

## 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.

This morning we are pleased to welcome Wilma Boyce to lead worship.

### AT A GLANCE: MARCH 1 - 8

<b>SUNDAY</b>	Worship & Sunday School	10:00 am
	Soup'er Sunday	11:30 am
<b>TUESDAY</b>	Care & Share	12:30 pm
	Seniors' Fitness	1:00 pm
	Presbytery Special Meeting	7:00 pm
	Policy & Planning Meeting	7:30 pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Knitting Circle	1:30 pm
	Session Executive	7:00 pm
	Reachout Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm
	Mission Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
	Praise Team Practise	8:00 pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Seniors' Satellite Fitness	9:00 am
	Seniors' Euchre	1:00 pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	Worship & Sunday School	10:00 am
	Meadow Park Worship	11:30 am
	Stephen Ministry	7:00 pm

### OFFICE HOURS:

**Mon:** 9 am - 3 pm, **Tues - Thurs:** 12-3 pm  
**Fri:** 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- \* Movie Night: "A Beautiful Life" - Mar 13, 7 pm
- \* St. Patty's Kitchen Party - Mar 15, 11:30 am
- \* Biblical Storytelling Workshop - Apr 25, 9:30 am

### TODAY'S HOSTS:

Gail McHardy-Leitch & Don Leitch  
Betty & Peter Longmore  
Brian & Pat MacKay

### NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Jo-Ann & Ainsley Marshall  
Charles & Kathy McCartney  
Marilyn & Dave McFadden

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Mar 1: No Coffee - Soup'er Sunday  
Mar 8: Charles & Kathy McCartney  
Mar 15: No Coffee - St. Patty's Luncheon  
Mar 22: Helen Innes & Debbie Scott

### COUNTERS:

Mar 1: Todd & Brenda  
Mar 8: Bob & Mary  
Mar 15: Bruce & Joanne  
Mar 22: Maureen & Heather

### IN THE BOOTH:

Mar 1: Tammy, Rick & Sue  
Mar 8: Colin, Isla & Lizz  
Mar 15: Colin, Torry & Rose Marie  
Mar 22: Tom, Sue & Lizz

### IN THE NURSERY:

Mar 1: Sharlet & Patricia  
Mar 8: Susan & Leslie  
Mar 15: Cathy & Jane  
Mar 22: Wanda & Dan

# Chalmers Presbyterian Church

## Worship Celebration

March 1, 2020 - 10:00 am

1st Sunday of Lent



### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers  
Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Office Administrator  
Caretaker  
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers  
Tom Hunter  
Beth Hickey  
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## WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

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

Call to Worship (See PWS & D Insert)

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Declaration of Pardon

One: Hear the words of the Psalmist: Happy are those who are forgiven.

**All: Be glad in the Lord and rejoice. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new.  
Thanks be to God!**

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

**And also with you.**

★ Praise: *Just as I am* 682 (v. 1, 2 & 4)

(Children and teachers leave for Sunday school)

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture reading: Psalm 32

One: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**All: Blessed are those whom the Lord does not hold guilty,  
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

One: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**All: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

One: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

**All: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"  
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

One: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you;  
at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

**All: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**

One: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding,  
whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

**All: Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those  
who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous;  
shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

Choir Anthem: *Together Through the Valley* by Linnea Good

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Shirley Hall

One: The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon: **The Ultimate Test**

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection

★ Praise: *Lord Jesus, who through forty days* 200

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Minute for Ministry: Refuge Ministries Release Kits

Linda Bone

The Offering of Our Gifts: *Give Thanks*

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

**Lord God, we offer our gifts and our very selves in thanksgiving for all that you provide. Receive all that we can offer you and bless us, so that we become a source of life and mercy for others, in the name of Christ, our strength and our redeemer...**

★ Praise: *Love the Lord your God*

(Children and teachers return from Sunday school)

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

★ Praise: *Blessed Be Your Name*

★ 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.*

CHOIR ANTHEM: **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.

## Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For strength and healing for **Betty Smedley** who is in hospital recovering from surgery and is fighting an infection. May God surround Dennis and Betty with his peace.
- ◆ For God's comfort and strength for **Nancy Suchard** and family with the passing of former Chalmers Church member, Carl Suchard on Saturday, February 22. Visitation to be held from 1 pm to 3 pm Saturday, February 29, at Forest Lawn Memorial Funeral Home with the celebration of life to follow there at 3pm.
- ◆ For healing for **Marg Ward** as she continues to recover at home from recent surgery.
- ◆ 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 his wife, Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ 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 **Eileen Reid, Linda McPherson, Maureen Gaskin, Roy Young, and Ross Cole**.

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**SOUP'ER SUNDAY** You are invited to join us **TODAY** following worship for a delicious soup lunch, and warm fellowship. A freewill offering will be received in support of youth attending Canada Youth. All welcome!

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**MOVIE NIGHT:** Join us **Friday, March 13**, at **7 pm** to see the movie, "A Beautiful Life" the story of Mr. Rogers. Movie night is free and open to all! Please sign up in the narthex.

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**ST. PATTY'S KITCHEN PARTY:** Join us **Sunday, March 15th, 11:30 am** for Irish Stew, Irish Soda Bread, Irish Desserts and music by Bob Finlay and the Ukes of London. Tickets \$15, available in the lower hall after worship starting today, or in the church office during the week.



### March 1: Community Outreach

West Toronto's St. Andrew's Islington Presbyterian Church has begun a new missional experiment called Intersection that seeks to reach out to people living in their community. This ministry invites people who have never been to church and may not feel comfortable stepping inside a church building to experience worship in a way that is more comfortable for them. The church is introducing neighbours to Christ by hosting events in everyday places such as retail spaces and condo party rooms. They hope to bless their neighbours by offering ESL meet ups, a senior's drop-in café, divorce care groups, and parenting support programs.

*Presbyterians Sharing reaches out in new ways*

### SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

#### March 1

If you have been blessed with a great deal, then you have a lot of giving to do. - *Johanna B. Cole (1936 -), anthropologist, college president*

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**LENT BIBLE STUDY:** "10 Key Passages from the Bible" by Julie B. Sevig. Join us **Mondays March 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6, from 7-8:30 pm**. We will be exploring Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Exodus 20:1-17, Ephesians 2:8-10, Micah 6:8, Hebrews 11:1-3, Psalm 23, John 3:16, Romans 8:31-39, and Revelation 1:8. *Please sign up in the narthex.*

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**SAVE THE DATE:** CE and Faith Development are offering a Biblical Storytelling Workshop on **Saturday, April 25 from 9:30-noon**. Guest Presenter: Rev. Susan Wilson of St. Matthews on the Plains Anglican Church, Burlington. Susan is a member of the Network of Biblical Storytellers of Canada. Come learn to commit Bible stories to heart and bring them to life. No cost to attend. Please sign up in the narthex. All welcome!

## LIBRARY NEWS

### Chosen People – by Robert Whitlow

Robert Whitlow writes about lawyers and court cases, but although this story centres around two lawyers, the court case never actually happens. Hana Abboud and Jacob Brodsky are the lawyers, and the case circles around a terrorist attack 4 years ago which killed a young mother Gloria Neumann and injured her daughter Sadie. The story starts in the United States, and Jakob tries to bring a lawsuit that would hopefully bring some closure to the Neumann family. Hana is brought in as co-counsel, and decides that they need to do some research in Israel to get more insight into whether this was really a terrorist attack or just an unfortunate case of someone in the wrong place at the wrong time. I found this an interesting read, with many twists and turns that kept you reading 'just another page' consistently.

*Christine Hunter, Librarian*

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**PRESBYTERIANS READ:** In Lent 2020 we will read *Lent for Everyone* (Matthew, Year A) by N. T. Wright. There are still two books available - see Linda Adamson in the lower hall following worship. A \$10 contribution is suggested to help defray the cost.

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**LENTEN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE:** The Mission Committee on behalf of Refuge Ministries Intl. are inviting you during Lent to provide release kits containing toothbrush & toothpaste, deodorant, soap, a comb, a pen and notepad for individuals being release from prison. Bags are available in the narthex with a shopping list. Please return to the designated box in the narthex by Palm Sunday, April 5.

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**GIVING RECEIPTS:** If you haven't already done so, please pick up your 2019 giving receipt from the mailboxes this morning. All that remain on Monday will be put in the mail.

**NEW PROFESSING MEMBERS:** We look forward to welcoming new professing members during the spring. Please speak with Rev. John or with your elder if you would like to know more about becoming a professing member.

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**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** Calvary United Church is hosting the Annual World Day of Prayer on **Friday, March 6 at 2 pm**. The service for 2020 has been prepared by the Women of Zimbabwe. See insert for more information.

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**LONDON PRAYER BREAKFAST:** The London Prayer Breakfast, traditionally held in May, will take place this year on **Wednesday, March 17** at RBC Place (London Convention Centre, 300 York Street) from **7am - 9am** sharp. Tickets are \$35.00/person, and are available through the CCNL website.

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**A REMINDER TO SPRING FORWARD:** Next Sunday, March 8 at 3am Daylight Savings Time returns - remember to put your clocks ahead 1 hour Saturday evening!

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**UPDATE FROM REV. JOHN:** Thursday, February 27: What a full, tiring, and uplifting day of field visits along with a meeting with the Embangweni Hospital staff. We also had a tour of the hospital during the morning. Things are pretty basic here and the dirt/mud roads are rough. The 10 of us were in a large SUV for at least 2 hours driving to and from the rural medical clinics. The heavy rains earlier in the week left the roads in bad shape. The local village leaders and young people put on an almost two hour program of drama, music and testimonials having to do with HIV/AIDS prevention, family planning and maternal and infant health care. It was entertaining, informative and educational. The people of the villages are so grateful for our visits and the life changing work the church is doing through PWS&D.