONLINE COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUR: Every Thursday evening at 7:30pm. We'll open up at 7:15 to allow time for setup. If you have any questions or need setup help, contact Sue at 226-663-4735 or suegarner32@gmail.com.

LIBRARY NEWS

Rule of Law – by Randy Singer

This one of the best, most exciting stories I have read in a long time. Randy Singer writes court room dramas and as a practicing lawyer, writes them very well. I really can't tell you a lot about the story since the excitement and intrigue starts in the very first chapter – but a team of twenty SEALs are sent on a mission to a prison in Yemen to rescue an American journalist and a member of the Saudi Royal Family. All the information tells them this should be a quick in and out mission, but something is starting to go horribly wrong!!!

Okay – you must read the book to find out what goes wrong and how the ensuing court case unfolds. But please read the author's foreword on page ix – it adds another whole dimension to this well written story.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY: If you would like a copy of the church directory, please email the church office at chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca and Wendy will provide one for you.

VACATION NOTICE: Rev. John will be on vacation from Friday, August 21 to Sunday, August 23 inclusive. If you have need during this time please reach out to your elder. Rev. James Clark is providing Pastoral Care support this weekend and can be reached at 289-244-5562 .

ONLINE DONATIONS: Thank you for your continued, faithful support of Chalmers Presbyterian Church during this time of physical distancing. Offerings may be mailed in to the church, or submitted online through the link found on the home page of our website.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Most of the Province of Ontario has moved to Stage 3 of re-opening, with some restrictions lifting, taking precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. At their meeting on July 21, Session decided that online worship will continue for the month of August. All regular programming at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, save Care & Share, has been suspended and the church office is closed. Mail, Email and phone messages are being monitored on a regular basis. Chalmers' Task Force on Re-opening the Church Building met online this past week and will be making recommendations to Session. Session meets online next on Tuesday, September 1.

CARE & SHARE: Chalmers' food assistance program continues to serve our local community in this time of need. Precautions and procedures are in place, as prescribed by the Health Unit. Families in need can call the church Mondays to book an appointment for food pickup on Tuesday between 12:30 and 1pm. Many thanks to our faithful Care & Share volunteers!