

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 17-24

SUNDAY	Online Worship	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am
TUESDAY	Session Online Meeting	7:00 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
	Stephen Ministry Online 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 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 17, 2021

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

(Online 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

Praise: *Called as partners in Christ's service* (Lyrics on p. 3) 587 (vv. 1, 2 & 4)

Prayers of Adoration, Confession and Pardon

Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Scripture Reading: Psalm 100

All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

The Lord made us; we belong to God.

We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving,

and God's courts with praise.

Give thanks to the Lord, bless God's name.

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever,

God's faithfulness to all generations.

Scripture Reading: John 1:45-51

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise: *Follow me, the Master said* (Lyrics on p. 3) 645

Message: The Call of God

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Special Praise: *Come to the Water* by Foley, arr Schrader Chalmers Senior Choir
(Lyrics on p. 3)

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *I come, O Lord* (Lyrics on p. 3)

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

Praise: *Will you come and follow me* (Lyrics on p. 3) 634 (vv.1, 2 & 5)

The Blessing

Musical Postlude

Called as partners in Christ's service

Jane Parker Huber

Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment,
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and joined with friend,
equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring,
Christ's clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God's people, young and old,
blending human skills together,
gracious gifts from God unfold.

So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
that surround each person's sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.

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Follow me, the Master said

Anonymous

"Follow me," the Master said:
we will follow Jesus.
By his word and Spirit led,
we will follow Jesus.
Still for us he lives to plead,
at the throne will intercede,
offers help in time of need;
we will follow Jesus.

Should the world and sin oppose,
we will follow Jesus.
He is greater than our foes;
we will follow Jesus.
On his promise we depend;
he will hear us and defend,
help and keep us to the end;
we will follow Jesus.

Though the way may dark appear,
we will follow Jesus.
He will make our pathway clear;
we will follow Jesus.
In our daily round of care,
as we plead with God in prayer,
with the cross which we must bear,
we will follow Jesus.

Ever keep that end in view;
we will follow Jesus.
All his promises are true;
we will follow Jesus.
When this earthly course is run,
and the Master says, "Well done!"
life eternal we have won;
we will follow Jesus.

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I Come, oh Lord

Tom Hunter, arr. Christine Hunter

I come, oh Lord, I come to praise,
in joyful thanks my voice to raise.
Take me, oh Lord, I give my all,
help me to heed thy loving call.

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Will you come and follow me?

F. Bland Tucker, Thomas Jackson

Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown;
will you let my name be known;
will you let my life be grown in you
and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer I
n you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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SPECIAL PRAISE

Come to the Water

Foley, arr. Schrader

O let all who thirst,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without price.
Why should you pay the price,
except for the Lord, the Lord?

And let all who seek,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord:
without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord, the Lord?

And let all who toil,
let them come to the water.
And let all who are weary,
let them come to the Lord:
all who labour, who labour without rest.
How can your soul find rest,
except for the Lord, the Lord?

And let all the poor,
let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden,
bring them all to the Lord:
bring the children without might.
Easy the load and light:
come to the Lord, the Lord.

Come to the water; come to the Lord.

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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 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 came home from hospital on Wednesday.
- ◆ For Shirley Andersen, recovering at home from a fall and concussion. May God speed her healing.
- ◆ 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. Contact Sue at 226-663-4735 if you have any questions!



January 17

Paving the Way for a Brighter Future

Anxious and unsure about his future, Abdul was 14 years old when he joined the electronics and computer program offered by the Joint Christian Committee for Social Service (JCC) in Lebanon. Now 19 years old and equipped with a diploma and five years of experience, he has a good job and an income to support his family. JCC's vocational training programs teach marketable skills and offer hope for many young Palestinian refugees who are out of school and living without a dream or ambition. Through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, the PCC has been supporting this lifegiving program since 2018. Sylvia Haddad, JCC Director, shared that "equipping youth, and especially refugees who have nothing, with a skill or vocation is very important. The challenge is great, but we cannot give up and are grateful for your support."

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

Jan 17

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." *Mother Teresa (1910-1997), Catholic missionary to India*

CARE & SHARE Chalmers' weekly food assistance program continues to serve our local community in this time of need. Precautions and procedures are in place, as prescribed by the Health Unit. Families in need can call the church Mondays to book an appointment for food pickup on Wednesday between 12:30 and 1:30 pm.

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 : Join us online Sundays at 11am following worship. 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. Please call or email Wendy to find out when she will be in the office.

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.

***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.

Chalmers Birthdays this Week

Leny Jongepier	January 18
Brian MacKay	January 19
Magali Mabondo	January 21
Pat MacKay	January 22
Mike Poser	January 24