

WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Silent Prayer

A time to be still and know the presence of God

Call to Worship

One: We gather with joy, for Easter continues.

All: Locked doors have been opened and fear has turned to peace.

One: We celebrate the presence of the risen Christ among us.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad! Let us worship God.

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: Lord, I lift your name on high

(Children & Teachers leave for Sunday School)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture reading: Psalm 4

One: Answer me when I call, O God of my right!

All: You gave me room when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.

One: How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame?

How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies?

All: But know that the Lord has set apart the faithful for God's own; the Lord hears when I call.

One: When you are angry, do not sin;

ponder it on your beds, and be silent.

All: Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the Lord.

One: There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!

Let the light of your face shine on us, O Lord!"

All: You have put gladness in my heart

more than when their grain and wine abound.

I will both lie down and sleep, in peace;

for you alone, O Lord, make me lie down in safety.

Choir Anthem:

Peace Be in You by Allen Pote

Scripture Readings:

Acts 3:1-19

Luke 24:36-48

Chris Hardy

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

★ Praise: Like the murmur of the dove's song

385

Sermon: **Bearing Witness**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection

Sing amen

264

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts When we are living

630 (2&4)

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

With the money we place on the offering plates and with our gifts through PAR we praise you, God of grace and God of glory. May we be faithful witnesses for the risen Christ by living with generosity and joy in his name...

★ Praise: Go out to the world

(Children & Teachers return from Sunday School)

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

★ Praise: Will you come and follow me

634 (1,3&5)

★ 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: April 15 - 22

SUNDAY	Worship - 10am Library Open – 11:15am Tasteful Topics - 11:30am Youth Group - 12:30pm Parkwood Worship - 2pm Meadowpark Worship - 3:30pm
TUESDAY	Community Soup at GCRC - 10am Seniors' Fitness - 1pm Care & Share - 1pm Session - 7pm
WEDNESDAY	Dearness Worship - 10:30 Knitting Circle - 1:30pm Reachout - 7:30pm
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal - 6:30pm
FRIDAY	Seniors' Fitness - 9am Seniors' Euchre - 1pm
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

UPCOMING DATES:

April 22: RTR Italian Lunch
April 22: Men's Mission Service 7pm
April 26: Presbytery Youth Volleyball 7pm
April 27: Volleyball at 6pm (time change!)

TODAY'S HOSTS:

Keith & Phyllis Johnston
Mark Ranson & Roy Young
Maureen Bruff & Anita Powell

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Marilyn & Dave McFadden
Irene Thayer & Karen Dutton
Hosts needed

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

April 15: Tasteful Topics
April 22: Debbie Scott & Holly Williams
April 29: Sherri & Kevin Hartman
May 6: Heather Reid & Marg Ward

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

April 15: Heather deHoog & Torry
April 22: Leslee Johnston & Winter
April 28: Patricia Matesik & Hailee
May 6: Marilyn McFadden & Kirstyn

OFFERING COUNTERS:

April 15: Brian & Pat
April 22: Doris & Heather
April 29: Doris & Yvonne
May 6: Brenda & Todd



Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

3rd Sunday of Easter

April 15th, 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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Manse	150.00
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