

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: MAY 16—23

SUNDAY	Online Worship Service	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am
	Stephen Ministry Supervision	7:00 pm
MONDAY	Online Bible Study Begins	7:00 pm
TUESDAY	Session Online Meeting	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup	12:30 pm
	Online Prayer Meeting on Zoom	7:30 pm
THURSDAY	Online Community Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
SUNDAY	Online Worship Service	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.

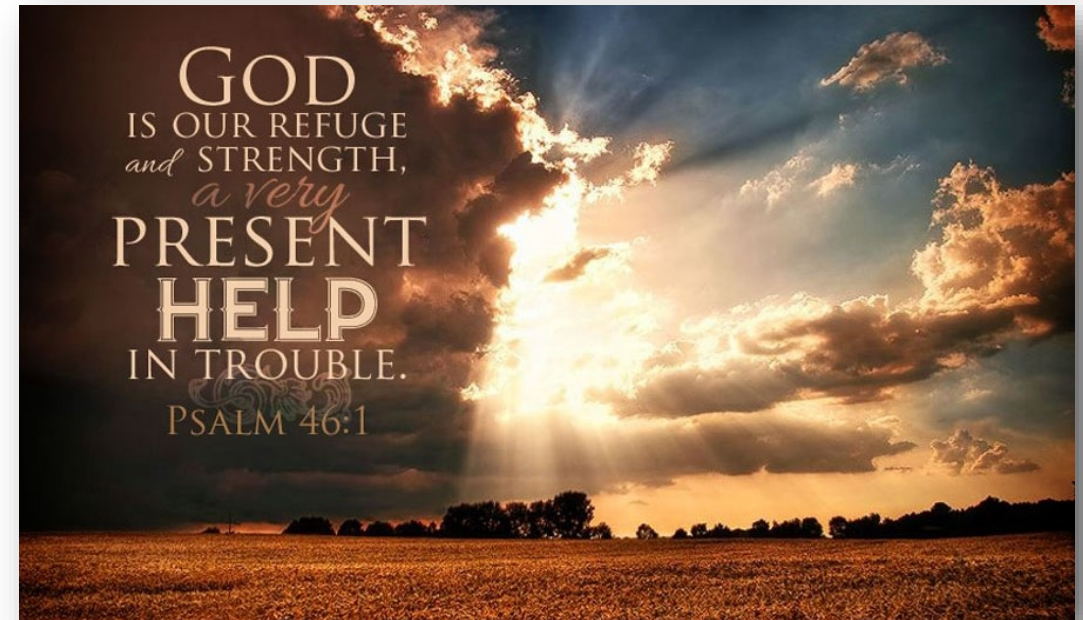
Rev. John can be reached on his home phone (519) 681-9876 or cell (226) 919-9180. Regular updates will be posted on the home page of our website, www.chalmerslondon.com. You may also find up to date information on the **Chalmers Presbyterian Church Ministries Group** Facebook page.

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Online Worship Celebration

May 16, 2021

7th Sunday of Easter



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Isaiah 40:31

One: They 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.**

Praise: *Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet* (Lyrics on p. 3)

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Prayers of Adoration, Confession, and Pardon

Celebrating with the Children (Camp Kintail Video)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 46

One: God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

All: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
Though its waters roar and foam,
Though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

One: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
The holy habitation of the Most High.

All: **God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

One: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
God's voice resounds, the earth melts.

All: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

One: Come, behold the works of the Lord
See what desolations God has brought on the earth.

All: **The Lord makes wars to cease to the end of the earth;
Breaks the bow, shatters the spear; burns the shields with fire.**

One: "Be still and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.

All: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Scripture Readings: Romans 5:1-5

Matthew 11:28-30

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Praise: *The love of God comes close*

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Message: Celebrating Resiliency

(Video: *Woza Nomthwalo Wakho/Come Bring Your Burdens to God by John L. Bell*)

Special Praise: Sitasumbuka kwa kuwa mungu ananitunza daima / I will not be
troubled because God always cares for me

(Lyrics on p. 3)

The Mabondo Family

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *We praise you, O God*

(Lyrics on p. 3)

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Offering Prayer

Praise: *Those who wait on the Lord*

(Lyrics on p. 3)

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Benediction

Musical Postlude

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet

Natalie Sleeth

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle sounding
flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the
morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.

Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord in the every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.

Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord every where in every way!

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The love of God comes close

John L. Bell, Graham Maule, John David Edwards

The love of God comes close
where stands an open door,
to let the stranger in,
to mingle rich and poor.

*The love of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the love of God is here to stay.*

The peace of God comes close
to those caught in the storm,
forgoing lives of ease
to ease the lives forlorn.

*The peace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the peace of God is here to stay.*

The joy of God comes close
where faith encounters fears,
where heights and depths of life
are found through smiles and tears.

*The joy of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the joy of God is here to stay.*

The grace of God comes close
to those whose grace is spent,
when hearts are tired or sore
and hope is bruised and bent.

*The grace of God is here to stay,
embracing those who walk the Way;
the grace of God is here to stay.*

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We praise you, O God

Netherlands Folk Song

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you; God ever faithful, we bless you;
through life's storm and tempest
our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, life's battles we win.

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Those who wait on the Lord

Traditional, Arr. John L. Bell

Those who wait on the Lord...

*shall renew their strength;
they shall rise upon wings as eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint:
help us, Lord; help us, Lord, in your way.*

Those who serve the suffering world...

Those who live the risen life...

Those who love the Mystery...

Those who die on the march...

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SPECIAL PRAISE

Sitasumbuka kwa kuwa mungu ananitunza daima

Nyimbo za wokovu

Sitasumbuka kwa kuwa mungu ananitunza daima, anachukua mizigo yangu nyakati zote za mwendo. (I will not be disturbed because God always cares for me, He always takes my burdens)

Refrain: **Sijaiona nyingine siku jana ime-toweka na leo mungu anazijua hitaji zote ninazo.** (I never saw it before, but yesterday God set me free and he always knows my needs)

Sitasumbuka kwa kuwa mungu ni baba yangu kabisa, hawezi kunisahau mimi ingawa akijificha. (I will not suffer because God is my Father completely, he will not forget me even though he hides himself)

Refrain

Sitasumbuka kwa kuwa mungu anishibisha neema, anipa yote yanifaayo kwa roho yangu na mwili. (I will not be disappointed because God satisfies me with grace, gives me all that is good for my soul and body)

Refrain

Mauwa yote anayavika na ndege wote wa anga wanapokea chakula chao pasipo shamba na ghala. (He clothes all the flowers and all the birds of the air receive their food without sewing or reaping)

Refrain

Ninafurahi katika bwana, na kama ndege naimba. Najua kwamba nyakati zote babangu ananitunza, (I rejoice in the Lord and as a bird I sing. I know my Father always takes care of me.)

Refrain

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Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God's healing and pain control for **Joyce Yull**.
- ◆ We pray for healing for **Tom Hunter** as he recovers at home following recent surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Doris Tuff** and a spirit of perseverance as she recovers from recent surgery on her shoulders.
- ◆ 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 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**.

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**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 with questions.

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



May 16 — Transform Online Course

Last fall, ministry leaders from across Canada came together for The Presbyterian Church in Canada's Transform online course. Over four weeks, Rick Morse—co-creator of the New Beginnings church renewal program and author of Making a Congregational Plan that Makes Sense—challenged leaders to imagine what it means to faithfully respond to God's mission and engage others to be missional. The course, which was made possible through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, equipped leaders with the transformative tools, principles and insights necessary to discern God's call for their ministries' futures and create plans for moving forward.

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

May 16

Life engenders life. Energy creates energy. It is by spending oneself that one becomes rich. Sarah Bernhardt (1844–1923), French actress

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**OFFICE HOURS:** The church office remains closed, and with the stay-at-home order, Wendy is only working in the office as necessary. Please call ahead before visiting the church. Wendy can be reached at 519-872-0003 (call or text) or [chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca](mailto:chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca).

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

LIBRARY NEWS

The Road Home by Beverly Lewis

Lena Rose is eighteen years old and the oldest of 10 children in the Schwartz family. They are a happy family, and Lena Rose has been a constant care-giver to her youngest brother Chris, who is 5 years old and just ready to start school. Since their parents are off on a mission/holiday Lena sets out to take Chris to school for his first day. At home she is starting to prepare for the dinner, and get some housework done when there is a knock at the door. There stand two policemen with the terrible news that there has been an accident and both her parents have been killed.

Lena is absolutely devastated, and just doesn't know what to do, where to go or who to talk to. Since they are an Amish family and pastor comes to talk to her and suggests that the family will need to be split up, since no-one has the room to take in 10 children.

Chris gets settled with his grandparents and the rest of the family are taken in by various members of the church family. But it is suggested that Lena Rose should go and stay with her father's cousin, and his wife – who are happy to have her. BUT – they live a long way from Lena's home and her family. What to do, what to do!

A touching, interesting story that I thoroughly enjoyed.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

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**COVID VACCINES: ASK THE PROFESSIONALS:** London & Middlesex Local Immigration Partnership in collaboration with Middlesex-London Health Unit, is holding an info session on COVID-19 vaccines Wednesday, May 19 at 5:30pm. Visit <https://lmlipvaccineinfo.eventbrite.ca/> to register and you will receive a link by email.

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** At their meeting on April 20 Chalmers Session decided that **online worship will continue for the month of May 2021**. All regular programming at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, save Care & Share, has been suspended and the church building and office are **closed to the public**.

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The **PRESBYTERY REFUGEE TEAM** is happy to share that our first family, the Al Mutalebs, is doing very well. They have bought a house that will accommodate their large family well and moved in on May 1. Ahmed has opened a mechanic shop with a friend and has been in business there for a little over a year. Laiali has passed her English proficiency test at Fanshawe and is now taking courses to become an early childhood educator. We give thanks for their success. The team continues to wait for our next family who has been held up by Covid. Please keep this family in your prayers.

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**WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP:** Our next midweek worship time will be Wednesday, June 2 at 7 pm. Details available on our website.

