

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us for **in-person worship** this Sunday at 10 am. **Pre-registration is required by Friday noon.** The service will also be livestreamed, and can be viewed 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 online by filling in the short response form.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: SEPTEMBER 12-19

SUNDAY	Federal Election Early Poll Station (Lower hall) In-Person & Livestreamed Worship Service	9:00 am 10:00 am
MONDAY	Federal Election Early Poll Station (Lower hall) Worship Committee (Online) Meeting Ukes of London	9:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm
TUESDAY	Presbytery (Online) Meeting	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pick-up Outdoor Worship—Prayer Garden	12:30 pm 7:00 pm
THURSDAY	Online Community Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
SATURDAY	Memorial Service	2:00 pm
SUNDAY	In-Person & Livestream Worship Service	10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:

Wendy is in the office Tuesday—Friday, 8 am to 1 pm. Please call ahead before dropping by the church. Email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca or call (519) 681-7242 with any questions or needs.

Rev. John can be reached on his home phone (519) 681-9876 or cell (226) 919-9180.

Up to date information on services and activities at Chalmers will be provided through our website and on the **Chalmers Presbyterian Church Ministries Group** Facebook page.

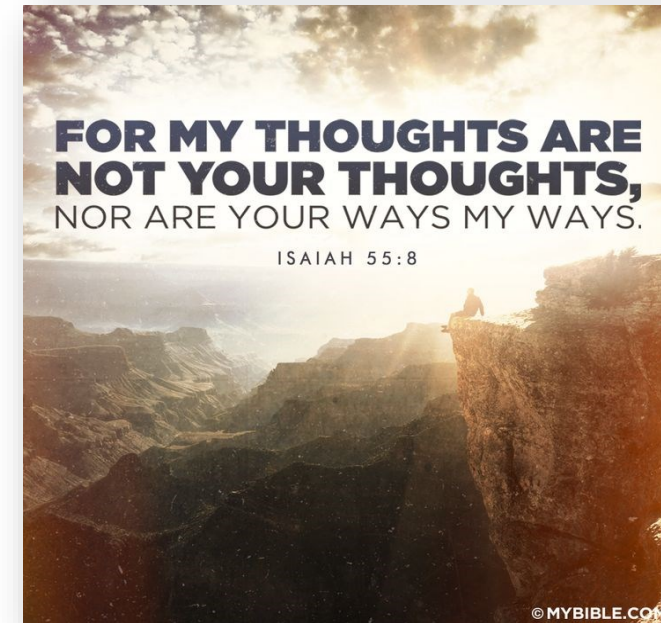
Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Worship Celebration

September 12, 2021

16th Sunday after Pentecost

In-Person & Livestream Worship



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:

Psalms 119:105

One: Your word is a lamp to my feet

All: and a light to my path. Let us worship God.

Praise: *Morning has broken* (Lyrics on p. 3)

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Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

The Peace

One: May the peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 55:6-11

Psalms 33:1-9

One: Rejoice in the Lord O you righteous. Praise befits the upright.

**All: Praise the Lord with the lyre,
make melody to the Lord with the harp of ten strings.
Sing to the Lord a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.**

One: For upright is the word of the Lord, whose work is done in faithfulness.

**All: The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.**

One: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
and all their host by the breath of God's mouth.

**All: The Lord gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle,
and put the deeps in storehouses.**

One: Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe!

**All: For the Lord spoke, and it came to be;
the Lord commanded, and it stood firm.**

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-5, 14

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise: *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet* (Lyrics on p. 3) 496

Message: The Word of God

Special Praise: *Wade in the Water* by Mark Hayes (Lyrics on p. 3) Bob Finlay

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Offering of our Gifts

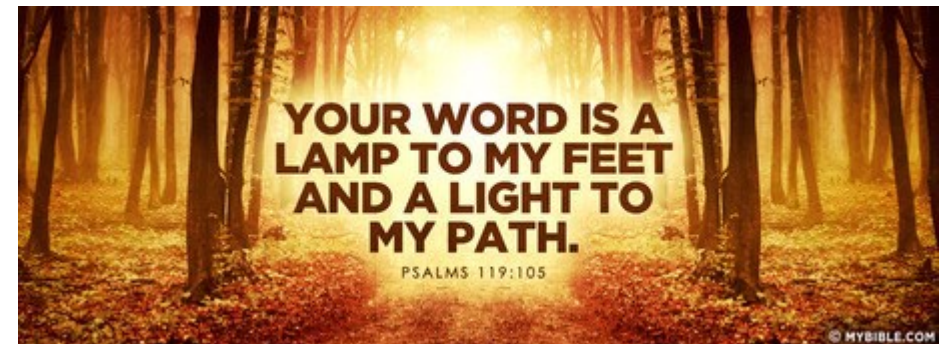
Offering Praise: *I do give* (Lyrics on p. 3)

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

Praise: *Thou whose almighty word* (Lyrics on p. 3) 291

Blessing

Musical Postlude



Morning has broken

Eleanor Farjeon

Morning has broken
like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird;
praise for the singing,
praise for the morning,
praise for them springing
fresh from the Word.

Sweet the rain's newfall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall
on the first grass;
praise for the sweetness,
praise for the morning,
sprung in completeness
where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight;
mine is the morning;
born of the one light
Eden saw play; praise with elation,
praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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Thy word is a lamp unto my feet

Amy Grant

Refrain:

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.*

When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear
as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.

I will not forget your love for me, and yet
my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide
and hold me to your side,
and I will love you to the end.

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I go 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.

Refrain

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Thou whose almighty word

John Marriott

Thou whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard
and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray
let there be light!

Saviour who came to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now to all humankind
let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,
lifegiving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move o'er the waters' face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!

Blessed and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world, far and wide,
let there be light!

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Special Praise

Wade in the Water

Mark Hayes

Refrain:

*Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water
God's gonna trouble the water.*

Down in the valley, down on my knees
- Wade in the water,
Askin' my Lord to save me, please
- Wade in the water.

Refrain

Up on the mountain, Jehovah, he spoke
- Wade in the water,
Out of his mouth came fire and smoke
- Wade in the water.

Refrain

I heard a rumblin' up in the sky
- Wade in the water,
Must-a been Jesus passin' by
- Wade in the water.

Refrain

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Please Pray

- ◆ For God's healing for **Charles McCartney**, who is recovering at home from colon surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Janet Bruce** as she recovers at home from knee replacement surgery.
- ◆ For God's healing and pain control for **Joyce Yull**.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Doris Tuft** and a spirit of perseverance as she recovers at home.
- ◆ 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 **Barry May** who is home from hospital, awaiting news of surgery on his right leg.
- ◆ For God's blessing for **Betty Smedley, Linda McPherson, and Ross Cole**.
- ◆ For all students, teachers administrators and staff as they return to schools, colleges and universities.
- ◆ For peace for the **people of Haiti**, following the assassination of the Haitian President. Also for those who lost loved ones, and whose homes and livelihood were destroyed in the recent earthquake and tropical storm.
- ◆ 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.



September 12: An Education for Robina

Robina lives with her mother, father and five siblings in a make-shift house in Afghanistan. Both of her parents are unemployed, and Robina is the only member of her family attending school. In Afghanistan, 62 percent of children do not attend school. Often, families with many children cannot afford uniforms and school supplies for each child. Girls are especially disadvantaged because of a shared cultural belief that if girls study, they bring shame on their families. Only one in five students in Afghan schools are female, and only about one in 10 adult women are literate. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) is passionate about ensuring a world in which all children can access quality education. Working with local partners, PWS&D helps parents and religious leaders understand girls' rights—most importantly, the right to education.

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

September 12

No one has ever become poor by giving.
Anne Frank (1929 – 1945), Jewish Dutch diarist during Nazi occupation

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE: for Stacey Hunter will take place here at Chalmers on Saturday, September 18 at 2 pm. Registration is required.

PRISON MINISTRY TO YOUTH: Refuge Ministries Canada is offering a free, online training seminar for those interested in ministry to youth in prison. Saturday, September 18 from 10 am to 1:30 pm. To register, please email Alan Campbell, refugeministriescanada@gmail.com.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Pelican Harbor Series – Colleen Coble #2 - Two Reasons to run

This book starts with Jane Hardy, Chief of Police for Pelican Harbor, discovering that her son did not die in that Commune 15 years ago. She meets up with him and his father and immediately falls in love with her 15 year old son. She struggles with the fact that her father had lied to get her out of the Commune, but her father and her son are soon enjoying each other's company.

There is an oil platform just off the coast of Pelican Harbor, and Keith McDonald, one of the workmen on board this rig, sends a scary message to Jane Hardy telling her of a plan to cause an explosion on the rig. This would be bad news in so many different ways, but then Keith disappears and Jane has to try and find out what exactly is going on. Where is Keith and is the rumour of an explosion really true? Another very exciting read.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

TERRY FOX RUN: The annual Terry Fox Run in support of Cancer research takes place Sunday, September 19. Visit <https://terryfox.org/terry-fox-run/> to join a team and take part. You can also sponsor a participant through the website.

RIDE FOR REFUGE: Join the Presbytery of London Ride for Refuge team on Saturday, October 2, as they ride/walk in support of PWS & D. We will be leaving the Chalmers parking lot at 10 am. Safety protocols will be in place. Please visit www.ride.w-ith.us/london to join us or to sponsor our team.

Church Re-opening Update:

Session has approved **indoor worship services** with a limit of 60 people in attendance, in accordance with Health Unit protocols. Face coverings must be worn in the building at all times, and physical distancing observed. There will be **no congregational singing** and no coffee fellowship following the service. Individuals wishing to attend in-person worship must **register in advance** through our website, via email or by calling the church office. *At a special meeting on August 17, Session approved the return of rental groups to Chalmers' facilities effective September 1.* Our office administrator, Wendy Sibley, is working in the office **Tuesday to Friday from 8 am to 1 pm**. Please call ahead or email Wendy if you plan on visiting the church.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP: An outdoor time of worship will be held in the Prayer Garden Wednesday, September 15 at 7 pm. **Please pre-register** through our website or by calling/emailing the church office. All welcome!

Chalmers Birthdays this Week

Reece Daniel	Sept 12
Susan Stevenson	Sept 12
Jeff Putt	Sept 14
Nicole Walker	Sept 14
Mary Taylor	Sept 15
Rev. John Bannerman	Sept 16
Sherri Hartman	Sept 16

Happy Birthday & God Bless!