

WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Silent Prayer A time to be still and know the presence of God

Call to Worship PWS&D insert for Lent 1

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Almighty and most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in the things we have done and things we have neglected to do. We have held back from giving in order to protect what we have. We have not trusted in your goodness and relied on the world's empty promises instead. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall become. Help us to serve you by serving your world with generous spirits.

Declaration of Pardon

The Peace May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

★ Praise: Lord Jesus, who through forty days 200
(Children & Teachers leave for Sunday School)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture readings: Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

One: You, who live in the shelter of the Most High,
Who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,

All: "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

One: Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you,
no scourge come near your tent.

**All: For the Lord will command the angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways.**

One: On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

**All: You will tread on the lion and the adder,
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.**

One: Those who love me, I will deliver;

All: I will protect those who know my name.

One: When they call to me, I will answer them;

**All: I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honour them.
With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

Choir Anthem: Together Through the Valley by Linnea Good

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-13

Chris Hardy

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

★ Praise: Love the Lord your God

Sermon: **Passing the Test**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection Seek ye first 625 (1&3)

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts When we are living 630 (2&4)

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

Tempted as we are to give up or give in, may we instead give you the glory as we give these gifts of money for your life-giving mission in the world. God of mercy, receive these gifts and prayers, for we pray in the name of Jesus "who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin." ...

★ Praise: Blessed be your name

(Children & Teachers return from Sunday School)

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

★ Praise: Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us 647

★ 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.*

Together Through the Valley, by Linnea Good

To the desert Jesus came, to wrestle and to seek God's way. Sun and moon rose high above to watch him as he'd fast and pray. Together through the valley, the tempter led him around. Together through the valley, So Jesus answers found. Like the Hebrews long ago who ventured thro' the desert sand, Did he find a rock of faith, where streams of living waters ran? Together through the valley, So shall we make our way. Together through the valley, We'll walk for forty days. In the desert we may find the mystery of who we are. Following a faithful God, so very close and yet so far. Together through the valley, We'll gather our dreams in prayer. Together through the valley, And find God's presence there. From the Ashes to the Hill, we'll travel on our Lenten road. Hand in hand we'll cross this sand, and share each other's heavy load. Together through the valley, We'll watch the changing sky. Together through the valley, As Easter's dawn draws nigh.

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.

There will be a time of refreshments and fellowship in the lower hall following worship. The **striped mugs** at coffee hour are for visitors. Please help our visitors feel welcome.

Please note that some fellow worshippers are sensitive to perfumes. We ask that you consider keeping Chalmers scent-free. Thank you.

AT A GLANCE: March 10 - 17

SUNDAY Worship & Sunday School - 10am
Library Open – 11:15am
Coffee Hour - 11:15am
Youth Choir - 11:30am
Meadowpark Worship - 3:30pm

MONDAY Who is Jesus Study - 7pm
Ukes of London - 7pm

TUESDAY Seniors' Fitness - 1pm
Care & Share - 1pm

WEDNESDAY Knitting Circle - 1:30pm
Reachout Rehearsal - 7:30pm

THURSDAY Choir Rehearsal - 6:30pm
Leading With Care - 6:30pm
Praise Team Rehearsal - 8pm

FRIDAY Seniors' Satellite - 9am
Seniors' Euchre - 1pm

SUNDAY Worship & Sunday School - 10am
Library Open – 11:15am
Tasteful Topics - 11:15am
Youth Choir - 11:30am
Parkwood Worship - 3:30pm

OFFICE HOURS FOR MARCH BREAK:

Monday, Tuesday: 9am - 1pm
Friday: 11am - 4pm

UPCOMING DATES:

Mar 17: Tasteful Topics
Mar 24: AGM
Mar 31: Soup'er Sunday

TODAY'S HOSTS:

Bev Cameron & Yvonne Daniel
Chris & Kristine Hardy
Amy Kemp & Charles McCartney

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Lorna Wilson & Bill George
Betty & Peter Longmore
Helen Innes & Barb Jessop

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Mar 10: Helen Innes & Debbie Scott
Mar 17: Tasteful Topics
Mar 24: AGM
Mar 31: Soup'er Sunday

COUNTERS:

Mar 10: Heather & Maureen
Mar 17: Joanne & Bruce
Mar 24: Brian & Pat
Mar 31: Doris & Yvonne

IN THE BOOTH:

Mar 10: Tammy, Isla & Lizz
Mar 17: Tammy, Marilyn & Rick
Mar 24: Tom, Marilyn & Lizz
Mar 31: Tom, Torry & Rose Marie

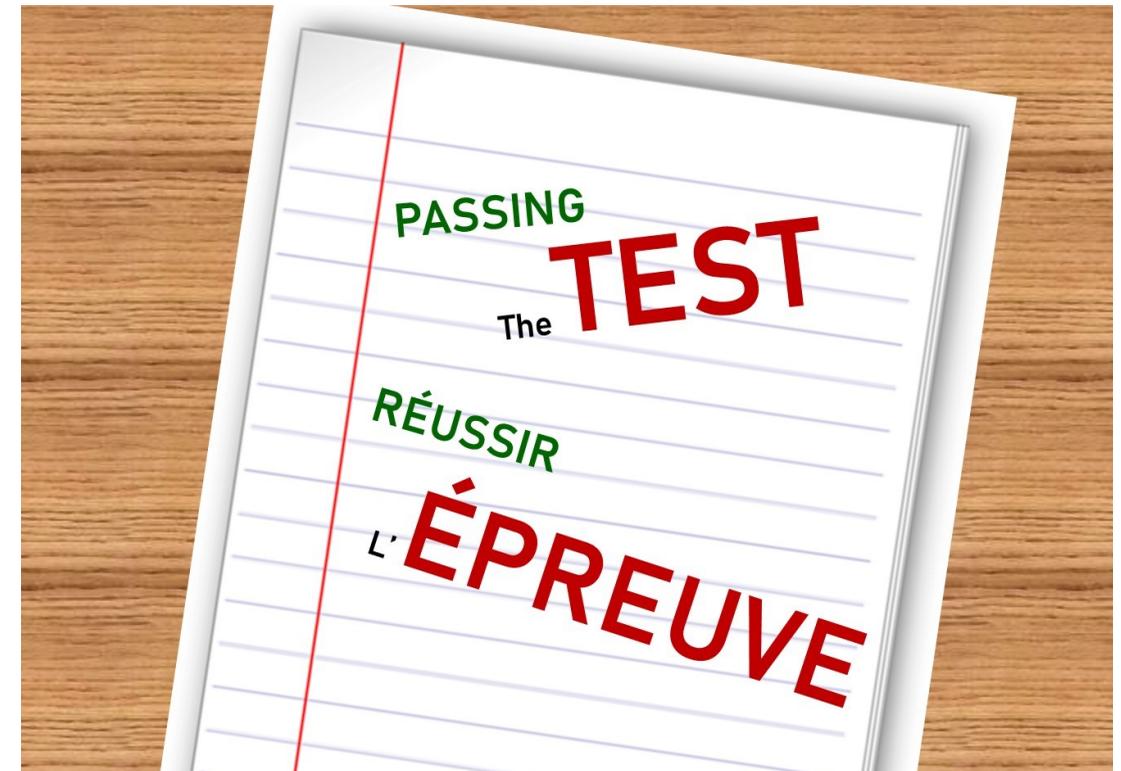


Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

First Sunday of Lent

March 10th, 2019—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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Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God to bless the firefighters in our community at Station 5 (751 Deveron Crescent at Commissioners Road) and the London Fire Chief Lori Hammer, as they educate us on matters of fire prevention and protect our community in case of fire or other emergencies.
- ◆ For John & Leny Jongepier as John transitions to living at Earl's Court.
- ◆ For God's strength and guidance to surround Jules, Odette, and their children Bénie, Rachel, Didine, Magali, Naomi, Isaac, and Plamedi as they settle into life in Canada.
- ◆ For God's healing to surround Jack Webster who is now home.
- ◆ For God's peace and hope for Linda Bone as she deals with her cancer diagnosis.
- ◆ For God's blessing for Daisy Herbert, Eileen Reid, Linda McPherson, Maureen Gaskin, and Ross Cole.

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Please consider sitting closer to **THE FRONT OF THE SANCTUARY**, particularly on the north side. When watching the service on the livestream, the sanctuary can look empty even with a full congregation because the front six pews are so bare. This does not look appealing to people who may be searching for a church home.

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Attention Parents, grandparents, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, and clergy – **SAVE THE DATE!! SATURDAY MAY 25TH, 2019 IS A DAY FOR FAITH FORMERS IN THE LONDON PRESBYTERY!** With Rodger Nishioka, renowned author, speaker, and faith formation specialist in the Presbyterian Church, USA. This event is generously sponsored by the Presbytery of London. More information coming soon.

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**CHALMERS ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held on Sunday, March 24th following worship. Lunch will be provided. Please plan to attend.  
Annual reports are now available in the narthex and on-line at [www.chalmerslondon.com/annual-report-2018.html](http://www.chalmerslondon.com/annual-report-2018.html)



**March 10: Serving a mission hospital in Malawi**  
Sending people to serve internationally is one of the ways the PCC nurtures relationships with partner churches. Claire Fowler, a first-year medical student at the University of British Columbia and a member of Langley Presbyterian Church in BC, volunteered with David Gordon Memorial Hospital in Malawi for four weeks in June 2018. Working alongside Malawian doctors, nurses and clinical staff, she gained valuable experience and built relationships. The hospital staff and patients appreciated Claire's enthusiasm and dedication. Claire is grateful for the PCC's support and for the opportunity to gain a more global perspective on medical work.

*Presbyterians Sharing nurtures partnerships*

### **SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP**

Gratitude is riches, complaint is poverty.

*Unknown*

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New St. James Presbyterian Church's Vacation Bible Camp will be held during March Break (Mar 11-15), 9am-3:30pm for students in JK - grade 6. The cost is \$50. To register, please go to their website: newstjames.com

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You are invited to join the Teen Challenge Ontario Men's Centre for their 2019 **GALA BANQUETS** - Friday March 22nd & Saturday, March 23rd. Doors open at 5:30pm, dinner is at 6:15pm at Four Points by Sheraton, featuring a special performance by the Ontario Men's Choir. Tickets are \$50 each and are on sale until March 21st. [www.tclondon.ca](http://www.tclondon.ca) or 519-652-7343

### **CHILDREN & WORSHIP PROGRAM BASIC TRAINING WORKSHOP**

**Dates:** Saturday, March 30 and Saturday June, 1, 2019 **Location:** Church of the Epiphany, Woodstock, ON **Hours:** 9:15 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Trainer:** Linda Shaw,  
[ianandlindashaw@gmail.com](mailto:ianandlindashaw@gmail.com)

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

**Nowhere to turn** – by Lynette Eason

### **Hidden Identity Trilogy #2**

The day Danielle Harding takes her 11-year-old son and flees from her abusive husband is the same day Kurt Harding dies. When Kurt was alive, he took something important from a mysterious individual --- who wants the item back and believes Danielle now has it. As she and her son run for their lives, they have nowhere to turn, until she hires Adam Buchanan of Operation Refuge and goes into hiding. Unfortunately, she won't be able to hide for long.

Wow – again, a fast moving story with lots of twists and turns along the way, until you are wondering when they are going to get a break!

**No place to hide** – by Lynette Eason

### **Hidden Identity Trilogy #3**

It's not every day you see your childhood friend and onetime crush on national news. Jackie Sellers just wishes it were under different circumstances. She can't believe that Ian Lockwood is wanted in connection with a terrorist plot, and she's determined to find him and help him clear his name. Unfortunately, she's not the only one looking for him. The FBI wants him captured. The bad guys want him dead. Ian just wants to stay alive long enough to prove his innocence and prevent a catastrophe.

Third book in the series and a great suspense story that makes you wonder when Jackie and Ian are going to get a break. I love the team who are helping them who seem able to pull out all the stops and help in unbelievable ways as things seem on the verge of disaster!

Christine Hunter, Librarian

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TASTEFUL TOPICS - Sunday, March 17th. Guest Speaker - Miranda Bothwell from Middlesex-London EMS. \$10 suggested price for catered lunch. Please sign up by March 12th.

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**SOUP'ER SUNDAY** - March 31st. Free-will offering. Proceeds to PAN Medical Mission.

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Peden Mental Health Outreach presented by White Oaks United Church. This year's topic is Depression. Saturday March 30, 9am-12pm This is a free event, but for planning purposes, advance registration is required.

Registration can be completed either online at [www.whiteoaksunitedchurch.ca](http://www.whiteoaksunitedchurch.ca).

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The **LITERACY & BASIC SKILL (LSB)** Program for the Thames Valley District School Board is a free program available to adult learners looking to upgrade their math, literacy and digital technology skills for a variety of reasons. Some of these include working towards earning a high school diploma/GED, upgrading digital technology skills for employment, or strengthening math skills to help children with homework. The program is free and learners can start at any time in the school year. We also have flexible hours to suit the needs of adult learners. If you have any questions about the program, please call 519-452-2000 ext. 69708

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**WOMEN OF WORTH DAY AWAY** featuring Ruth Coghill, April 6th, 2019, 9:00am-3:30pm, Elgin Missionary Church, 4192 Perth Line 36 Stratford, Ontario

## **TASTEFUL TOPICS**

**Sunday, March 17th**

**11:30am**

**\$10 for catered lunch**

**Speaker: Miranda Bothwell**

**from Middlesex-London EMS**



Please sign up by Tuesday, March 12th:

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