

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 9-16

SUNDAY	Online Worship Service	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am
MONDAY	Worship Committee Online Meeting	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup	12:30 pm
	Mission Committee Online Meeting	6:30 pm
	Online Prayer Meeting on Zoom	8:00 pm
	<i>*Note: new link available on website</i>	
THURSDAY	Online Community Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
SUNDAY	Online Worship Service	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am
	Stephen Ministry Supervision	7:00 pm

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 9, 2021

Christian Family Sunday



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Living Faith 8.2.1

One: All Christians are members both of a human family
and of the church, the household of God.

**All: We honour our parents who gave us life, and also the church
which has nurtured us in the faith.**

Praise: *For the beauty of the earth* (Lyrics on p. 3) 434

Prayers of Adoration, Confession, and Pardon

Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Psalm 98

One: O sing to the Lord a new song,
for the Lord has done marvelous things.

All: God's right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

One: The Lord has made known the victory,

All: and has revealed vindication in the sight of the nations.

One: The Lord has remembered steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

All: break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

One: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

All: with the lyre and the sound of melody.

One: With trumpets and the sound of the horn

All: make a joyful noise before the sovereign Lord.

One: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

**All: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the Lord, who is coming to judge the earth.**

Scripture Reading: Mark 3:31-35

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Message: Family Matters

Special Praise: *The Family of God* (Lyrics on p. 3) Bob & Rose Marie Finlay

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

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Offering Prayer

Praise: *Now thank we all our God* (Lyrics on p. 3) 457

Benediction

Musical Postlude



For the beauty of the earth

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.

Refrain

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

For each perfect gift of thine,
to the earth so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

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Amigos de Cristo / Friends of the Lord

Latin American Traditional

Refrain:

*Amigos the Cristo; we're friends of the Lord;
Amigos de Christo; we're friends of the Lord.*

Friends of the covenant renewed each morn;
baptized and loving it, we've been reborn.
Gift of the dove is ours forevermore.
Amigos de Cristo; we're friends of the Lord.

Refrain

Born of a family, the young and old,
we'll be on hand to see new life unfold.
We understand the need to be made whole.
Amigos de Cristo; we're friends of the Lord.

Refrain

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God forgave my sin / Freely, freely

Carol Owens

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his love as he told me to.

Refrain:

*He said: 'Freely, freely you have received;
freely, freely give.*

*Go in my name and because you believe,
others will know that I live.'*

All power is given in Jesus' name,
in earth and heaven in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you
to share his power as he told me to.

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Now thank we all our God

Martin Rinkart

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom God's world rejoices,
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

Oh may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us all with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
who reigns in highest heaven,
the Father and the Son
and Spirit now be given,
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
for thus it was, is now
and shall be evermore.

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SPECIAL PRAISE

The Family of God

William J. Gaither

Refrain:

*I'm so glad I'm a part
of the family of God
I've been washed in the fountain
cleansed by His blood!
Joint heirs with Jesus
as we travel this sod,
For I'm part of the family,
the family of God.*

You will notice we say
"brother and sister" 'round here -
It's because we're a family
and these folks are so near;
When one has a heartache
we all share the tears,
and rejoice in each victory
in this family so dear.

Chorus

From the door of an orphanage
to the house of the King -
no longer an outcast,
a new song I sing;
from rags unto riches,
from the weak to the strong,
I'm not worthy to be here,
but praise God I belong!

Chorus

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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 9 — Ministry of Hope and Care

Fernando's dream of becoming a police officer seemed out of reach when he and his brother were children living on the streets of Mische, a rural village in Romania. Twelve years later, he attends university and is closer to fulfilling his dream thanks to Samuel House, where Fernando and his brother found a welcoming home. Samuel House is a Christian social ministry of the Reformed Church in Romania, Királyhágómellék District, providing nutritious food, education and after-school care to children from disadvantaged families. Presbyterians Sharing has been supporting this important ministry of hope and care since 2014.

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

May 9

Tithe if you love Jesus. Any fool can honk!
- bumper sticker

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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). Mail and voice messages are being monitored on a regular basis.

### \*NEW: WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP:

Join us the first Wednesday of each month for a time of worship on Zoom at 7:00 pm. Our next worship time will be Wednesday, June 2. Details 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

### 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. **\*\*NOTE:** For Wednesday, May 12 the link to the prayer meeting has changed. Visit our website and click NEWS & EVENTS / ONLINE PRAYER MEETING for details.

**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**.

### LONDON CHRISTIAN PRAYER BREAKFAST:

The 25th annual prayer breakfast will take place online May 20 at 7:30 am. There is no cost to participate but please register ahead at [www.ccnl.org/events](http://www.ccnl.org/events).

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

