

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us for **livestream** worship this Sunday at 10 am. The service will be available 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 by filling in the short response form.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: AUGUST 8-15

SUNDAY	Livestream Worship Service	10:00 am
MONDAY	<i>Registration opens for in-person worship for Sunday, August 15. Register on our website or call 519-681-7242</i>	
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup	12:30 pm
	Online Prayer Meeting	8:00 pm
THURSDAY	Online Community Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship Service	10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:

The church building and office remain closed to the public. **Wendy returns from vacation Tuesday, August 10. Many thanks to Heather Reid for helping out in the church office during Wendy's absence.** We urge you to call ahead before dropping by the church. Email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca with any questions or needs.

Rev. John can be reached on his home phone (519) 681-9876 or cell (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

Online Worship Celebration

August 8, 2021

11th Sunday after Pentecost



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Chalmers' Ministry Team:

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Praise: *God of mercy, God of grace* (Lyrics on p. 3) 39

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

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Ruth (Selected Verses)

Psalm 95:1-7

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

All: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

All: let us make a joyful noise to the Lord with songs of praise!

One: For the Lord is a great God, and a great Sovereign above all gods;

All: in whose hand are the depths of the earth,

and also the heights of the mountains.

The sea belongs to God who made it,

and the dry land, which God's hands have formed.

One: O come, let us worship and bow down,

let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

All: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture,

and the sheep of God's hand.

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-13

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Praise: *Psalm 121* (Lyrics on p. 3)

Message: **Remembering Ruth**

Special Praise: *Entreat Me Not to Leave Thee (Song of Ruth)* (lyrics on p. 3)
Betty Sanderson

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *We are God's people* (Lyrics on p. 3) 472 (v. 1&3)

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

Praise: *Go now in peace* (Lyrics on p. 3)

Blessing

Musical Postlude

God of mercy, God of grace

Psalm 66 paraphrase:
Henry Francis Lyte

God of mercy, God of grace,
show the brightness of your face.
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine;
fill your world with light divine,
and your saving health extend
unto earth's remotest end.

Let the people praise you, Lord;
be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing
glory to their gracious King;
at your feet their tribute pay,
and your holy will obey.

Let the people praise you, Lord;
earth shall then its fruits afford.
Unto us your blessing give;
we to you devoted live,
all below and all above,
one in joy and light and love.

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Psalm 121

Kee Ann Vermeulen-Roberts

Up the hills I lift my eyes,
where does my help come from?
(repeat)

*My help comes from the Lord.
My help comes from the Lord.
My help comes from the Lord.
My help comes from the Lord.*

He will not let you slip or fall,
He never rests or sleeps.
(repeat)

Chorus

The Lord will guide and keep you,
the Author of creation.
The Author of creation.
The Author of creation.

Your life is always in his hands,
at home and on your way.
(repeat)

He watches over you,
He guards you night and day.
(repeat)

Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord.
Where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord.

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We are God's people

Brian Jeffery Leech, Arr. Fred Bock

We are God's people,
the chosen of the Lord,
born of the Spirit,
established by the word;
our cornerstone is Christ alone,
and strong in him we stand:
oh, let us live transparently,
and walk heart to heart
and hand in hand.

We are the body
of which the Lord is head,
called to obey him,
now risen from the dead;
he wills us be a family,
diverse yet truly one:
oh let us freely give our gifts,
and so shall God's work
on earth be done.

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Go now in Peace

Don Besig, Nancy Price

Go now in peace.
Never be afraid.
God will go with you
each hour of every day.

Go now in faith,
steadfast, strong and true.
Know He will guide you
in all you do.

Go now in love,
and show you believe.
Reach out to others
so all the world can see.

God will be there
watching from above.
Go now in peace,
in faith, and in love.

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Special Praise

Entreat Me Not to Leave Me (Song of Ruth)

Charles Gounod

And Ruth said:
Entreat me not to leave thee,
Entreat me not to leave thee,
Or to return from following after thee,
For wither thou goest I will go,
and where thou lodgest I will lodge;
Wither thou goest I will go,
and where thou lodgest I will lodge,
Where thou lodgest,
where thou lodgest, I will lodge.

Thy people shall be my people,
and thy God, my God;
Thy people shall be my people,
and thy God, my God;
Thy people shall be my people,
and thy God, my God.

Where thou diest, will I die,
and there will I be buried;
The Lord do so to me, and more also,
If aught but death part thee and me,
If aught but death part thee and me.

Thy people shall be my people,
and thy God, my God;
Thy people shall be my people,
and thy God, my God;
Thy people shall be my people,
and thy God, thy God, my God.

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Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God's healing and pain control for **Joyce Yull**.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Doris Tutt** and a spirit of perseverance as she recovers at home.
- ◆ We pray for God's healing for **Betty Longmore, Fran Peach,** and **Jim Gill** as they recover from recent surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Ken Hall** as he convalesces at home. May the Lord give strength to Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Betty Smedley, Linda McPherson,** and **Ross Cole**.
- ◆ 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 the Lord to encourage the staff and campers of **Camp Kintail** and all of our church camps across Canada as they continue to deal with the cancellation of summer, overnight camp programs and the financial implications of the pandemic.

WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP: Our next midweek worship time will take place **Wednesday, September 1 at 7 pm**. This is an informal, interactive time of worship on Zoom. Details for joining in are available on our website. All welcome!



August 8:

Defying the Norm: Lydia Returns to School

Sexual assault, gender-based violence and teenage pregnancy are significant issues in Malawi. Lydia was only 15 years old when she became pregnant, and the stigma of being an unmarried, pregnant teenager led her to leave school. Left with few options, Lydia's circumstances were reported to the community victim support unit and, with their help and guidance, Lydia was empowered to return to school where she can continue to pursue her dream of becoming a teacher. This project to strengthen community structures that respond to those experiencing sexual- or gender-based violence is supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

August 8

"A faithful steward loves God first."

Laura W. Watts, author

CHALMERS VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING: Join us for a weekly online prayer meeting. We meet on ZOOM every Wednesday evening at 8 pm for about 40-50 minutes. Link available on our website.

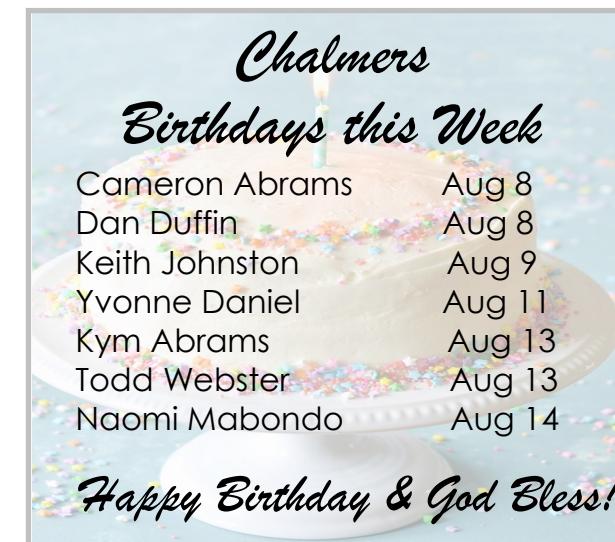
CHALMERS ONLINE COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUR: Join us Thursday evenings at 7:30pm for a relaxed time of fellowship. We are meeting on ZOOM, meeting ID 350 336 4073 (this will remain the same each week).

LIBRARY NEWS

One Perfect Spring – by Irene Hannon

Keith Watson is a man who works with numbers. Things must balance, must make sense and most of all – must make money. He is unprepared for a letter from a young girl that sets him back on his heels. Haley is not asking for help in the usual way – she needs no money. Haley and her mom, Claire, live next door to Maureen Chandler, who has cancer, and wants just one thing! To find the son she gave up for adoption many years ago. Haley asks for help finding this son for her friend and neighbour. Keith's boss, David McMillan, decides that Keith is much too serious and career orientated for a young man and puts Haley's letter into his hands and tells him to look into this and see what can be done to help. An interesting story of caring and sharing, with just a little bit of romance added in for good measure!

Christine Hunter, Librarian



Church Re-opening Update:

Session has approved **indoor worship services beginning Sunday, August 15**, with a limit of 45 people in attendance, in accordance with Health Unit protocols. Face coverings must be worn in the building at all times, and physical distancing observed. There will be no congregational singing and no coffee fellowship following the service. Individuals wishing to attend in-person worship must **register in advance** through our website, via email or by calling the church office. Registration for each service will open on the Monday before, and close on Friday at noon. You will receive a confirmation of registration.

All other regular programming at Chalmers, including rentals, remains suspended and the church building and office remain closed to the public until further notice. Effective August 10 our office administrator, Wendy Sibley, will be working in the office **Tuesday to Friday from 8:30am–12 noon**. Please call ahead or email Wendy if you plan on visiting the church during the week.

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

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 available through the church office.