

## 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](http://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 27– OCTOBER 4

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

### OFFICE HOURS:

The Chalmers Church office is closed until such a time as meeting restrictions are lifted. Please email [chalmerspclondon@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.chalmerslondon.com). You may also find up to date information on the **Chalmers Presbyterian Church Ministries Group** Facebook page.

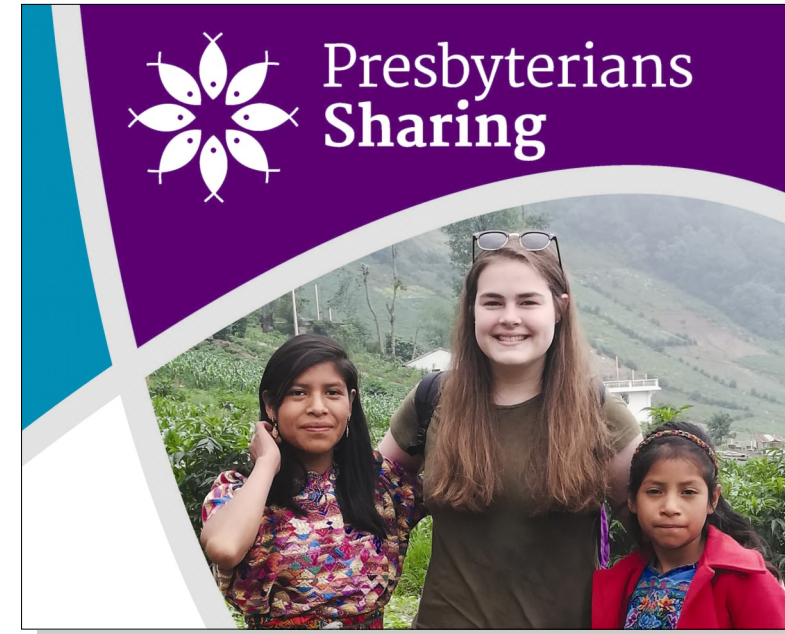
# Chalmers Presbyterian Church

## Worship Celebration

September 27, 2020

Presbyterians Sharing Sunday

(Online Worship)



### Chalmers' Ministry Team:

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Clerk of Session  
Music Director  
Office Administrator  
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## WE APPROACH GOD

Musical Prelude

Call to Worship

One: We are here because God's Spirit calls us to worship.

**All: We are here to offer our praise and thanksgiving for God's presence in our lives.**

One: We are here to acknowledge God's love all around us.

**All: We are here to claim the promise that wherever we are, God is with us.**

One: God is among us as we praise, pray, love and serve.

**All: God is here! Let us worship God!**

Praise: *The love of god comes close* (Lyrics on page 3) 474

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

**O God, we stand at the brink of what has been and what is yet to be. We long to receive the gift of your liberation and to taste the sweetness of your promises. But the way forward is unknown, and so we hesitate: discouraged, frightened, insecure, complaining. Still, we know we must move ahead on our journey. Make us mindful of your sustaining presence and, like a bird in full flight, may this assurance soar within our faith so we can rise above the challenges of this moment and follow you together in faith and obedience. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Reading: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16

One: Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;

**All: incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

One: I will open my mouth in a parable;

**All: I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us.**

One: We will not hide them from their children,;

**All: we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and the mighty wonders that God has done.**

One: In the sight of their ancestors God worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

**All: The Lord divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.**

One: In the daytime God led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.

**All: The Lord split rocks open in the wilderness, And gave them drink abundantly as from the deep. The Lord made streams come out of the rock, And caused waters to flow down like rivers.**

Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Matthew 21:28-32

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: ***Together on the Journey***

Rev. Amanda Currie, Moderator of the 2019 General Assembly

Special Praise: *Go Out to the World* by R. Cootes Bob & Rose Marie Finlay

## WE RESPOND TO GOD

Chalmers' Life and Mission

Presbyterians Sharing Video

The Offering of our Gifts

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

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The Blessing

Musical Postlude

## The love of God comes close

John Bell

The love of God comes close  
Where stands an open door,  
To let the stranger in,  
To mingle rich and poor.  
The love of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk the way;  
The love of God is here to stay.

The peace of God comes close  
To those caught in the storm,  
Forgoing lives of ease  
To ease the lives forlorn.  
The peace of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk the Way;  
The peace of God is here to stay.

The joy of God comes close  
Where faith encounters fears,  
Where heights and depths of life  
Are found through smiles and tears.  
The joy of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk the Way;  
The joy of God it here to stay.

The grace of God comes close  
To those whose grace is spent,  
When hearts are tired or sore  
And hope is bruised and bent.  
The grace of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk the Way; The  
grace of God is here to stay.

The Son of God comes close  
Where people praise his name,  
Where bread and wine are blest  
And shared, as when he came.  
The Son of God is here to stay  
Embracing those who walk the Way; The  
Son of God is here to stay.

## The church is wherever God's people

Alvin Schutmaat

The church is wherever  
God's people are praising,  
singing God's goodness  
for joy on this day.  
The church is wherever  
disciples of Jesus  
remember his story  
and walk in his way.

The church is wherever  
God's people are helping,  
caring for neighbours  
in sickness and need.  
The Church is wherever  
God's people are sharing  
the words of the bible  
in gift and in deed.

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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

## When the poor ones

Manzano, Olivar, Lockwood

When the poor ones who have nothing  
share with strangers,  
when the thirsty water give unto us all,  
when the crippled in their weakness  
strengthen others,  
then we know that God  
still goes that road with us.

When at last all those who suffer  
find their comfort,  
when they hope though even hope  
seems hopelessness,  
when we love though hate at times  
seems all around us,  
then we know that God  
still goes that road with us.

When our joy fills up our cup  
to overflowing,  
when our lips can speak no words  
other than true,  
when we know that love for simple things  
is better,  
then we know that God  
still goes that road with us.

When our homes are filled with goodness  
in abundance,  
when we learn how to make peace  
instead of war,  
when each stranger that we meet  
is called a neighbour,  
then we know that God  
still goes that road with us.

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## Special Praise

### Go Out to the World

By R. Cootes

*Refrain*

*Go out to the world! Go out to the world  
Go out to the world  
and proclaim the Good News!  
And know that I am with you,  
yes, until the end of time,  
as you go out to the world  
and proclaim the Good News.  
As you go out to the world  
and proclaim the Good News.*

As the Father sent me,  
(Go out to the world)  
So am I sending you,  
(Go out to the world)  
With the peace that I leave you,  
Go out to the world)  
With the joy of the Gospel in your hearts!

You are the salt of the earth.  
(Go out to the world)  
A light unto the nations.  
(Go out to the world)  
A city on a hill  
(Go out to the world)  
Let the light of your goodness ever shine.

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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.
- ◆ For God's comfort and strength for **Bruce & Joanne Dickert**, with the passing of Bruce's mother on Sept 22.
- ◆ 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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**OFFICE HOURS:** Effective Monday, September 28, Wendy will be working in the church office again Monday afternoons and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings. **Please note:** the building remains closed to the public. Please call the church office with any questions or if you require assistance.



### September 27 Presbyterians Sharing Sunday

**Presbyterians Sharing:** *Together we are making a difference!*

New church development. Partnership. International mission staff. Theological colleges. Healing and reconciliation. Leadership development. Congregational support. And so much more! Today, on Presbyterians Sharing Sunday, we celebrate the generosity of congregations across Canada who support our church's mission and ministry. As we encourage and equip one another and teach about love, faith and hope, we are proclaiming the good news of the gospel, in Canada and around the world.

**Presbyterians Sharing proclaims the good news of the Gospel**



**Presbyterians Sharing**

### **SPEAKING OF STEWARDSHIP** September 27

"Children must early learn the beauty of generosity. They are taught to give what they prize most, that they may taste the happiness of giving."

*Charles Alexander Eastman (1858-1939), Native American author*

## 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*

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

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**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](mailto: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.

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**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 22, 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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**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.