

CHALMERS' LIFE & MISSION

We welcome you to join us as we **live stream** worship this Sunday. 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:

OCTOBER 18-25

SUNDAY	Online Worship	10:00 am
	Stephen Ministry Online Supervision	7:00 pm
MONDAY	Worship Committee Online Meeting	7:00 pm
TUESDAY	Care & Share	12:30 pm
	Session Online Meeting	7:30 pm
THURSDAY	Virtual Coffee Hour	7:30 pm
SUNDAY	Online Worship	10:00 am

OFFICE HOURS:

The Chalmers Church office is closed until such a time as meeting restrictions are lifted. 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

October 18, 2020

20th Sunday after Pentecost

(Online Worship)



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

Psalm 118:24

One: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Praise: *O God, our help in ages past* (Lyrics on page 3)

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Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Celebrating with the Children

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Psalm 90:1-6, 16-17

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**All: Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

One: You turn us back to dust, and you say, "Turn back, you mortals."

**All: For a thousand years in your sight
are like yesterday when it is past,
or like a watch in the night.**

One: You sweep them away, they are like a dream,
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

**All: in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;
In the evening it fades and withers.**

One: Let your work be manifest to your servant,
And your glorious power to their children.

**All: Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,
And prosper for us the work of our hands -
O prosper the work of our hands!**

Scripture Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

Matthew 20:29-34

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: **It's About Time**

Special Praise: *Forever and Always* by Puls/Sissons (Lyrics on page 3) Bob Finlay

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *God whose giving knows no ending* 663

Offering Prayer

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

Praise: *How then shall I live* (Lyrics on page 3)

The Blessing

Musical Postlude

O God, our help in ages past

Isaac Watts

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne,
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home.

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God whose giving knows no ending

Robert L. Edwards

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door,
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your
grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the Gospel Word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.

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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

How then shall I live

Linnea Good

Took a walk outside my walking,
stepped inside another's shoes.
Walked the dusty borders between us,
paths I'd never chosen to choose.

Refrain:
How then shall I live?
How then Shall I live?
How then shall I live, O God?
How then shall I live.

Heard a sound outside of my listening,
felt the living hum of the ground.
Waited on the voice of the spirit,
singing with its new-old sound.

Took a step outside of my walking,
found within a beat that we share.
Walked with you the length of a life-
time,
and made of Life a living prayer.

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Special Praise

Forever and Always by Puls/Sissons

Each moment is a treasure, a present to employ,
Not chasing fleeting pleasures, But finding lasting joy.
The truth that Christ is risen, It changes everything;
My hopes, my dreams, my passions,
Now center on my King!

*I live to serve my Savior, Not just to seize the day;
But to lay hold of glory, forever, forever and always!*

I'm holding on to glory
through storms and trials and tears.
I'm anchored in a promise that drives away all fears.
Though all around me changes,
My plans and prospects fail,
I have a risen Savior, whose purpose will prevail!

*I live to serve my Savior, not just get through the day;
But to lay hold of glory, forever, forever and always!*

This life can change so quickly;
Sometimes we just hold on.
What seems today so certain,
Tomorrow can be gone.
But Jesus never changes, Forever He's the same;
To shout and sing His praises Will ever be my aim!

*I live to serve my Savior, No matter come what may;
I am pressing on to glory, forever, forever and always!*

I'll set my gaze upon the cross,
And count this world as all but loss.
I'll set my gaze upon the cross,
And count this world as all but loss

*I live to serve my Savior, Not just to seize the day;
But to lay hold of glory, forever, forever and always!*

I am pressing on to glory, forever,
forever and always!

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Please *PRAY*

- ◆ 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 Shirley, as she cares for Ken.
- ◆ For God's healing for **Jim Gill** who is at Parkwood Hospital for a period of convalescence following surgery.
- ◆ 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.**

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**CHALMERS ONLINE COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUR:** WE'VE MOVED TO WEBEX! Every Thursday evening at 7:30pm. We'll open up at 7:15 to allow time for setup. Download the Webex app from your app store on your tablet or phone, or go to [webex.com](http://webex.com) to log into the meeting on computer. Meeting ID and password remain the same weekly. If you have any questions contact Sue at 226-663-4735.



### October 18 Investing in the Future of the Church

Presbyterians Sharing supports the Near East School of Theology (NEST) in Beirut, Lebanon. For over a century, NEST has been a powerful witness in the Middle East, training nearly 90% of the Protestant ministers in the region. Students come from some of the most difficult places in the world to be Christian: Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Palestine. NEST's President, Dr. George Sabra, shared, "The main concern of the church in the Middle East is how to remain here... We are preparing people to minister in situations where it is becoming very difficult for Christians to live." In faithfully partnering with NEST, we are investing in leadership development for the future of the church in the Middle East.

*Please pray for NEST as it repairs its badly damaged building and navigates the political unrest following the August explosion in Beirut.*

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SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP October 18

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

1 Peter 4:10

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

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Hope Harbour** – by Irene Hannon

### Hope Harbour Series #1

Tracy Campbell never wanted to leave Hope Harbor, Oregon, or the idyllic three-generation cranberry farm where she grew up. But when tragedy strikes and changes her plans yet again, she finds herself back in her hometown with a floundering farm to run and a heartbreaking secret. Romance is not on her agenda. But when Tracy recruits Michael Hunter to help save a struggling charitable organization, the winds of change begin to sweep through Hope Harbor, bringing healing, hope, and love to countless lives --- including their own.

*Christine Hunter, Librarian*

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Financial Report – As of August 31, 2020

INCOME:	
Offerings	\$122,205.28
On-line Donations	11,849.13
Rent & Other Income	4,256.50
Total Income	\$138,310.91
EXPENSES:	
Committee Expense	\$ 1,773.12
Church Building	39,633.56
Manse	573.53
Office & General	7,216.58
Salaries	89,647.76
Presbyterians Sharing	13,352.00
Pension Dues	6,676.08
Presbytery Assessment	2,293.78
Total Expenses	\$161,166.41
DEFICIT	(22,855.50)

COVID-19 UPDATE: The Province of Ontario continues to implement restrictions on public gatherings, in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19. At their meeting on September 22, Chalmers Session decided that online worship will continue for the month of October. All regular programming at Chalmers Presbyterian Church, save Care & Share, has been suspended and the church office is closed. Mail, Email and phone messages are being monitored on a regular basis.

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**CHALMERS SUNDAY SCHOOL** has moved ONLINE this fall! Every Wednesday night from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. Chalmers Sunday School is offering online programming in place of classes on Sunday morning. We meet together on Webex for a short opening session and then break into two groups (JK to Grade 5 and Grade 6 and up) for age appropriate lessons before coming back together for a short closing session. Everyone is welcome so please feel free to pass this information on to any families that might be interested in joining us. The specific Webex information is available by emailing [chalmers.sunday.school@gmail.com](mailto:chalmers.sunday.school@gmail.com).

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CARE & SHARE: Chalmers' food assistance program continues to serve our local community in this time of need. Precautions and procedures are in place, as prescribed by the Health Unit. Families in need can call the church Mondays to book an appointment for food pickup on Tuesday between 12:30 and 1:30 pm. Many thanks to our faithful Care & Share volunteers!