

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 live stream 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:

OCTOBER 25—NOVEMBER 1

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| SUNDAY | Online Worship | 10:00 am |
| MONDAY | Online Bible Study | 7:00 pm |
| TUESDAY | Care & Share | 12:30 pm |
| WEDNESDAY | Virtual Sunday School Online Prayer Meeting | 7:00 pm 8:00 pm |
| THURSDAY | Virtual Coffee Hour | 7:30 pm |
| SUNDAY | Online Worship Stephen Ministry Online Supervision | 10:00 am 7:00 pm |

OFFICE HOURS:

The Chalmers Church office is closed until such a time as meeting restrictions are lifted. Please email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca with any questions or needs. Rev. John can be reached at his home phone (519) 681-9876 or cell phone (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.

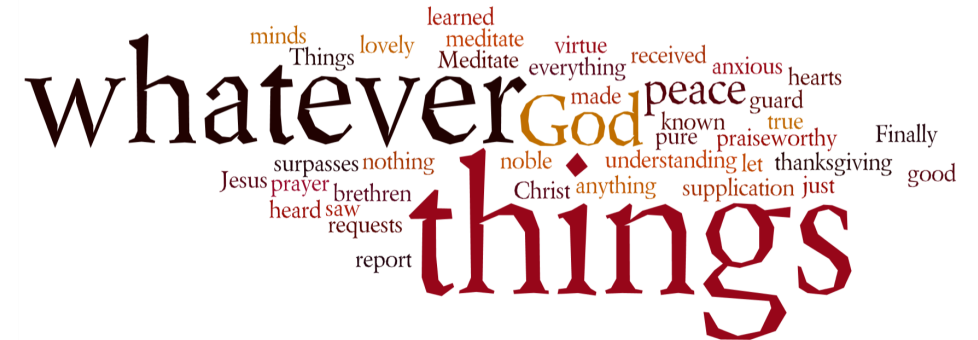
Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Worship Celebration

October 25, 2020

21st Sunday after Pentecost

(Online Worship)



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

Living Faith 7.3.1

One: The church lives to praise God.

**All: We have no higher calling than to offer the worship that
Belongs to God day by day, Sunday by Sunday.**

Praise: *Be Thou my vision*

(Lyrics on page 3)

461 (vv. 1, 4-5)

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Psalm 16:1-2, 5-11

One: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

**All: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."**

One: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

**All: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
I have a goodly heritage.**

One: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;

All: in the night also my heart instructs me.

One: I keep the Lord always before me;

**All: the Lord is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices;
my body also rests secure**

One: For you do not give me up to Sheol,
or let your faithful one see the Pit.

**All: You show me the path of life;
In your presence there is fullness of joy;
In your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:8-9

Matthew 7:7-14

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: **Focus**

Special Praise: *Shukrani Kwa Bwana* (Nakushukuru ee Bwana) Mabondo Family
(Lyrics with English translation on page 3)

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *We give Thee but Thine own*

661 (vv. 1-2)

Offering Prayer

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

Praise: *What a friend we have in Jesus* *(Lyrics on page 3)*

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The Blessing

Musical Postlude

Be Thou my vision

Irish Hymn, Anonymous

Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art,
thou my best though
in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

Riches I need not,
nor vain earthly praise,
thou my inheritance,
through all my days;
thou and thou only,
the first in my heart,
high King of heaven,
my treasure thou art!

High King of heaven,
when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me,
O bright heaven's Sun;
heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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We give Thee but Thine own

William Walsham How

We give thee but thine own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O Lord, from thee.

May we thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive,
and gladly, as thou blesses us,
to thee our first-fruits give.

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen

What a friend we have in Jesus

Joseph Scriven

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear;
what a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer.
Oh what peace we often forfeit,
oh what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness:
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge:
take it to the Lord in prayer;
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer;
in His arms He'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.

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Special Praise

Shukrani Kwa Bwana (Nakushukuru ee Bwana)

Refrain:

*Nakushukuru ee Bwana, kwa mema yote,
Unayo nitendea katika maisha yangu.*

Tangu utoto wangu,
Umenipenda sana
Ukanipa uzima tena ukanilinda.
Shukrani kwako ee Bwana
Mungu wangu.

Bwana ni mwanga wangu,
Bwana mchungaji wangu,
Hata napata magumu, sitaogopa kitu.
Shukrani kwako ee Bwana
Mungu wangu.

THANK YOU LORD (THANK YOU LORD)

Refrain

*I thank you Lord, for all the good, You have
done for me in my life.*

Ever since my childhood,
you have loved me so much
You gave me life again
and protected me.
Thank you, Lord my God.

The LORD is my light,
and the LORD is my shepherd;
I will not be afraid.
Thank you, Lord my God.

Please *PRAY*

- ◆ 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 recovers at home after enduring a fall late last year. May the Lord give strength to Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Jim Gill** who is at Parkwood Hospital for a period of convalescence following surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for Liz Gough and Evelyn Campbell as they both recover from recent falls.
- ◆ 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 VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING:** Join us for a weekly online prayer meeting to give thanks to God and to pray for one another and for the world that God loves so much. We are trusting this time of prayer will be a source of strength and comfort for all who participate. We will meet online, on Webex, every Wednesday evening at 8 pm for about an hour. Visit our website, or check your email for login instructions. Questions? Contact Wendy at 519-681-7242. Everyone is welcome to attend.



### October 25—Increasing Nutrition in Malawi

Due to fear of contracting COVID-19, people in Malawi who are already vulnerable because of the effects of HIV and AIDS have increased concerns about accessing medication and community support. Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported Ekwendeni Hospital AIDS Program (EHAP) has been supporting those whose lives are impacted by HIV and AIDS for decades. Acknowledging these increased concerns, EHAP continues to provide community health support through physically distanced workshops to help families learn how to cook nutritiously with limited ingredients.

### SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

#### October 25

"Our true acquisitions lie only in our charities - we gain only as we give."  
*William Gilmore Simms (1806-1870), writer, politician*

### CHALMERS ONLINE COMMUNITY COFFEE

**HOUR:** WE'VE MOVED TO WEBEX! Every Thursday evening at 7:30pm. We'll open up at 7:15 to allow time for setup. Download the Webex app from your app store on your tablet or phone, or go to webex.com to log into the meeting on computer. Meeting ID and password remain the same weekly. If you have any questions contact Sue at 226-663-4735.

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Hope Harbour** – by Irene Hannon

### Hope Harbour Series #1

Tracy Campbell never wanted to leave Hope Harbor, Oregon, or the idyllic three-generation cranberry farm where she grew up. But when tragedy strikes and changes her plans yet again, she finds herself back in her hometown with a floundering farm to run and a heartbreaking secret. Romance is not on her agenda. But when Tracy recruits Michael Hunter to help save a struggling charitable organization, the winds of change begin to sweep through Hope Harbor, bringing healing, hope, and love to countless lives --- including their own.

*Christine Hunter, Librarian*

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COVID-19 UPDATE: The Province of Ontario continues to implement restrictions on public gatherings, in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. At their meeting on October 20, Chalmers Session decided that online worship will continue for the month of November. All regular programming at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, save Care & Share, has been suspended and the church office is closed. Mail, Email and phone messages are being monitored on a regular basis.

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**CARE & SHARE:** Chalmers' weekly food assistance program continues to serve our local community in this time of need. Precautions and procedures are in place, as prescribed by the Health Unit. Families in need can call the church Mondays to book an appointment for food pickup on Tuesday between 12:30 and 1:30 pm.

## CHALMERS ONLINE 6-WEEK BIBLE STUDY:

BEGINS MONDAY OCTOBER 26! The concept and practice of Sabbath was a revolutionary activity in the promised land. How did it turn into a set of rigid rules about not opening stores on Sunday and forgotten by most Christians? Walter Brueggemann has written an original 4-session study for thoughtful Christians about the origins and radical call of Sabbath titled "Sabbath as Resistance." It is a practice that was designed to protect the marginalized and remind all of us that we are not God. It involved certain forms of resistance to the consumerist society of ancient Israel that are more relevant today than ever. Dorothy Bass has written an original 2-session study titled "Sabbath Practices." She offers thoughtful Christians concrete ways to reclaim these and shows how our lives can be enriched and faith deepened as we relearn them. Join us on Webex Monday nights from 7-8 pm, for 6 weeks beginning October 26th. Login details available through Chalmers' website.

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CHALMERS SUNDAY SCHOOL has moved ONLINE this fall! Every Wednesday night from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. Chalmers Sunday School is offering online programming in place of classes on Sunday morning. We meet together on Webex for a short opening session and then break into two groups (JK to Grade 5 and Grade 6 and up) for age appropriate lessons before coming back together for a short closing session. The specific Webex information is available by emailing chalmers.sunday.school@gmail.com.