

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us for **online** worship this Sunday. 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: MARCH 7-14

SUNDAY	Online Worship	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am
	Annual Congregational Meeting—Zoom	11:30 am
	Stephen Ministry Supervision	7:00 pm
MONDAY	Online Lent Bible Study	7:00pm
	Worship Committee Online Meeting	8:15 pm
TUESDAY	Session Executive Online Meeting	10:00 am
	Policy & Planning Online Meeting	6:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup	12:30 pm
	Online Prayer Meeting (Webex)	8:00 pm
THURSDAY	Online Community Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
SUNDAY	Online Worship	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:

The church building and office remain closed to the public. *Wendy is once again working from HOME. We urge you to call ahead before dropping by the church.* Email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca with any questions or needs.

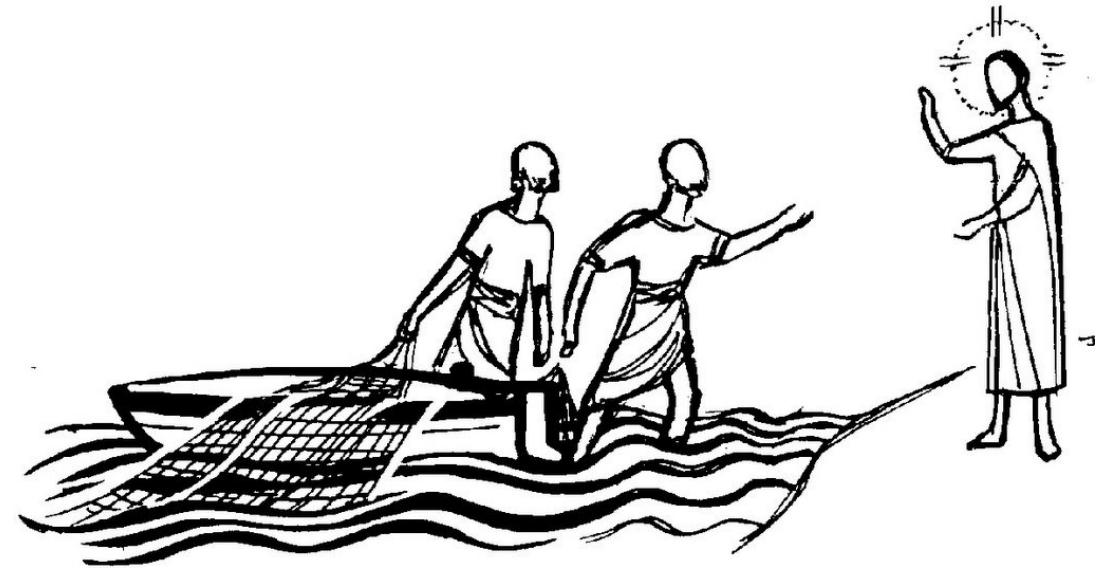
Rev. John can be reached on his home phone (519) 681-9876 or cell (226) 919-9180. Regular updates will be posted on the home page of our website, www.chalmerslondon.com. You may also find up to date information on the **Chalmers Presbyterian Church Ministries Group** Facebook page.

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Online Worship Celebration

March 7, 2021

Lent III



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

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Tom Hunter
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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

PWS&D Insert—Lent III

One: Onward and ever closer, we move toward Jerusalem.

All: We are pilgrims on a journey. We are travelers on the road.

One: In ancient times, pilgrims sang songs as they walked to Jerusalem. Being in God's care, covenant and presence is a blessing.

All: We are pilgrims on a journey. We are travelers on the road.

One: Ancient psalms of an ancient people rise in a prayerful hymn to the Lord and redeemer of all life and creation.

All: We are pilgrims on a journey. We are travelers on the road.

One: Let us pray.

All: God of all creation, hear the songs of praise, of lament and of hope that we sing on the journey. Liberate us from fear and cynicism so that we may be caught up in the rhythm of creation and live in tune with your love and hope. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Praise: *Take up your cross* (Lyrics on p. 3)

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Prayers of Adoration, Confession, and Pardon

Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Psalm 19:1-4, 7-10, 14

One: The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

All: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

One: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

**All: yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

One: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

**All: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

One: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**All: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

Scripture Reading: John 6:60-71

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise: *All who are thirsty* (lyrics on p. 3)

Message: *Questions for Lent: Do You Also Wish to Go Away?*

Special Praise: *Come Follow Me* (Lyrics on p. 3) *Chalmers Senior Choir*

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *I do give* (Lyrics on p. 3)

Offering Prayer & **The Lord's Prayer**

Praise: *Will you come and follow me* (Lyrics on p. 3) 634 (1,2 & 5)

The Blessing

Musical Postlude

Take up your cross

Charles William Everest

Take up your cross, the Saviour said,
if my disciple you would be;
deny yourself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill frightened spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart,
and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let your foolish pride rebel:
for you the Saviour bore the cross,
to save your soul from death and hell.

Take up your cross,
then, in Christ's strength,
and every danger calmly brave;
'twill guide you to a heavenly home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.

Take up your cross and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down,
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

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All who are thirsty

Brenton Brown, Glenn Robertson

Verse
All who are thirsty
All who are weak
Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow
Be washed away
In the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep
(We sing)

Chorus 1
Come Lord Jesus come
Come Lord Jesus come
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2
Holy Spirit come
Holy Spirit come
(REPEAT)

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I do give

Linda Carmichael

Jesus I to thee do give
ev'ry day I'll ever live,
ev'ry word I'll ever say,
ev'ry momenty, ev'ry day.

Refrain

*I do give myself to thee,
I do give, I do give,
I do give myself to thee.*

Jesus I do give today
all of me In ev'ry way,
mind and body ,hearth and soul,
off'ring not in part but whole.

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Will you come and follow me?

Iona Community (Scotland), Music: John Bell

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown;
will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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SPECIAL PRAISE

Come Follow Me

Albrecht / Althouse

The kingdom of heaven is near.
As you have received,
so, then must you give.
Be not afraid with the Lord at your side,
for Jesus died so we may live.

*He said, "Come follow me.
Come follow me.
Come by yourselves to a quiet place.
Come follow me. Come follow me."
That some day we may see His face.*

Those who are weary, take rest.
Look to Him for comfort
and He will soothe your soul.
For He is gentle and humble in heart,
and Jesus died to make us whole.

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Come follow me. Come follow me."
That some day we may see His face.*

"Come follow me. Come follow me."
That some day we may see His face.

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Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God's healing and pain control for **Joyce Yull** as she has recently returned to her home.
- ◆ 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 convalesces at home. May the Lord give strength to Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Evelyn Campbell** as she recovers from a fall.
- ◆ 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.**

CHALMERS ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will take place online, via **Zoom TODAY, Sunday, March 7 at 11:30 am**, following morning worship. A link to the meeting has been emailed and will be available through our website 15 minutes before the meeting. *The 2020 Annual Report is available in electronic format through our website. Hard copies are available at the church. Please call ahead if you wish to pick up a copy.*



March 7

Staying Connected During the Pandemic

Serving Palestinians in Gaza, Jerusalem, the West Bank, Jordan and Lebanon since 1948, the work of the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) in health care, education and food security is essential. When COVID-19 struck, DSPR Director, Dr. Bernard Sabella, knew they needed the support of their friends. DSPR invited partners to attend five webinars to learn and understand the economic and political challenges, and to hear from people working on the ground. Partners were asked to fund the webinars, and International Ministries was one of the first to respond. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing have supported DSPR since 2011 in their ministry of maintaining human dignity and hope for Palestinian refugees.

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

March 7

Wealth is not to feed our egos but to feed the hungry and to help people help themselves.

Andrew Carnegie (1835–1919), industrialist, philanthropist

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) and there is no password. Contact Sue at 226-663-4735 if you have any questions!

LIBRARY NEWS

The Broken Road Trilogy – by Richard Paul Evans

#3 – The Road Home

The last book in the series pulls all the loose ends together. Charles finishes his very long walk, and tries to decide what he does now, where he goes now, and how he will help some of the people he met on his pilgrimage.

Hindsight – I really enjoyed this trilogy, It deals with some of the less attractive sides of our existence, but it also introduces us to some people who do not live by these rules.

Read this trilogy and let me know what you think of it. Me – I thoroughly enjoyed all the flips and turns that Charles endures on his road to new life!

Christine Hunter, Librarian

CHALMERS VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING:

Join us for a weekly online prayer meeting. We will meet on Webex, every Wednesday evening at 8 pm for about an hour. All Welcome!

CHALMERS SUNDAY SCHOOL : Join us online Sundays at 11am following worship. All kids welcome! For login information, contact chalmers.sunday.school@gmail.com.

CHALMERS CARE & SHARE FOOD PROGRAM :

Care & Share continues to provide for families in our area, with safety protocols in place. Families in need may call the church Mondays to register, and pick up food Wednesdays at 12:30pm. Many thanks to our faithful volunteers!

COVID-19 UPDATE: At their meeting on February 16 Chalmers Session decided that **online worship will continue for the month of March 2021.** All regular programming at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, save Care & Share, has been suspended and the church and office are **closed.** Mail, Email and phone messages are being monitored on a regular basis.

OFFICE HOURS: The church office is closed and **Wendy will be working from home** as much as possible for the foreseeable future. She can be reached at home during her regular office hours (Mon 12-3 pm, Tues/Thurs/Fri 9am—12pm) by email or phone/text (519) 872-0003. Please call ahead before visiting the church.

Chalmers Birthdays this Week

John Jongepier	March 7
Bruce Dickert	March 8
Abbey Poser	March 8
Carson Nurse	March 13

A very special birthday greeting to **John Jongepier** who turns 90 today! May God bless you on this day and in the year ahead, John.

Happy Birthday!