

WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Silent Prayer A time to be still and know the presence of God

Call to Worship :

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Declaration of Pardon

The Peace May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

* Praise: When morning gilds the skies 438

(Children & Teachers leave for Sunday School)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (Paul Fayer, *Gathering*)

**God, the words you speak have power: power to create, power to disturb,
power to heal. Help us to hear your word for us today. Amen.**

Scripture reading: Psalm 19:1-4a, 7-10, 14

**Refrain: The law of God is just, the Lord's decrees are sure,
The precepts of the Lord are right, God's laws endure.**

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.**

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Choir Anthem: Lord, Let us Listen by Robert Hobby

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Mark 8:27-38

Heather Reid

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

* Praise: Ancient Words

Sermon: **A Word for the Weary**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection Lead me, Jesus; I will follow 646

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts The church is wherever God's people 484

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

* Praise: They word is a lamp unto my feet
(Children & Teachers return from Sunday School)

Celebrating with the Children and **The Lord's Prayer**

* Praise: Saviour, teach me day by day 698

* Commissioning and Benediction

Choral Amen

Musical Postlude

* This symbol is used to invite people to stand. All songs and responses will be projected on the screens.



CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to worship at Chalmers. If you are a guest, visitor or newcomer to Chalmers we reach out to you with hospitality and friendship in Jesus' name. Please take a moment to fill in a guest card—available in the pew holder or from the welcome table. Completed cards may be placed in the offering plate, in the box on the welcome table, or given to Rev. John.

Please note that some fellow worshippers are sensitive to perfumes. We ask that you consider keeping Chalmers scent-free. Thank you.

There will be a time of refreshments and fellowship in the lower hall. The **striped mugs** at coffee hour are for visitors. Please help our visitors feel welcome.

AT A GLANCE: September 16 - 23

SUNDAY	Worship - 10am Library Open – 11:15am Coffee Fellowship - 11:15am Junior Choir - 11:30am Parkwood Hospital Worship - 2pm Meadowpark Worship - 3:30pm
TUESDAY	Care & Share - 1pm Seniors' Fitness - 1pm Session - 7pm
WEDNESDAY	Knitting Circle - 1:30pm NO Reachout
THURSDAY	Early Years' Group - 9:30am Choir - 6:30pm Outreach & Comm. - 7:30pm
FRIDAY	Senior's Satellite - 9am Seniors' Euchre - 1pm
SATURDAY	Beyond these Walls - 9:30am PAN Dinner - 5:30pm
SUNDAY	Worship - 10am Library Open – 11:15am Tasteful Topics - 11:15am Junior Choir - 11:30am Youth Group - 12:30pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday: 9-12
Friday: 12-4

UPCOMING DATES:

September 22: Beyond These Walls
September 22: PAN Spaghetti Dinner
September 23: Tasteful Topics
October 7: World Communion Sunday

TODAY'S HOSTS:

Betty & Peter Longmore
Todd & Brenda Webster
Heather Reid & Host needed

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Greg & Susan Stevenson
Jo-Ann & Ainsley Marshall
Shirley Andersen & Debbie Scott

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Sept 16: Cathy & Charles McCartney
Sept 23: Tasteful Topics
Sept 30: Debbie Scott & Helen Innes
Oct 7: Thanksgiving / World Communion

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Sept 16: Leslee & Jane
Sept 23: Dan & Wanda
Sept 30: Heather & Jackie
Oct. 7: Patricia & Laurie

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Sept 16: Bruce & Joanne
Sept 23: Doris & Yvonne
Sept 30: Maureen & Heather
Oct 7: Todd & Brenda

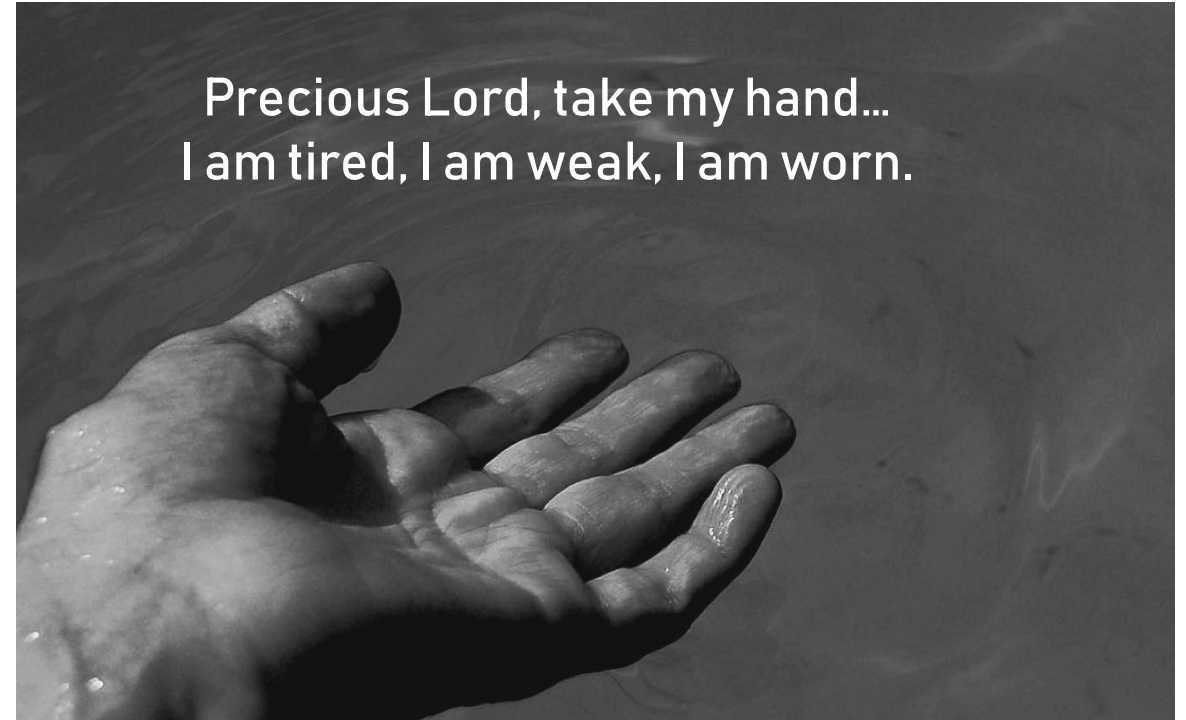


Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 16th, 2018—10:00 am



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers
Tom Hunter
Beth Hickey
Lizz Thibodeau
Brad Dobbie
Rev. John Bannerman

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Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God's peace and hope for Linda Bone as she deals with her cancer diagnosis
- ◆ For God to give strength, healing and peace to Roy Young who has moved to Oakdale Crossings
- ◆ For healing and strength for Wendy Lefler who is recovering at Parkwood.
- ◆ For God's blessing for Ross Cole, Doris Daskas, Maureen Gaskin, Linda McPherson, Margaret Middaugh, Eileen Reid and Daisy Herbert.

PAN SPAGHETTI DINNER

September 22nd. Doors open at 5pm, dinner at 5:30pm. Tickets are \$20 per person, \$10 for children 5-12 years, children under 5 are free. Tickets available after worship.

Chalmers is creating a new **CONGREGATIONAL PHOTO DIRECTORY!** Photography sessions are available Thurs Sept. 27 - Sat, Sept 29th, You can sign up on-line by going to booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ydh7hgvy/ or call the church office 519-681-7242.

TASTEFUL TOPICS returns this month on Sunday, Sept. 23rd following worship. Our guest speaker will be Erika Ayala Ronson from Mission Services of London. Please sign up.

Manna Day at **CRIEFF HILLS** with Rev. Dr. Clyde Ervine: "Good News At Your Fingertips: Come and rediscover both personal and congregational confidence in God's Good News." Join us Thursday, October 11 at Crieff Hills Retreat Centre from 10:30am to 3:00pm. Please call 1 800-884-1525 to register at least a week in advance. Cost is \$25 and includes a hot lunch. www.crieffhills.com

On September 29, join PWS&D in the **RIDE FOR REFUGE** - a cycling and walking fundraiser with locations across Canada - in support of PWS&D's maternal, newborn and child health projects in Malawi and Afghanistan. For more information, please speak to Rev. John.



September 16: Winter in War-Torn Syria

With Syria facing its seventh year of conflict, the humanitarian situation in the country continues to deteriorate. Caught in the middle of a war zone in central Syria, Rabeha was living a nightmare. Her brother had been killed and her mother lost her legs when the family's home was destroyed. Rabeha's father suffered a stroke that left him paralyzed. Unable to secure a job, Rabeha couldn't afford food, medicine for her parents or heat for the winter. The family endured cold, hungry nights before they enrolled in a Presbyterian World Service & Development food aid project with Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Now that her family receives food baskets, Rabeha is saving money for other needs and was able to face the harsh winter with greater peace of mind. *PWS&D responds to families displaced by conflict*

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

Now is no time to think of what you do not have. Think of what you can do with what there is. *Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961), novelist*

The Mission Committee will be providing a worship service and sandwiches at the **MEN'S MISSION** on Sunday, September 23rd at 7pm. If you are available to help, please let Rev. John or the committee know.

FYI - we have two new exciting **RENTALS** sharing our space at Chalmers. On Thursday mornings our space upstairs will be used by an Early Years' group welcoming parents and young children. Tuesday afternoons we welcome GLO, a tutoring program for homeschooled high school students who want more formal instruction in Biology and French. The French class is being taught by Lizz Thibodeau.

The Annual conference of the Canadian Society of Presbyterian History will take place at Knox College, Toronto on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Please consider joining, in person or on-line: www.csph.ca/annual-conference.html

LIBRARY NEWS

Hidden Places – by Lynn Austin

This story takes place in 1930 when money is short, and work hard to come by. Eliza Wyatt, a young widow with three children, has inherited a family orchard and after the death of her father-in-law is not sure just how she is going to make a success of running the orchard. She and her children are praying for helping angels to come along, when a wanderer knocks at their door and asks for any odd jobs he can do for a place to bunk down and a few meals. His name happens to be Gabriel Harper Well with a name like that the children are sure this is indeed their angel.

A wonderful story of the struggles families went through at that time, of family love and loyalty, and lots of hard work!

I loved this story. Christine Hunter, Librarian

Canadian Blood Services desperately needs your help! Please bring hope to life's journey by donating blood. Mention that you're a **PARTNER FOR LIFE FROM CHALMERS** and give our ID# **CHAL673812**. To the young and healthy, it's no loss. To the sick, it's hope.

THE 37TH TERRY FOX RUN for cancer research will take place on Sunday, September 16th. Rev. John will be running again this year. John is inviting you to make a pledge or gift payable to The Terry Fox Foundation. Tax receipts will be provided for gifts of \$20 or more. Pledge sheets are on the table in the narthex. Please consider participating this year by walking, running, wheeling or cycling in support of cancer research. Thank you very much for your support of this worthwhile cause.

Worship Committee would like to thank the many people who act as Hosts on Sunday mornings. You are really appreciated. Name Tags - just a little reminder to wear your name tag. It is a wonderful way to greet one another.

Chalmers' pins will be for sale in the lower hall following worship for \$5 each with proceeds going to the roof fund. Thank-you for your ongoing support of this project.

RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Upcoming Event ...

Saturday, November 10 – Christmas Bazaar Did You Know - The weekly offering envelope has a line item "**Please consider an additional gift to the Roof Fund**".

RTR FINANCIALS

\$105,486 – Funds as of September 3

190 – Funds received September 9

\$105,676 – TOTAL funds received to date

The fundraising team: Janet Bruce, Bob Finlay, Yvonne Daniel, Pat MacKay & Brenda Webster

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 are available in the narthex, or speak to Lizz in the office.

Join us for a **WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT** with The Rev. Dr. Karen Horst, November 9th-11th at Crieff Hills Retreat and Conference Centre near Guelph. Women of all ages are welcome! Retreat begins with Friday dinner and ends after Sunday lunch. Cost is \$245 for double room, \$305 single room and \$180 commuter rate. Please see retreat brochure online or call to register 1 800-884-1525 www.crieffhills.com

Financial Report – As of August 31, 2018

INCOME:	
Offerings	\$135,506.10
Rent & Other Income	7,166.02
Total Income	\$142,672.12
EXPENSES:	
Committee Expense	\$ 2,816.40
Church Building	35,845.99
Manse	1,552.03
Office & General	7,591.73
Salaries	110,549.40
Presbyterians Sharing	15,437.16
Presbytery Assessment	3,139.50
Total Expenses	\$176,932.21
DEFICIT	(\$34,260.09)