

## WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

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

Call to Worship PWS&D Insert

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

★ Praise: All people that on earth do dwell 65  
(Children & Teachers leave for Sunday School)

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayers of Confession and Illumination

Scripture reading: Psalm 51:1-12

One: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;

**All: according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

One: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

**All: and cleanse me from my sin.**

One: For I know my transgressions,

**All: and my sin is ever before me.**

One: Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight.

**All: so that you are justified in your sentence  
And blameless when you pass judgment.**

One: Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.

**All: You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

One: Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;

**All: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

One: Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

**All: Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

One: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

**All: and put a new and right spirit within me.**

One: Cast me not away from your presence,

**All: and take not your holy spirit from me.**

One: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

**All: and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Choir Anthem: Sing Out With Splendor by Joseph & Mary Martin

Scripture Readings: Hebrews 5:5-10  
John 12:27-33

Linda Powers

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

★ Praise: All who are thirsty

Sermon: **Joy for the Journey**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection Holy, Holy, Holy (English, Spanish, French) 303 (3x)

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts God, whose giving knows no ending 663 (1&3)

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

**Loving God, with joy and generosity we give these gifts of money for your mission in this community and throughout the world through Presbyterians Sharing. As Holy Week approaches, inspire us to be faithful as we come to the foot of the cross...**

★ Praise: Psalm 100  
(Children & Teachers return from Sunday School)

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

★ Praise: God, we praise you for the morning 436 (1-2, 4-5)

★ 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: Mar 18 – March 25

SUNDAY	Worship – 10am Library Open – 11:15am Junior Choir - 11:30am Youth Group - 12:30pm Parkwood Hospital Worship - 2pm Meadowpark Worship - 3:30pm
MONDAY	Bible Study - 7pm
TUESDAY	Seniors' Fitness - 1pm Care & Share - 1pm Session - 7pm
WEDNESDAY	Knitting Circle - 1:30pm Reachout - 7:30pm
THURSDAY	Senior Choir - 6:30pm Property Management - 7:30pm
FRIDAY	Seniors' Satellite - 9am Seniors' Euchre - 1pm Volleyball @ Supreme Courts - 7pm
SATURDAY	Ukes of London Concert - 3:30pm
SUNDAY	Worship – 10am Library Open – 11:15am Junior Choir - 11:30am Stephen Ministry - 6pm Labyrinth Prayer Walk - 7pm

### CHURCH HOURS:

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

### UPCOMING DATES:

April 6: Movie Night

### Holy Week

Sunday, Mar. 25 - Labyrinth Prayer Walk  
March 26-28 - 7pm Prayers  
March 29 - 7pm Maundy Thursday Service  
March 30 - 9am Breakfast  
                  - 11am Good Friday Service  
April 1 - 7am Sunrise Service  
                  - 11am Easter Worship with Holy Communion

### TODAY'S HOSTS:

Linda Bone & Shirley Hall  
Lorna Wilson & Bill George  
Pat & Brian MacKay

### NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Jo-Ann & Ainsley Marshall  
Abbey Poser & Torry Thibodeau  
Winter Hales & Wanda MacKay

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Mar 18: Marilyn & Dave McFadden  
Mar 25: Debbie Scott & Karen Dutton  
April 1: Easter!

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS:

Mar 18: Wanda MacKay & Hailee  
Mar 25: Leslee Johnston & Kirstyn  
April 1: Susan Stevenson & Jackie N.

### OFFERING COUNTERS:

Mar 18: Joanne & Bruce  
Mar 25: Doris & Yvonne  
April 1: Brenda & Todd



# Chalmers Presbyterian Church

## WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Lent 5

March 18th, 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  
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## Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For Cyril Bone as he recovers from surgery
- ◆ For Wendy Lefler who had surgery recently, and for her husband George.
- ◆ For God's peace for Martin McHardy as he receives care at the St. Thomas Elgin Hospital.
- ◆ For God's blessing for Shirley Bakelaar, Ross Cole, Doris Doskas, Maureen Gaskin, Linda McPherson, Margaret Middaugh, Eileen Reid and Daisy Herbert.

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Chalmers' Stephen Ministry Group is hosting "PRAYING THE LABYRINTH", Sun., Mar 25th at 7pm. Come for a time of meditation and prayer while walking the path of the labyrinth.

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The **SPECIAL EASTER & LOOSE OFFERING** will be designated to the London Presbytery Refugee Committee. If you would like to donate flowers for Easter, please drop them off at the church by Good Friday.

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**GOOD FRIDAY BREAKFAST** - Friday March 30th 9am - 10:30am - \$5 per person/ \$15 per family. Come enjoy a full breakfast feast! (eggs, sausage, toast, pancakes, juice, tea/coffee) Please sign up on the sheets in the narthex. Everyone Welcome! We would welcome helpers with clearing tables and washing dishes too. Sign up sheet for helpers in narthex.

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**BLOOD DONORS** are urgently needed in London. When you donate, mention that you're a 'Partner for Life from Chalmers' and give our ID# CHAL673812. To the young and healthy, it's no loss. To the sick it's hope. Donate blood to bring hope to life's journey for others.

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**UKULELE CONCERT** by Canada's foremost ukulele blues artist—Manitoba Hal. Sat. Mar 24 Concert 3:30pm-4:30p.m. at Chalmers. Tickets \$15 only available from Pete Longmore

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We are looking for a couple of people who would be prepared to serve as Chefs for the **TASTEFUL TOPICS** on Sunday, April 15th. Please speak to Rev. John or Cathy Spooner.



### March 18: Smiling again

Pursottam was driving his bus when he experienced a sudden, agonizing pain in his hand. The ache spread through his body and became so intense that he struggled to finish his route. When the pain did not relent, Pursottam spent his savings traveling to visit neurologists, but no doctor could provide a diagnosis. Meanwhile, Pursottam grew frightened and anxious about his ability to continue working. His prayers were answered the day he heard about the PWS&D-supported hospital in the remote Banke district in Nepal. There he was diagnosed with leprosy and given effective medicine. Today, Pursottam's health has been restored. "I am so happy to see him smile again," shares Pursottam's brother. "We finally found relief here at the Banke Hospital." *PWS&D responds to illness with care and courage*

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The **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA** says Thank you for your gifts in 2017!

"I am truly blessed to see your generosity in action," says the Rev. Ian Ross-McDonald, General Secretary of the Life & Mission Agency. "Presbyterian congregations and individuals sharing and working together have extended the reign of God in Canada and around the world in remarkable and compelling ways this year. Exciting stories of faith, transformation, reconciliation, liberation and changed lives - and so much more - are the results of our shared gifts. Your commitment to Christ's continued mission and ministry through the church is vital to the work that we are doing together."

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**MOVIE NIGHT**, on April 6th at 7pm, will be showing The Way starring Martin Sheen. Come and bring a friend! No charge.

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There will be a **STEPHEN MINISTRY INFORMATION SESSION** on Sunday April 8th for those who may be considering serving as a Stephen Minister at Chalmers. The information session will be from 11:30am to 12:15pm and a light lunch will be served.

## LIBRARY NEWS

Parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles ..... you get the message, huh?



Check out our children's reading for Easter. What a beautiful and gentle way to introduce your young ones to the story of Easter. Take time at night to read and pray as they too start to wonder and question what it is all about.

**Mary's Easter Story** – Eric C. Bohnet  
**The Legend of the Three Trees** – by Tommy Nelson  
**The Easter Story** – by Patricia A. Pingry  
**The Story of Easter** – by Patricia A. Pingry  
**The Best thing about Easter** – by Christine Harder Tangvald

Check out these books on the children's reading table in the narthex. Christine Hunter, Librarian

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By giving regularly to our church family, you help nurture our congregation, support our church home, and teach our children and young people about Christ. You support people in our community through our mission and outreach programs. Using the **PAR PROGRAM** for your offering allows you to give intentionally, proportionally and faithfully to the church, even when you are not able to be there in person. It's easy to participate!

- ◆ Decide the amount of your monthly offering.
- ◆ Complete the PAR authorization form and attach a cheque marked "VOID".
- ◆ Enclose both in an envelope and place on the offering plate or give to the office administrator
- ◆ Withdrawals will occur on the 20th of each month after your specified start date. You can designate, modify or cancel your donation, with 15 days of advance notice to the office.

## SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

Children must early learn the beauty of generosity. They are taught to give what they prize most, that they may taste the happiness of giving.  
*Charles Alexander Eastman (1858-1939), Native American author*

## RAISE THE ROOF FUNDRAISING UPDATE

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS ...

**Sunday, April 22 – Italian Lunch** – The menu will consist of salad, penne pasta with various sauces, breads/rolls, dessert and tea and coffee. Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children age 13 and under. They can be purchased in the lower hall following the service or through the church office.

NOTE: We will accommodate special dietary restrictions (i.e. gluten free, vegetarian)  
**Sat., May 26 – Pie, Plant Sale & Yard Sale**  
Continue to watch the bulletin for more information on these events.

Did you know - the weekly offering envelope has a line item "**Please consider an additional gift to the Roof Fund**".

### RTR FINANCIALS

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\$93,675 – Funds as of March 4  
305 – Funds received March 11  
\$93,980 – TOTAL funds received to date

### PAN MISSION (PRESBYTERIANS AIDING NICARAGUA)

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Loraine Warnock is co-leading a Medical Mission trip this fall (end of November) to Nicaragua & El Salvador through PAN Mission. We are looking for medical and non-medical people interested in participating. Please phone me at 519-243-0530 or email me at [dragonboatmama@hotmail.com](mailto:dragonboatmama@hotmail.com) to learn more!

### WORSHIP COMMITTEE INFORMATION

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Seating in the Sanctuary :

1. Do you know that there are seat pads in the Narthex. Please check with one of the hosts if you need one.
2. When worship is live-streamed, our Church can look empty if the front pews have no one in them. Please consider moving forward!
3. Have you watched our service on live stream? Not sure how to do this? Please let Lizz, or your Elder know, and we can arrange assistance with this.

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The **SOUP'ER SUNDAY** lunch in March raised \$533.75 for upgrading Chalmers' technology.