

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 3

Prayers of Adoration & Confession

Declaration of Pardon

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

★ Praise: I hunger and I thirst 198

(Children & Teachers leave for Sunday School)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture readings: Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalm 63:1-8

One: O God, you are my God, I seek you,

**All: my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
As in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

One: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
Beholding your power and glory.

All: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

One: So I will bless you as long as I live;

All: I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

One: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,

**All: and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;
for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

One: My soul clings to you;

All: your right hand upholds me.

Choir Anthem: **Come to the Water**, Foley arr Schrader

Scripture Reading: Luke 13: 1-9 Kristine Hardy

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

★ Praise: All who are thirsty

Sermon: **The God of Second Chances**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection Jesus, remember me 206 (3x)

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of Our Gifts God forgave my sin / Freely, freely 774

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

God of grace, we praise you for giving us yet another opportunity to love and serve you. With these gifts of money we give you the glory and we support your mission in the local community and the wider world, through Jesus Christ our Lord ...

★ Praise: Seek ye first 625

(Children & Teachers return from Sunday School)

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

★ Praise: Amazing Love (I'm Forgiven)

★ 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.*



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.

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.

AT A GLANCE: March 24 - 31

SUNDAY Worship & Sunday School - 10am
Library Open – 11:15am
Congregational Meeting - 11:15am
Youth Choir - 11:30am
Stephen Ministry - 7pm
Men's Mission Service - 7pm

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
Property Management - 7:30pm
Praise Team Rehearsal - 8pm

FRIDAY Seniors' Satellite - 9am
Seniors' Euchre - 1pm
Volleyball - 8pm

SATURDAY Celebration of Life for Doris Doskas -
2pm

SUNDAY Worship & Sunday School - 10am
Library Open – 11:15am
Soup'er Sunday - 11:15am
Youth Choir - 11:30am

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: noon - 3pm

UPCOMING DATES:

Mar 29: Volleyball
Mar 30: Celebration of Life - Doris Doskas
Mar 31: Soup'er Sunday
Apr 19: Good Friday Breakfast & Worship

TODAY'S HOSTS:

Debbie Scott & Dennis Smedley
Karen Dutton & Wanda MacKay
Shirley Hall & Ann Hunter

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Abbey Poser & Anita Powell
Gail McHardy-Leitch & Don Leitch
Irene Thayer & Jeff Putt

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Mar 24: AGM
Mar 31: Soup'er Sunday
Apr 7: Karen Dutton & Heather Reid
Apr 14: Holly Williams & Sue Garner

COUNTERS:

Mar 24: Brian & Pat
Mar 31: Doris & Yvonne
Apr 7: Todd & Brenda
Apr 14: Heather & Maureen

IN THE BOOTH:

Mar 24: Tom, Marilyn & Lizz
Mar 31: Tom, Torry & Rose Marie
Apr 7: Colin, Isla & Lizz
Apr 14: Colin, Rick & Marilyn



Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Third Sunday of Lent

March 24th, 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*

- ◆ Cyclone Idai tore through central Mozambique as well as parts of Malawi and Zimbabwe in early March. Hundreds of thousands have been impacted and the death toll is steadily rising. We pray for all those affected by this terrible disaster.
- ◆ For God's healing for Jean Cassidy, a member of our church family, who is recovering at University Hospital, following major leg surgery.
- ◆ For the Lord to give peace and comfort to all who are grieving those killed in the Ethiopian airline crash.
- ◆ For God's peace for the family and friends of the 50 people murdered in the two mosques in Christchurch, New Zealand, and for a sense of solidarity and support for our Muslim neighbours in this community.
- ◆ For God to bless the staff who serve at the Teen Challenge Thrift Store at the Pond Mills Shopping Centre
- ◆ For God to give us vision, courage and strength as we gather for our annual congregational meeting today. May we be inspired 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 Daisy Herbert, Eileen Reid, Linda McPherson, Maureen Gaskin, and Ross Cole.

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**CHALMERS ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** will be held today following worship. Lunch will be provided. Annual reports are available in the narthex and on-line at [www.chalmerslondon.com/annual-report-2018.html](http://www.chalmerslondon.com/annual-report-2018.html)

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

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A memorial service for Doris Doskas will be held on Saturday, March 30th at 2pm.

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We will be celebrating the 122nd Anniversary of the founding of Chalmers PC during worship on Sunday, May 26th. Please mark this date on your calendar.



March 24: Honouring Indigenous art

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Picton, ON is building relationships with Indigenous people through the celebration of Indigenous art and culture. The church is now home to the largest Indigenous mural on a church in Canada. The congregation received permission by award-winning Métis visual artist and author Christi Belcourt to reproduce her Art Gallery of Ontario commissioned piece, Wisdom of the Universe. A team of Toronto muralists spent one week recreating the 37'x 36' mural on the church's north exterior wall. The entire mural is comprised of dots to represent beadwork, which is a common theme in much of Belcourt's work.

Presbyterians Sharing supports healing and reconciliation initiatives

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

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Money is not the only commodity that is fun to give. We can give time; we can give our expertise; we can give our love or simply give a smile. What does that cost? The point is, none of us can ever run out of something worthwhile to give.

*Steve Goodier (1962 - ), author, minister*

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If you are interested in becoming a **PROFESSING MEMBER** of Chalmers, please speak to Rev. John.

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Mission Committee will be attending the **MEN'S MISSION** this evening with a message of Christian Faith. If you would like to join us and/or provide a loaf of sandwiches for the lunch afterwards, please let Linda Bone know.

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"REAL FAITH", a monthly faith-based gathering for young adults (post secondary) from across London Presbytery will be meeting at Westmount Presbyterian Church on Thursday, March 28th, 8-9pm. For info, contact Rev. Dr. Jeff at minister.westmount@gmail.com or Rev. Mavis at m.currie@knoxstthomas.ca

LIBRARY NEWS

Easter is a good time to take a moment and look inward. We have pulled some Easter reading off the shelves and would encourage you to visit the library and see what speaks to your heart. Here are some of the books available.

Easter Reading:

Max Lucado – He Chose the Nails

Max Lucado – Six hours one Friday

Tricia M. Rhodes – Contemplating the Cross

Bill Crowder – The Path of His Passion

Bill Crowder – Windows on Easter

William Nicholson – The Six Miracles of Calvary

Lee Strobel – the Case for Easter

Bodie & Brock Thoene – Why A crown

Suggested Devotional Reading:

Max Lucado – Give it all to Him

Max Lucado – When God Whispers your Name

Children's Easter Reading:

Eric C. Bohnet – Mary's Easter Story

Tommy Nelson – The legend of the Three Trees

Stan & Jan Berenstain – Berenstain Bears Easter Classics (NEW)

Stan & Jan Berenstain – Berenstain Bears and the Real Easter Eggs

Christine Hunter, Librarian

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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

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On behalf of the London Christmas Kettle Team, we would like to thank Chalmers for your past volunteering at our Christmas Kettles and invite you to our Volunteer Appreciation Movie Night on Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30pm

Please poster in the narthex for invite and details

Please RSVP to Jodie at:

jodie_yule@can.salvationarmy.org or by phone 519-873-2987 no later than April 8th

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Many thanks & blessings,

Your London Christmas Kettle Team

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Peden **MENTAL HEALTH OUTREACH** presented by White Oaks United Church. This years' 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

CHILDREN & WORSHIP PROGRAM BASIC TRAINING WORKSHOP

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**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)

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Attention Parents, grandparents, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, and clergy: **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.

