

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us as we **live stream** worship for the next few weeks. The service will be available through our website at chalmerslondon.com. The live stream 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: MAY 3—10

SUNDAY	Worship (Online)	10:00 am
	Stephen Ministry (Online)	7:00 pm
TUESDAY	Care & Share	12:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	Mission Committee Mtg (Online)	7:30 pm
SUNDAY	Worship (Online)	10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:

The Chalmers Church office is closed until such a time as meeting restrictions are lifted. Rev. John and Wendy Sibley are working from home. Please email chalmerspclondon@gmail.com with any questions or needs. Rev. John can be reached at his home phone (519) 681-9876 or cell phone (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

Worship Celebration

May 3, 2020

4th Sunday of Easter

(Online)



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
Clerk of Session
Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
Pastor

All the People of Chalmers
Tom Hunter
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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

One: Let us worship God in the name of Jesus Christ, the good shepherd,

All: who offers us abundant life.

One: Let us worship God in the name of the One who leads us by still waters,

All: and restores our souls.

One: Let us worship God in the name of the One who prepares a banquet for us,

All: and fills our cups to overflowing. Let us worship God.

Praise: *You are my all in all* (lyrics on page 3)

Prayers of Approach

Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23 (Unison)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside the still waters.

He restores my soul;

he leads me in the paths of righteousness

for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup runs over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:42-47

John 10:1-10

One: The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: ***The Good Shepherd***

Special Praise: *The Lord's My Shepherd*

Bob Finlay

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

Prayers of the People & **The Lord's Prayer**

The Blessing

Praise: *Saviour, like a shepherd lead us* (lyrics on page 3)

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Musical Postlude



You are my all in all

Dennis Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all

Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

Refrain

*Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is your name*

Taking my sin my cross my shame
Rising again I bless your name
You are my all in all

When I fall down you pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

Refrain

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Saviour, like a shepherd lead us

Dorothy A. Thrupp, William Bradbury

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us:
much we need your tender care;
in your pleasant pastures feed us;
for our use your folds prepare:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
you have bought us; yours we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
you have bought us, yours we are.

We are yours; in love befriend us;
be the guardian of our way;
keep your flock from sin, defend us;
seek us when we go astray:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
hear your children when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
hear your children when we pray.

Let us always seek your favour;
let us always do your will.
Jesus Christ our only Saviour,
with yourself our spirits fill:
blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
you have loved us; love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
you have loved us; love us still.

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The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom,
and the power and the glory,
forever.
Amen

Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For God's comfort and strength for Betty Smedley, and her daughters, Karen and Susan with the passing of **Dennis Smedley**. Dennis was a faithful member of our church and he will be greatly missed.
- ◆ 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 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'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 **Linda McPherson, Roy Young, and Ross Cole**.
- ◆ Pray for **Nova Scotians**. Pray that the people of Portapique and the other affected communities would have an experience of Jesus standing beside them in the midst of their fear. Pray that those who have suddenly lost their loved ones would know the Spirit's consolation as close as their own breath. Pray with gratitude for the members of the RCMP and other emergency personnel who hurried to the aid of those communities, putting themselves at risk, and doing everything they could to put an end to the violence.



May 3: Making a new home after fleeing Syria

When the war in Syria intensified in 2012, many families were driven from their homes. The bombing of Garib's family apartment left him clutching his two-day old son as they ran "a race for their lives." In his family's new home in Lebanon, employers are hesitant to hire refugees, so every day is a struggle. Garib's family misses the things that made Syria home: "My four-year-old remembers that he used to have a bicycle back in Syria. That's not an option for him here." Through a PWS&D-supported program, Garib, his wife and children, and his extended family are able to access food vouchers, milk and diapers, as well as psychosocial care. Grateful for the support they receive, Garib said, "I think the church does this because Christianity is love."

PWS&D shares the love of Christ through food assistance

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP

May 3

Expressing our gratitude is a gift to the giver.

Sue Bender (1932 -), author

Prayer for Nova Scotia Continued...

- ◆ Let us also pray for the pastors and churches of Nova Scotia, that they will know Christ's presence standing beside them and the Spirit's breath equipping and empowering them as they minister to the hurting people of their communities. Especially in this current context of staying home and physical distancing, may the church find faithful and creative ways to share God's love with those who are grieving.

LIBRARY NEWS

Missing Isaac – by Valerie Fraser Luesse

A very interesting book. It takes place in a southern town called Glory at a time when colour and status were unmixable! People of colour lived and stayed in their own area, and white folks did not travel in those areas. Pete was a young boy whose grandfather was wealthy and owned a lot of land. Cotton was the crop that was grown on this land and Isaac's family were the folks who cultivated and picked this cotton. There is an accident and Pete's father is killed, but Isaac is the one who tries to save him. There is a very special relationship between Pete and Isaac and both families love the relationship between these two. Isaac disappears and no-one seems to know anything about where he is, what happened to him or even if he is alive or dead. The relationships in this story are heart-warming (in the most part) and heart-wrenching at times. Yes – a very interesting book.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

Care & Share These are trying times for many. For this reason Chalmers' Food Assistance Program is still running, serving our community in this time of need. Precautions and procedures are in place, as prescribed by the Health Unit, to keep all parties safe. Many thanks to our volunteers who continue to give of their time and energy to see families fed. If you know of anyone living in the neighbourhoods immediately surrounding the church who is in need at this time, please encourage them to phone the church on Monday morning to register for assistance.

ONLINE DONATIONS: Thank you for your continued support of Chalmers Presbyterian Church during this time of physical distancing. Offerings may be mailed in to the church, or submitted online through CanadaHelps.org. A link is found on the home page of our website.

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Have you considered signing up for **PAR (PRE AUTHORIZED REMITTANCE)?** It's easy to do, makes consistent offerings simple and can be stopped or adjusted easily. Offering is withdrawn directly from your bank account monthly. Forms are available in the narthex, or speak to Wendy.

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CHURCH DIRECTORY: If you would like a copy of the church directory, please email the office at chalmerspclondon@gmail.com and Wendy will email you an electronic copy.

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**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 of the church.

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COVID-19 UPDATE: All regular programming at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, save Care & Share has been suspended, and the church office is closed for the duration of the government restrictions on gatherings.

At this point we have suspended services in the church building for **May 3 & 10th**, in accordance with provincial guidelines - services will be recorded and uploaded or live streamed through our website, chalmerslondon.com.