

WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Silent Prayer

A time to be still and know the presence of God

Call to Worship :

One: Come, join us as we worship God together

All: For we are the body of Christ, and we need each other.

One: Come, fill your hearts with praise

All: For God has made us all different, and all of us are necessary.

One: Come, fill your souls with peace

All: For the Spirit is moving among us now.

One: Come, join us as we worship God together

All: For we are the body of Christ.

★ Praise: Come All You People / God Welcomes All

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

We, who have come to know your love, O Lord, are here to worship you. We ask your blessing upon us as we offer you our praise, and we ask your presence in every act of our lives, that we your Church, may be confirmed in our faith, and give glory to your son Jesus Christ. Merciful God hear the prayers of all who cry to you; have mercy on those who are in misery; deal gently with those who sit in darkness; we offer this prayer in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen

Declaration of Pardon

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

And also with you.

★ Praise: Speak, Lord, in the stillness

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WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture reading: Psalm 84

One: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

All: My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

One: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my Sovereign and my God.

All: Blessed are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.

One: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

All: As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;

the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

One: O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;

All: give ear, O God of Jacob!

One: Behold our shield, O God;

All: look on the face of your anointed.

One: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

All: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

One: For the Lord God is a sun and shield bestowing favor and honor.

No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O Lord of hosts, blessed are those who trust in you.

Special Praise: Precious Lord Take My Hand by Dorsey

Ainsley Marshall

Scripture Readings: 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

John 6:56-69

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

★ Praise: Go out to the world

Sermon: **You're "gonna" have to serve somebody.**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection Eat this bread

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Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts I Do Give (on screens)

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

Gracious God we bring our gifts to you and offer them as a symbol of sacrifice and service. We seek to share the story of suffering love that fulfills and conquers death. Bless these gifts and all who give; use our wealth, our time, and our abilities for the good of all your people. Amen

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

★ Praise: Shall we gather at the river

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★ 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.*

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.

A warm word of welcome and great thanks to **Andras Rameshwar**, our guest preacher this morning. Andras and his family immigrated to Canada from Trinidad. He occupied many positions in the sales and marketing field. As a second career, he entered the ministry of the church and received his Masters in Divinity from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. He is completing his 18th year in ministry serving in the Baptist, United and Presbyterian church. He has a wife, four daughters and nine grandchildren.

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.

Please note that some fellow worshippers are sensitive to perfumes. We ask that you consider keeping Chalmers scent-free. Thank you.

AT A GLANCE: August 26 - September 2

SUNDAY	Worship - 10am Library Open – 11:15am Coffee Fellowship - 11:15am
MONDAY	Ukes of London - 7pm
TUESDAY	Seniors' Fitness - 1pm
FRIDAY	Senior's Satellite - 9am Seniors' Euchre - 1pm
SUNDAY	Worship - 10am Library Open – 11:15am Coffee Fellowship - 11:15am Hymns of Faith - 7pm

OFFICE HOURS:

August 27: Office Closed
August 28: 9-2
August 29: Office Closed
August 30: 9-1
August 31: 12-4

UPCOMING DATES:

August 9-30: Rev. John on Holiday
September 2: Hymns of the Faith
September 9: Burger Bash

TODAY'S HOSTS:

Shirley Hall & Host Needed
Debbie Scott & Winter Hales
Keith & Phyllis Johnston

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Brian & Pat MacKay
Chris & Kristine Hardy
Tom & Jane Vannus

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Aug 26: Laurie & Jackie Bannerman
Sept 2: Sherri & Kevin Hartman
Sept 9: Burger Bash
Sept 16: Phyllis & Keith Johnston

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

No nursery volunteers for summer
Sept 9: Laurie & Jane
Sept 16: Leslee & Cathy

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Aug 26: Doris & Yvonne
Sept 2: Brenda & Todd
Sept 9:
Sept 16: Bruce & Joanne



Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

14th Sunday after Pentecost

August 26th, 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 to surround Linda Powers and her family as they grieve the passing of her brother, Don Brenneman on July 24th.
- ◆ For God to give strength, healing and peace to Roy Young who has moved to Oakdale Crossings
- ◆ For healing and strength for Wendy Lefler who is recovering in Parkwood.
- ◆ For God's blessing for Ross Cole, Doris Doskas, Maureen Gaskin, Linda McPherson, Margaret Middaugh, Eileen Reid and Daisy Herbert.

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I want to thank everyone for their kind thoughts, prayers, cards and visits during my recovery at Victoria and Parkwood Hospitals. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. Blanche Gardiner

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Chalmers is creating a new **CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO DIRECTORY!** Photography sessions are available Thurs Sept. 27 - Sat, Sept 29th, You can sign up on-line by going to booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ydh7hgyy/ or call the church office 519-681-7242.

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The Presbyterian Church in Canada has two job postings available. The Development Manager works closely with Karen Plater to continue to help grow a culture of generosity in the PCC and the Program Coordinator for New Worshipping Communities will help support new ministries, working with Jen de Combe in Canadian Ministries. The Development Manager position will work out of the national office in Toronto, Ontario, but the New Worshipping Communities position could be based anywhere across Canada. Help us find some candidates who will be excited about equipping Presbyterians across Canada!

The postings are attached and the complete job descriptions can be found on the PCC website at <http://presbyterian.ca/jobs/>



### August 26: Planting new seeds of ministry

As a symbol of the Kingdom of God, Jesus shares the image of a small mustard seed that, when planted by a sower, turns into a large and life-giving tree. After helping to grow a successful new ministry at Heritage Green Family Church in Stoney Creek, ON, the Rev. David Moody has responded to God's call to help other churches sow new ministry seeds. With the support of *Presbyterians Sharing* through Canadian Ministries, The Presbytery of Hamilton has called the Rev. Moody to serve as a replanting minister, guiding and journeying with congregations as they discern and implement new visions for their ministries.

*Presbyterians Sharing supports church growth*

### SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

Dearest Lord, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost.

*Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556), Jesuit founder*

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Join us for a Women's Fall Retreat with The Rev. Dr. Karen Horst, November 9th-11th at Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre near Guelph. Women of all ages are welcome! Retreat begins with Friday dinner and ends after Sunday lunch. Cost is \$245 for double room, \$305 single room and \$180 commuter rate. Please see retreat brochure online or call to register 1 800-884-1525 www.crieffhills.com

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Rev. John is on holidays from August 9th until August 30th. The Rev. Mavis Currie, the Minister of Knox Presbyterian in St. Thomas, will be providing emergency pastoral care while John is on holidays. Her phone numbers are 519-631-2414 (O) and 519-860-1380 (cell).

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POP CANS FUNDRAISING: Thank you for supporting the pop can venture. This venture supports our Youth Ministry. There is a Rubbermaid bin in the narthex for the pop cans.

LIBRARY NEWS

Another Dawn – by Kathryn Cushman

Grace's father is going into hospital to have knee surgery. Grace's sister Jana has always been the one to be there for any family emergencies, but this time Jana feels it is Grace's turn! Jana has a young daughter, and is feeling overwhelmed already with the cares and upheaval a new baby can cause. Grace's son is 7 years old, and life is much more stable for that part of the family but is it! Grace reluctantly agrees to take a break from work and come look after her father. Grace also has the reputation of being the one who takes off whenever anything gets tough. And tough it gets! Unbeknownst to Grace her son has been exposed to measles before he left their home town – a disease that is almost unknown these days! Please read this book and see the effect of this on the local community – and will Grace up and leave again when the going gets tough?

I really enjoyed this book, and felt for all sides involved.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

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Church of the Ascension, 2060 Dundas Street E, London Fashion Show Wednesday, September 26th from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Fashions by Nygard, Plus other ladies' Accessories. Tickets \$10.00 includes Desserts and Coffee. Available from Darlene Parke 519-453-5324 [parke@ca.inter.net](mailto:parke@ca.inter.net) or the Church Office 519-451-7780 [office@ascensionlondon.com](mailto:office@ascensionlondon.com)  
Free Parking - Wheel chair accessible

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Canadian Blood Services desperately needs your help! Please bring hope to life's journey by donating blood. Mention that you're a **PARTNER FOR LIFE FROM CHALMERS** and give our **ID# CHAL673812**. To the young and healthy, it's no loss. To the sick, it's hope.

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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.

## RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Please continue to watch the bulletin for future fundraising events for the Raise the Roof project.

Did You Know - The weekly offering envelope has a line item "**Please consider an additional gift to the Roof Fund**".

### RTR FINANCIALS

\$104,746 – Funds as of July 30

220 – Funds received August 5

\$104,966 – TOTAL funds received to date

*The fundraising team: Janet Bruce, Bob Finlay, Yvonne Daniel, Pat MacKay & Brenda Webster*

### The PRESBYTERY REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP

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committee is excited to announce the arrival of our newest refugee, a 38 year old woman from Eritrea. She arrived in Toronto on July 10 and is settling into her temporary home. A very kind couple has offered to take her in for her first couple months in Canada until we can help her find a place of her own. At this time we do not need any donations but we will reach out closer to the time when she moves into a new home. We thank God for His goodness and ask that you join us in praying for a peaceful and successful transition into life in Canada. This will be a time of mixed emotions for her as she arrives in what is a safe country, but also a country with very different norms and practices. Further updates:

-We are still looking forward to the arrival of our Christian Syrian family. Paperwork issues were finally sorted early this year. We hope they will arrive within the year.

-The Al Mutaleb family is doing very well. The children are enjoying school and the parents have reached level 5 English in their ESL classes. They have integrated well into the community and are fully independent.

