

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:

SEPTEMBER 20-27

SUNDAY	Online Worship	10:00 am
	Stephen Ministry Online Meeting	7:00 pm
TUESDAY	Pastoral Care Online Meeting	9:30 am
	Care & Share	12:30 pm
	Session Online Meeting	7:30 pm
WEDNESDAY	Mission Committee 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

September 20, 2020

16th Sunday after Pentecost

(Online Worship)



Chalmers' Ministry Team:

Ministers
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Music Director
Office Administrator
Caretaker
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WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

Psalm 34:3

One: Proclaim with me the Lord's greatness;

All: let us praise God's name together.

Let us worship God.

Praise: *Blest be the God of Israel* (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 85

One: Lord, you were favourable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

All: You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin.

One: You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

**All: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,
and put away your indignation toward us.**

One: Will you be angry with us forever?

All: Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

One: Will you not revive us again, so that your people may rejoice in you?

All: Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

One: Let me hear what God will speak, for the Lord will speak peace to the people, to the faithful, to those who turn to God on their hearts.

**All: Surely salvation is at hand for those who fear God,
that glory may dwell in our land.**

One: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**All: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

One: The Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

All: Righteousness will go before the Lord, and make a pathway for God.

Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9-21

John 16:25-33

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: ***Living Peaceably***

Special Praise: *Oh How Good it is* by Keith & Kristyn Getty

Wendy Sibley

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Praise: *May the God of hope* (Lyrics on page 3)

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

Praise: *Make me a channel of your peace* (Lyrics on page 3)

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The Blessing

Musical Postlude

Blest be the God of Israel

Michael Perry, Hal Hopson

Blest be the God of Israel,
who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us,
who grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy,
of rescue and release;
God shall fulfill the promise
to bring the gift of peace.

Now from the house of David
a child of grace has come,
a Saviour who will lead us
to our eternal home.
Before him goes his herald,
forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation,
the messenger of day.

On those who live in darkness
the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness
upon the sinner's eyes;
to guide the feet of pilgrims
along the path of peace.
O bless our god and Saviour
with songs that never cease!

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May the God of hope

Alvin Schutmaat

May the God of hope
go with us every day,
filling all our lives
with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice
speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope
to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all.
Working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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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

Make me a channel of your peace

Saint Patrick of Ireland, Music, Sebastian Temple

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.

O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

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Special Praise

O How Good it is

By Getty / Townend / Holmes

Oh how good it is
when the family of God
dwells together in spirit,
in faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace,
of acceptance and love,
are the fruit of His presence
here among us.

Refrain:

*So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
and with one heart
we'll live out His word,
till the whole earth sees
the Redeemer has come,
for He dwells in the presence
of His people.*

Oh how good it is
on this journey we share,
to rejoice with the happy
and weep with those who mourn.
For the weak find strength,
the afflicted find grace
when we offer the blessing
of belonging.

Oh how good it is
to embrace His command
to prefer one another,
forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one
we all share in the love
of the Son with the Father
and the Spirit.

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Please *PRAY*

- ◆ For the friends and family of **Betty Burrows**, long time faithful member of Chalmers, who passed away Sunday, September 13. We give thanks to God for Betty's life and faithfulness. A private committal service will be held later this week and a celebration of life service for Betty is being planned for next year.
- ◆ 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 **Todd Webster** who is now at home receiving treatment for pancreatitis.
- ◆ 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.**



September 20 International Day of Prayer for Peace (September 21)

Today, there are millions of people around the world living in conflict-affected countries. Many have been displaced from their homes and have limited access to basic needs. Children are unable to go to school. Families do not have enough food to eat. There is no telling when home might be safe again. Presbyterian World Service & Development (PWS&D) continuously provides emergency relief in conflict-affected areas. By reaching out to the most vulnerable to address immediate needs such as food, shelter, and water and sanitation, as well as long-term needs, such as livelihood recovery, education and psychosocial support, we help to restore strength and hope for the future for the world's most vulnerable.

PWS&D responds to conflict

SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP September 20

"With Christ, it is not how much we give, but what we do not give that is the real test." *Oswald Chambers (1874-1917), teacher, evangelist*

LIBRARY NEWS

War Room – by Chris Fabry
Elizabeth and Tony Jordan are having their marital problems. Both are too busy with their careers and with trying to give a good home life to their 10 year old daughter Danielle to stop and talk to each other. Tony starts spending more time on the road, and Elizabeth's resentment escalates. Elizabeth sells real estate and meets a new client who wants to sell her house. When Elizabeth meets Clara, they immediately form a bond. Elizabeth walks through the house to establish a realistic asking price and finds Clara's "War Room" where she spends her time alone with God and prays for people she knows who are needing her prayers. Elizabeth is fascinated. Reading this book was interesting, enlightening and challenging. A very enjoyable story.

Christine Hunter, Librarian

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 1pm. Many thanks to our volunteers who continue to serve our community with this vital ministry.

CHALMERS ONLINE COMMUNITY COFFEE HOUR: Every Thursday evening at 7:30pm. We'll open up at 7:15 to allow time for setup. If you have any questions or need setup help, contact Sue at 226-663-4735 or suegarner32@gmail.com.

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.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Most of the Province of Ontario has moved to Stage 3 of re-opening, with some restrictions lifting, taking precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. At their meeting on September 1, Session decided that online worship will continue for the month of September. 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.

RIDE FOR REFUGE 2020: On Saturday, October 3, Presbyterians from across Canada are fundraising in the Ride for Refuge in support of PWS&D's food security programs - projects that help farmers receive training to help improve crop yields, improve their nutrition and deal with the impacts of climate change. We're riding and walking because we believe in a world where everyone has enough to eat! The Mission Team of London Presbytery is hosting both a 25 km bicycle ride and a shorter walking option, leaving from Chalmers Presbyterian Church at 10 am. A bag lunch will follow. You can also participate from home! Visit <http://ride.w-ith.us/london> and choose London Presbytery to register or donate.

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live *peaceably* with all.