

## 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](http://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: FEBRUARY 28—MARCH 7

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Online Worship	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am
<b>MONDAY</b>	Online Bible Study	7:00pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Care & Share Food Pickup	12:30 pm
	Online Prayer Meeting (Webex)	8:00 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Online Community Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Online Worship	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am
	Annual Congregational Meeting—Online	11:30 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](mailto: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](http://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

February 28, 2021

Lent II



### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

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## WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

PWS&D Insert—Lent II

One: We are not the first to make the journey to Jerusalem; many have gone before us and many will come after us. From near and far, God's people gathered to celebrate God's goodness on the holy mountain.

**All: We are pilgrims on a journey. We are travelers on the road.**

One: Jesus often went to Jerusalem as a child to celebrate Passover. Now he has set his face toward Jerusalem again, knowing this time will be different.

**All: We are pilgrims on a journey. We are travelers on the road.**

One: Jesus' last journey to Jerusalem is somber. He has no illusions about what is to come. Still, he goes ahead, doing God's will.

**All: We are pilgrims on a journey. We are travelers on the road.**

One: Let us pray.

**All: God of light, we want to follow in Jesus' footsteps, but we have our fears and doubts. We would rather avoid the pain and darkness on our journey. Give us courage and perseverance when the journey is difficult and the grace to help others on the road. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.**

Praise: *We are God's people* (Lyrics on p. 3) 472

Prayers of Adoration, Confession, Pardon and Illumination

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings: Psalm 103:1-8

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul

**All: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.**

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**All: and forget not all God's benefits—**

One: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the Pit,

**All: who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

One: The Lord works justice and vindicates all the oppressed. God's ways were made known to Moses, God's acts to the people of Israel.

**All: The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Scripture Reading: John 3:1-21 (Excerpt from "The Gospel of John" movie)

Praise: *O love, how deep, how broad, how high* (Lyrics on p. 3) 205 (v. 1, 3-5)

Message: *Questions for Lent: How Can These Things Be?*

Special Praise: *God so loved the world* (Lyrics on p. 3) Bob Finlay

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *God forgave my sin / Freely, freely* (Lyrics on p. 3) 774

Offering Prayer & **The Lord's Prayer**

Praise: *A bush bursts into flame* (Lyrics on p. 3) 673

The Blessing

Musical Postlude

**New Born Again** Traditional Spiritual from The Gospel of Grace arr Mark Hayes

I found free grace and dying love, I'm newborn again. Been long time talking 'bout my trials here below.

*Refrain*

*Oh, there's free grace, free grace, free grace, sinner, free grace, free grace, I'm newborn again.*

*Oh, I'm so glad, so glad I'm newborn again. Been long time talking 'bout my trials below.*

I know my Lord has set me free, I'm newborn again. Been long time talking 'bout my trials here below.

*Refrain*

My Savior died for you and me, I'm newborn again. Been long time talking 'bout my trials here below.

*Refrain*

**Blessed Assurance** by Fanny J. Crosby

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine, oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song: praising my Saviour all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song: praising my Saviour all the day long.

## We are God's people

Brian Jeffery Leech, Arr. Fred Bock

We are God's people,  
the chosen of the Lord,  
born of the Spirit,  
established by the word;  
our cornerstone is Christ alone,  
and strong in him we stand:  
oh, let us live transparently,  
and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.

We are God's loved ones,  
the bride of Christ our Lord,  
for we have known it,  
the love of God outpoured;  
now let us learn how to return  
the gift of love once given:  
let us share each joy and care  
and live with a zeal that pleases heaven.

We are the body  
of which the Lord is head,  
called to obey him,  
now risen from the dead;  
he wills us be a family,  
diverse yet truly one:  
oh let us freely give our gifts,  
and so shall God's work on earth be done.

We are a temple,  
the Spirit's dwelling place,  
formed in great weakness,  
a cup to hold God's grace;  
alone, we die, for on its own  
each ember loses fire:  
yet joined in one the flame burns on  
to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

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## O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Latin, 15th Century

O love, how deep, how broad, how high,  
how passing thought and fantasy,  
that God, the Son of God, should take  
our mortal form for mortals' sake.

For us he prayed; for us he taught;  
for us his daily works he wrought:  
by words and signs and actions, thus  
still seeking not himself, but us.

For us to wicked hands betrayed,  
scourged, mocked, in purple robe arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death,  
for us gave up his dying breath.

For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen and to cheer.

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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.

Chorus:

*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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## A bush bursts into flame

Andrew Donaldson

A bush bursts into flame,  
and the Lord calls a shepherd by his name;  
so God calls us, if we will hear.  
I watch for the flame,  
turn my face to the flame of God's glory.  
Unexpected God enters my story,  
I know that God will call me by name.  
In the company of all who call on the Lord,  
I follow the flame.  
In the company of all who call on the Lord,  
I follow, I follow the flame.

Son of Man stands in the river;  
John the Baptist lays hands on him in love;  
as a dove, the Spirit comes upon him.  
I come to the water,  
celebrate the new life flowing through me,  
Christ beside me to guide me, renew me,  
I know that God has called me by name.  
In the company of all who call on the Lord,  
I come to the water.  
In the company of all who call on the Lord,  
I come, I come to the water.

The wind blows where it blows;  
who can say where it comes from, where it goes?  
So is everyone born of the Spirit.  
I wait for the wind;  
I'm alive to the voice of the Spirit,  
no one sees it, yet still I can hear it,  
I wait for God to call me by name.  
In the company of all who call on the Lord,  
I wait for the wind.  
In the company of all who call on the Lord,  
I wait, I wait for the wind.

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## SPECIAL PRAISE

### God So Loved the World

Scott Brenner

As high as the heavens  
are above the earth,  
as far as the waters  
cover all the seas,  
so high, so great is the love  
You have for me.  
As far as the east is from the west,  
You've taken away my worthlessness,  
You've turned my shame into joyful praise.

Chorus

Forever I will thank You  
for the grace You've given me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found,  
You're everything I need.  
I worship you, I live for You,  
You're all that I desire,  
and forever I will live to tell  
of Your unfailing love.

Chorus 2

God so loved the world  
that He gave His only Son,  
that whoever believes in Him  
should never die,  
but have eternal life.

I believe, I believe, I believe  
In the risen Son of God,  
I believe, I believe  
I believe, I believe.

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## Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God's healing and pain control for **Joyce Yull** as she has recently returned to her home.
- ◆ 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 convalesces at home. May the Lord give strength to Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Evelyn Campbell** as she recovers from a fall.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Edna May** who is home from hospital.
- ◆ 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 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will take place online, via **Zoom** this year, on **Sunday, March 7 at 11:30 am**, following morning worship. A link to the meeting will be available through our website, and will be live 15 minutes before the meeting. *The 2020 Annual Report is available in electronic format through our website. Hard copies are available at the church. Please book a time with Wendy if you wish to pick up a copy.*



**February 28**

### **Hygiene Kits Protect Families in Nicaragua**

"As a family, we try to take all the necessary measures, like covering our nose when sneezing, avoiding shaking hands or going places where there might be large crowds. For many of the families in our community, it's not possible to acquire protection materials like face masks, gloves, hand sanitizer or cleaning materials due to rising prices in the market. We are so thankful for all of you and the help you bring to our community." Like many in Nicaragua, María struggles to access proper protection materials and cleaning products due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Presbyterian World Service & Development, through local partners, is helping people like María and her whole community, receive hygiene and sanitation items, ensuring they are prepared to safely face the pandemic.

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### **SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP**

**February 28**

We are surrounded by God's benefits. The best use of these benefits is an unceasing expression of gratitude.

*John Calvin (1509–1564), theologian, pastor, reformer*

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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 if you have any questions!

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

**The Broken Road Trilogy** – by Richard Paul Evans

#3 – The Road Home

The last book in the series pulls all the loose ends together. Charles finishes his very long walk, and tries to decide what he does now, where he goes now, and how he will help some of the people he met on his pilgrimage.

Hindsight – I really enjoyed this trilogy, It deals with some of the less attractive sides of our existence, but it also introduces us to some people who do not live by these rules.

Read this trilogy and let me know what you think of it. Me – I thoroughly enjoyed all the flips and turns that Charles endures on his road to new life!

Christine Hunter, Librarian

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### **CHALMERS VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING:**

Join us for a weekly online prayer meeting. We will meet on Webex, every Wednesday evening at 8 pm for about an hour. All Welcome!

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**CHALMERS SUNDAY SCHOOL :** Join us online Sundays at 11am following worship. All kids welcome! For login information, contact [chalmers.sunday.school@gmail.com](mailto:chalmers.sunday.school@gmail.com).

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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021:** This year the World Day of Prayer service will be online on Friday, March 5 at 2:00pm. We will hear the voices of the women of Vanuata, a South Pacific nation of roughly 80 islands, as they invite us to focus on Matthew 7:24-27. Visit our website on Friday for link to the service. For more info visit [worlddayofprayer.net](http://worlddayofprayer.net).

**COVID-19 UPDATE:** At their meeting on February 16 Chalmers Session decided that **online worship will continue for the month of March 2021.** All regular programming at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, save Care & Share, has been suspended and the church and office are **closed.** Mail, Email and phone messages are being monitored on a regular basis.

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**\*OFFICE HOURS:** The church office is closed and **Wendy will be working from home** as much as possible for the foreseeable future. She can be reached at home during her regular office hours (Mon 12-3 pm, Tues/Thurs/Fri 9am—12pm) by email or phone/text (519) 872-0003. Please call ahead before visiting the church.

