

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us for **online** worship this Sunday. The service will be available through our website at chalmerslondon.com. The video link is found on the home page. We encourage you to let us know you have joined us by filling in the short response form.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE: MARCH 14-21

SUNDAY	Online Worship	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am
MONDAY	Online Lent Bible Study	7:00pm
TUESDAY	Session Online Meeting	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Care & Share Food Pickup	12:30 pm
	Online Prayer Meeting (Webex)	8:00 pm
THURSDAY	Online Community Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
SUNDAY	Online Worship	10:00 am
	Virtual Sunday School	11:00 am
	Stephen Ministry Supervision	7:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

The church building and office remain closed to the public. *Wendy is once again working from HOME. We urge you to call ahead before dropping by the church.* Email chalmerspresbyterian@bellnet.ca with any questions or needs.

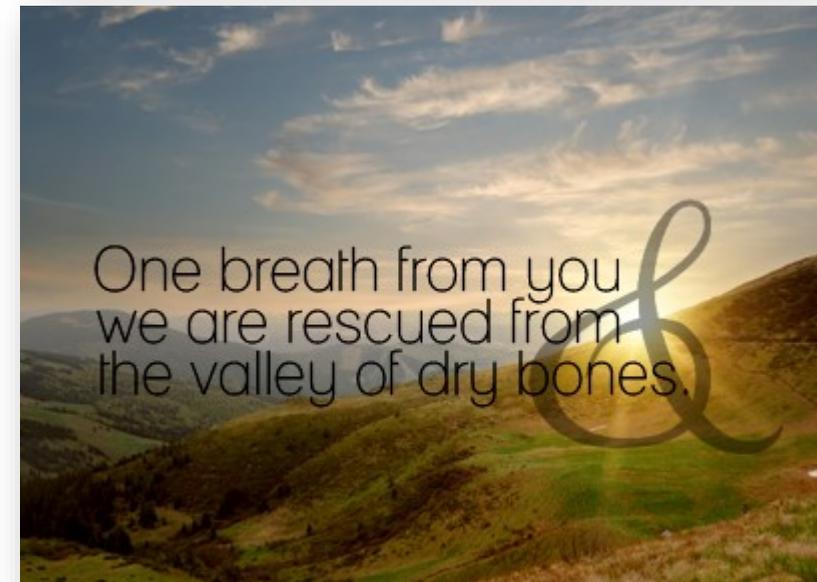
Rev. John can be reached on his home phone (519) 681-9876 or cell (226) 919-9180. Regular updates will be posted on the home page of our website, www.chalmerslondon.com. You may also find up to date information on the **Chalmers Presbyterian Church Ministries Group** Facebook page.

Chalmers Presbyterian Church

Online Worship Celebration

March 14, 2021

Lent IV



Chalmers' Ministry

Team:

Ministers
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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

PWS&D Insert—Lent IV

One: The journey to Jerusalem is long. This is a wilderness journey and we are not always comfortable. But we trust and we persevere.

All: We are pilgrims on a journey. We are travelers on the road.

One: God's people are familiar with wilderness. After Egypt, they wandered in hunger and thirst—confused and tired—waiting for the promised land. Our destination is different. We aim for Jerusalem—where it all ends—and where there will be new beginnings.

All: We are pilgrims on a journey. We are travelers on the road.

One: Let us pray.

All: God of the wilderness, give us strength when we wander. When we stray and grieve, hunger and thirst, you have promised to make water spring up in the desert. Quench our thirst. Feed us with manna. Strengthen us when we are tired or lack trust. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Praise: *Love divine, all loves excelling* (Lyrics on p. 3) 371 (1,2 & 4)

Prayers of Adoration, Confession, and Pardon

Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Exekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 42:1-5

One: As a deer longs for flowing streams so my soul longs for you, O God.

All: My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

One: When shall I come and behold the face of God.

All: My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

One: These things I remember as I pour out my soul:

All: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

One: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?

All: Hope in God; for again I shall praise, my help and my God.

Scripture Reading: John 14:15-17, 25-27

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Praise: *We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet* (lyrics on p. 3) 202

Message: *Questions for Lent: Can these Bones Live?*

Special Praise: *The River is Here* (lyrics on p. 3) Lynn & Tom Ball

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *Worship the Lord* (Lyrics on p. 3) 555 (v. 2 & 5)

Offering Prayer & **The Lord's Prayer**

Praise: *O Breath of life, come sweeping through us* (Lyrics on p. 3) 384 (v. 1-3)

The Blessing

Musical Postlude

Love divine, all loves excelling

Charles Wesley

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, oh breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest;
take away our love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly re stored in thee,
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

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We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet

Anna Briggs, Kenneth Finlay

We lay our broken world
in sorrow at your feet,
haunted by hunger, war and fear,
oppressed by power and hate.

Here human life seems less
than profit, might and pride,
though to unite us all in you,
you lived and loved and died.

We bring our broken towns,
our neighbours hurt and bruised;
you show us how old pain and
wounds
for new life can be used.

We bring our broken loves,
friends parted, families torn;
then in your life and death we see
that love must be reborn.

We bring our broken selves,
confused and closed and tired;
then through your gift of healing
grace new purpose is inspired.

O Spirit, on us breathe
with life and strength anew;
find in us love, and hope, and trust,
and lift us up to you.

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Worship the Lord

Fred Kaan

Refrain:
*Worship the Lord!
Worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands in devotion to God
who is one!*

Praying and training that we be a blessing,
and by our handiwork daily confessing:
we are committed to serving humanity,
worship and work must be one.

Refrain

Now in response to the life you are giving,
help us, Creator, to offer our living,
seeking a just and a healing society,
worship and work must be one.

Refrain

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O Breath of life, come sweeping through us

Linda Carmichael

O Breath of life, come sweeping through us;
revive your church with life and power.
O Breath of Life, come, cleanse, renew us,
and fit your church to meet this hour.

O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need;
then in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore, for this we plead.

O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart;
come, Love of Christ, afresh to win us,
revive your church in ev'ry part.

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SPECIAL PRAISE

The River is Here

Andy Park

Down the mountain the river flows,
and it brings refreshing wherever it goes.
Through the valleys and over the fields,
the river is rushing and the river is here.

Refrain:

*The river of God sets our feet a-dancing,
The river of God fills our hearts with cheer;
The river of God fills our mouths with laughter
And we rejoice for the river is here.*

The river of God is teeming with life
and all who touch it can be revived.
And those who linger on this river's shore
will come back thirsting for more of the Lord.

Refrain

Up to the mountain we love to go
to find the presence of the Lord.
Along the banks of the river we run,
we dance with laughter,
giving praise to the Son.

Refrain

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Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God's healing and pain control for **Joyce Yull** as she has recently returned to her home.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Jo-Ann Marshall** as she recovers at home from leg surgery. May God give her strength and peace during her time of convalescence.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Ken Hall** as he convalesces at home. May the Lord give strength to Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ For God's protection, peace and grace to surround us as we walk through these trying times due to the COVID-19 virus.
- ◆ 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 **Betty Smedley, Linda McPherson, and Ross Cole.**

CHALMERS FUNDRAISING PIE SALES: Many thanks to all who purchased (and enjoyed) Ruth's pies! A profit of over \$1,880 was realized. Bon appétit!

CHALMERS ONLINE COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUR: Join us Thursday evenings at 7:30pm for a relaxed time of fellowship. We are meeting on Zoom, meeting ID 350 336 4073 (this will remain the same each week) and there is no password. Contact Sue at 226-663-4735 if you have any questions!



March 14

Empowering Women and Girls

On March 8, we celebrated International Women's Day and reflected on the work the church is doing around the world to help achieve gender equality. Through Presbyterian World Service & Development, we support programs that help marginalized women and girls reach their full potential, access quality education and health care, achieve economic independence and advocate for their rights. Empowering and supporting vulnerable women and girls not only creates self-reliance but is crucial to ending poverty and hunger. When women are empowered, they help build a more sustainable and just world.

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

March 14

What is the use of a fine house if you haven't got a tolerable planet to put it on? *Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862), naturalist and author*

CHALMERS CARE & SHARE FOOD PROGRAM :

Care & Share continues to provide for families in our area, with safety protocols in place. Families in need may call the church Mondays to register, and pick up food Wednesdays at 12:30pm. Many thanks to our faithful volunteers!

CHALMERS SUNDAY SCHOOL : Join us online Sundays at 11am following worship. All kids welcome! For login information, chalmers.sunday.school@gmail.com.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Sugar Baron's Daughters – by Lisa T. Bergren

Book 1: Keturah

This trilogy is about three sisters, Keturah, the oldest, Verity, the middle child, and Selah the youngest. The story takes place in the later 1700's when ladies are expected to be subservient and never to rock the boat. But these sisters do not conform to this mold. They are well-to-do and live in a mansion where they are treated like the ladies they have been brought up to be. Their father owns a sugar plantation in the West Indies and that is where the bulk of their money comes from – but last year they didn't have a good crop..... And this year looks like it could be even worse And then they get word that their father has come down with a fever and has died. These sisters cannot live without money – so they decide that they must go to the Island of Nevis and take over the plantation. I can't tell you any more of their adventures because that would spoil your enjoyment of this ever changing story. A well written, exciting book.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

CHALMERS VIRTUAL PRAYER MEETING:

Join us for a weekly online prayer meeting. We will meet on Webex, every Wednesday evening at 8 pm for about an hour. All Welcome!

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing,

IN EVERYTHING give thanks,

FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN Christ Jesus.

— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

COVID-19 UPDATE: At their meeting on February 16 Chalmers Session decided that **online worship will continue for the month of March 2021.** All regular programming at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, save Care & Share, has been suspended and the church and office are **closed.** Mail, Email and phone messages are being monitored on a regular basis.

OFFICE HOURS: The church office is closed and **Wendy will be working from home** as much as possible for the foreseeable future. She can be reached at home during her regular office hours (Mon 12-3 pm, Tues/Thurs/Fri 9am—12pm) by email or phone/text (519) 872-0003. Please call ahead before visiting the church.

