

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 4

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: God welcomes all / Still

(Children & Teachers leave for Sunday School)

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

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: The 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: Now the Silence by Schalk, Vajda

Scripture Reading: Luke 15, selected verses

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

★ Praise: I come with joy

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Sermon: **Happy Lent**

WE RESPOND TO GOD

A Time for Reflection

He Touched Me

Jim Harrett

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Ministry Minute: Leading with Care

The Offering of Our Gifts I do give

**Jesus I to thee do give
every day I'll ever live,
every word I'll ever say
every moment every day.**

**Jesus I do give today
all of me, in every way
mind and body, heart and soul,
offering not in part but whole.**

Chorus: I do give, I do give, I do give myself to thee. (repeat)

Offering Prayer & Prayers of the People

**Awesome God, you are the giver of every good and perfect gift. With joy we share
these gifts of money as we continue the Lenten journey toward the old rugged
cross and the empty tomb. Bless us in our living and our giving, through Jesus
Christ our Lord ...**

★ Praise: You Are My King (Amazing Love)

(Children & Teachers return from Sunday School)

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

★ Praise: Come, let us sing

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★ 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.*

Now The Silence by Schalk, Vajda

Now the silence now the peace, Now the empty hands uplifted, Now the kneeling now the plea, Now the Father's arms in welcome, Now the hearing now the power, Now the vessel brimmed for pouring, Now the body now the blood, Now the joyful celebration, Now the wedding now the songs, Now the heart forgiven leaping, Now the Spirit's visitation, Now the Son's epiphany, Now the Father's blessing, Now now now

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 31 - April 7

SUNDAY	Worship & Sunday School - 10am Library Open – 11:15am Soup'er Sunday - 11:15am Youth Choir - 11:30am
MONDAY	Who is Jesus Study - 7pm
TUESDAY	Pastoral Care Committee - 9:30am Seniors' Fitness - 1pm Care & Share - 1pm Human Resources - 6:45pm Policy & Planning - 7:30pm
WEDNESDAY	Session Executive - 12pm Knitting Circle - 1:30pm Mission Committee - 6:30pm Reachout Rehearsal - 7:30pm
THURSDAY	Choir Rehearsal - 6:30pm Praise Team Rehearsal - 8pm
FRIDAY	Seniors' Satellite - 9am Seniors' Euchre - 1pm
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 31: Soup'er Sunday
Apr 19: Good Friday Breakfast & Worship
Apr 21: Easter Sunday worship & Holy Communion

TODAY'S HOSTS:

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

NEXT SUNDAY'S HOSTS:

Brian & Pat MacKay
Jo-Ann & Ainsley Marshall
Kathy & Charles McCartney

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP SERVERS:

Mar 31: Soup'er Sunday
Apr 7: Karen Dutton & Heather Reid
Apr 14: Holly Williams & Sue Garner
Apr 21: Easter Sunday

COUNTERS:

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

IN THE BOOTH:

Mar 31: Tom, Torry & Rose Marie
Apr 7: Colin, Isla & Lizz
Apr 14: Colin, Rick & Marilyn
Apr 21: Tom, Torry & Sue

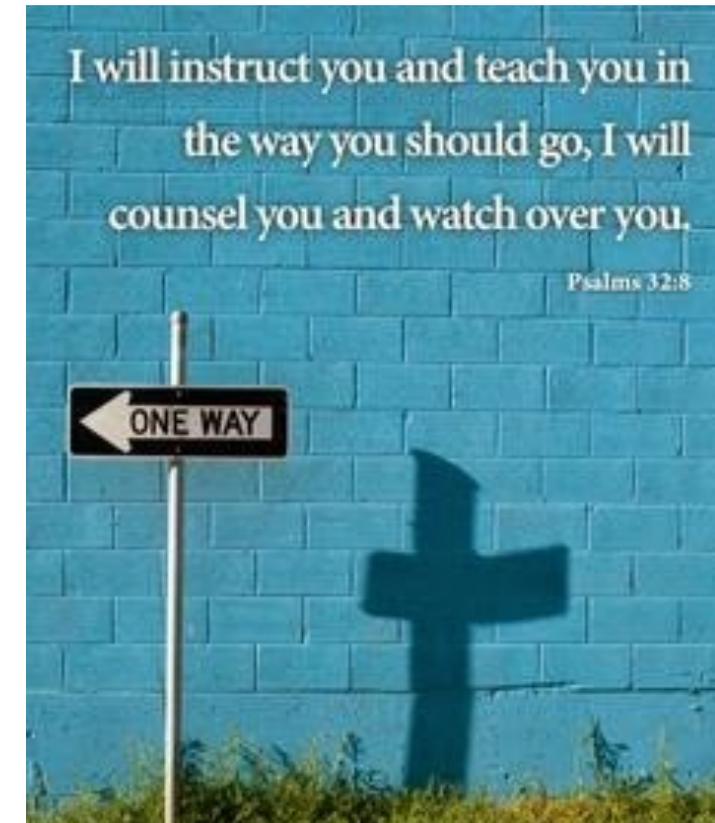


Chalmers Presbyterian Church

WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 31st, 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's healing for Laurie MacNeill who is recovering at home following shoulder replacement surgery last week. Pray also that the pain she is experiencing will soon subside.
- ◆ For God's healing for Jean Cassidy, a member of our church family, who is recuperating at Parkwood 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 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 Daisy Herbert, Eileen Reid, Linda McPherson, Maureen Gaskin, and Ross Cole.

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**SOUP'ER SUNDAY** - Today. Free-will offering. Proceeds to PAN Medical Mission.

The **PAN MEDICAL MISSION TEAM** is also looking for left over cotton/cotton blend material to make bags for our clinics in Nov.2019. Any colour will work. Proposed finished size 6x8". Please contact Audrey Baldwin

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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.

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If you wore a **RED WINTER COAT** to church last Sunday, would you please check the coat rack in the Narthex—I think you may have taken the wrong coat by mistake. The coat that was taken belongs to Pat MacKay. Many thanks for checking.

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



March 31: Serving. Leading. Connecting.

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support the mission and ministry we do together in Canada and around the world. Together as a church we equip, support and encourage leaders—lay and clergy—to do effective ministry. We send mission staff, short-term volunteers and grants to accompany international and Canadian mission partners. We assist new church developments and support, encourage and enrich congregations as they renew and grow their ministries. Together we speak on issues of justice and support healing and reconciliation ministries between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. As we encourage and equip one another and teach about love, faith and hope, we are proclaiming the good news of the Gospel. *Presbyterians Sharing supports a wide range of ministry and mission*

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

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Many people take no care of their money till they come nearly to the end of it, and others do just the same with their time. *Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1739-1842), writer, statesman*

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The 2019 **CONGREGATIONAL BUDGET** in the amount of \$253,929 was approved at the annual meeting last Sunday. This amount is approximately \$8500 less than the approved budget for 2018 but it is also about \$10,800 more than the total income/givings for the general fund last year. Copies of the approved congregational budget are on the table in the narthex. Please remember that your givings to the general fund support the mission and ministries of our church in the local community and around the world. Please prayerfully consider increasing your giving in 2019. Together we can reach this goal as we participate in God's mission in the world.

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It is with mixed emotions that we inform you that Lizz Thibodeau will be resigning from her position as Office Administrator of Chalmers, effective June 21, 2019. We sincerely thank Lizz for all of her excellent work in the office and wish her all the best as she transitions back to teaching.

## **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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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 see the poster in the narthex for invite and details* **Please RSVP: jodie_yule@can.salvationarmy.org or to Jodie by phone 519-873-2987 no later than April 8th** Many thanks & blessings, Your London Christmas Kettle Team

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Attention Parents, grandparents, Sunday school teachers, youth leaders, and clergy: **SATURDAY MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 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.

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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On May 16, 2019 from 7:00 – 9:00AM, Christians from across our city are invited to come together at the London Convention Centre to seek God for the flourishing of our city. As Jeremiah said so well, "... work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you.... Pray to the LORD for it, for its welfare will determine your welfare." (Jer. 29:7). With Ann Voskamp, NY Times best-selling author and international speaker, bringing the message and our own "We are Worshipers" providing music we anticipate hearing from God as we seek Him! Tickets (\$35 Early Bird, \$40 Regular) can be purchased by following the links at CCNL.ORG. See you there!

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The Cantorian Choir has been nominated for a Forest City London Music Award. This award is a fun venue to promote music in our community. Cantorian Choir holds its concerts at Chalmers and for several years has made very generous donations to the London Chaplaincy music and arts programme (The chaplaincy is a local church-based organization which provides after-school care programming for underprivileged kids, among other things.) If you would like to vote for the Cantorian Choir, please go to [FCLMA.ca](http://FCLMA.ca).

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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