

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 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: JANUARY 10-17

SUNDAY	Online Worship	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am
	Stephen Ministry Online Supervision	7:00 pm
TUESDAY	Presbytery Online Meeting	7:00 pm
	Policy & Planning Online Meeting	7:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup	12:30 pm
	Online Prayer Meeting	8:00 pm
THURSDAY	Online Community Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
SUNDAY	Online Worship	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am

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 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. You may also find up to date information on the **Chalmers Presbyterian Church Ministries Group** Facebook page.

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Worship Celebration

January 10, 2021

Baptism of the Lord

(Online Worship)



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers
Tom Hunter
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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Baptism assures us that we belong to God.

All: In life and death our greatest comfort is that we belong to our faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.

Praise: *Blest be the God of Israel* (Lyrics on p. 3)

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Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

**God of majesty and mercy, forgive our wrongdoing:
things we have done knowingly... things we have left undone...
hurts we have inflicted unintentionally... and hurts we have tried to disguise.
Forgive our acts of selfishness, harmful things we have done to please others, and
those done to please ourselves. In the week and the year ahead, help us to
choose a better way.**

Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

Scripture Reading: Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11

One: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

All: ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

One: Ascribe to the Lord the glorious name;

All: worship the Lord in holy splendor.

One: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

All: the God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

One: The voice of the Lord is powerful;

All: the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

One: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;

All: the Lord sits enthroned as sovereign forever.

One: O Lord, give strength to your people!

All: O Lord, bless your people with peace!

Living Faith 7.6.5

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:4-11

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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Message: Remember Your Baptism

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Special Praise: *On the Wings of a Dove* (Lyrics on p. 3)

Bob Finlay

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *We give Thee but thine own* (Lyrics on p. 3)

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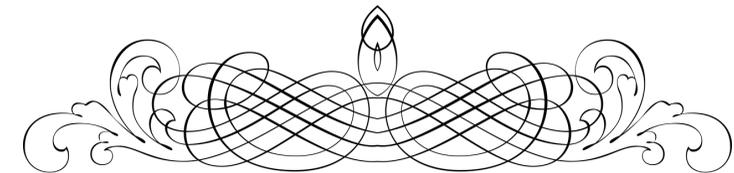
Offering Prayer, Prayers of the People & **The Lord's Prayer**

Praise: *Christ, when for us you were baptized* (Lyrics on p. 3)

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The Blessing

Musical Postlude



Blest be the God of Israel

Michael Perry, Hal H. Hopson

Blest be the God of Israel,
who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us,
who grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy,
of rescue and release;
God shall fulfill the promise
to bring the gift of peace.

Now from the house of David
a child of grace has come,
a Saviour who will lead us
to our eternal home.
Before him goes his herald,
forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation,
the messenger of day.

On those who live in darkness
the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness
upon the sinner's eyes;
to guide the feet of pilgrims
along the paths of peace.
O bless our God and Saviour
with songs that never cease!

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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; p 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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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.

To comfort and the bless,
to find a balm for woe,
to tend the lonely in distress
is angels' work below.

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Christ, when for us you were baptized

F. Bland Tucker, Thomas Jackson

Christ, when for us you were baptized,
God's Spirit on you came,
As peaceful as a dove,
And yet as urgent as a flame.

God called you the beloved Son,
called you the servant true:
sent you the kingdom to proclaim,
God's holy will to do.

Straight-way and steadfast until death
you then obeyed the call,
free as Son of Man to serve
and give your life for all.

Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord;
your cross on us be signed,
that likewise in God's service we
may perfect freedom find.

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SPECIAL PRAISE

On the Wings of a Dove

F & F Husky

When troubles surround us,
when evils come,
the body grows weak,
the spirit grows numb;
when these things beset us,
God doesn't forget us,
He sends us His love.

Refrain:

*On the wings of a snow-white dove
He sends His pure sweet love,
a sign from above
on the wings of a dove.*

When Jesus went down
through the river that day.
well, he was baptized
in the usual way.
And when it was done,
God blessed His son:
He sent him His love
on the wings of a dove.

Refrain

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 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 **Evelyn Campbell** as she recovers from a fall.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Edna May** who is receiving care at Parkwood Hospital following a fall.
- ◆ 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.**

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. A link to join the meeting is available on the Chalmers Presbyterian Church Ministries Facebook group. Contact Sue at 226-663-4735 if you have any questions!



January 10 PCCWeb Presence for Congregations and Ministries

A website extends the ministry and mission of a congregation beyond church walls, giving members the ability to make the most of their church experience and allowing visitors the opportunity to learn more about a congregation. A great church website should share details about your congregation's ministry, highlight news and events, offer online worship services, and let people know about upcoming activities, mission projects and fundraisers. Your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing equip congregations and groups of the PCC with simple and easily maintained websites through PCCWeb—a free web hosting and technical support service provided by the Communications Office. To learn more, visit presbyterian.ca/pccweb.

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP January 10

I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands. You need to be able to throw something back. *Maya Angelou (1928 – 2014), poet, civil rights activist*

CARE & SHARE has moved to **Wednesday** food pick up in the New Year. We welcome Heather Reid and Liz Gough as new coordinators of the Care & Share Program and extend our heartfelt thanks to Joanne Dickert for her many years faithful service to this vital program.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Cost of Betrayal

Betrayed – by Dee Henderson

Deadly Isle – by Dani Pettrey

Code of Ethics – by Lynette Eason

This is a book comprised of three novellas by well known authors. Let me give you a little insight into each story.

#3 Code of Ethics – As this book starts, detective Isaac Martinez has been shot and is on his way to surgery to have the bullet removed. The operation goes well, but before Isaac can be released from the hospital, someone tries to inject him with poison. Isaac's doctor, Ruthie St John comes into his hospital room just in time to stop the attempt..... but now she realises that Isaac is in immediate danger, and takes it on herself to keep her patient safe until he can solve the mystery of who wants him dead.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

CHALMERS SUNDAY SCHOOL : Sunday School starts back up on online TODAY at 11 am. All kids welcome! For login information, contact chalmers.sunday.school@gmail.com.

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. Visit our website, or check your email for login instructions. All Welcome!

****2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES**:** Offering envelopes are available at the church office. Arrangements can be made for secure, contact-free pickup. If you are not able to pick up, please let us know. If you do not have envelopes and would like them, please email or call Wendy.

COVID-19 UPDATE: At their meeting on December 15 Chalmers Session decided that **online worship will continue for the month of January 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.

ONLINE DONATIONS: Thank you for your continued, faithful support of Chalmers Presbyterian Church during this time of physical distancing. Offerings may be mailed in to the church, dropped in the mailbox, or submitted online through the link found on the home page of our website.

PAR: Applications for Pre Authorized Remittance (PAR) are available electronically from the church office. If you are considering going on PAR, even if only on a temporary basis, please email Wendy for a form.

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