

*Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian
Church*

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Christmas Day

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship:

A child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulder,
and he is named:

**Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God,
Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.**

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "Oh come, all ye faithful"#159

Children's Time & Prayer

Prayer of Confession

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt, and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace, and live in the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: "Good Christians, all rejoice" #141

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 96 Pew Bible Pg. 550
Large Print Bible Pg. 560

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7 Pg.638

Solo: "Hark! The herald angels sing" Jessica Templeton

Epistle Reading: Titus 2:11-14 Pg. 215

Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-20 Pg. 58

Hymn: "See amid the winter's snow" #168

Sermon Title: "Receive the kingdom of God as a little child"

Our Response to God

Offering Solo: "Star Candles" Jessica Templeton

Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Once in royal David's city" #155

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

Prayer Partnership

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas Day

Rejoice, for the light shines in the darkness and brings hope to a weary world.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

Boxing Day

Pray for all those who, for any number of reasons, find themselves alone and lonely in the midst of the celebration and joy of the season. May God's love be real to them.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Pray for commissioners of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission as they continue to hear testimony about the legacy of residential schools.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Pray for the new director, Linda Dixon, and all those at Stonegate Ministry in the west end of Toronto, ON, where an exciting new ministry reaches out to families.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

Pray for the ministry of Dr. Bill and Sheila McKelvie and the tuberculosis patients affected by the floods in Pakistan.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

Thank God for financial and prayer support received from congregations this year for the ministries of *Presbyterians Sharing*.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

New Year's Eve

On this last day of 2011, thank God for your experiences of God's grace over the past year.

The **candles** at the side windows are placed in loving memory of *Eveline & Jim Menzies* and *Mary & Ernie Gordon*.

Announcement

Good Morning! Welcome to all who are worshiping with us this morning. If you are a guest, please sign our guest book.

Today's Greeter: Jeff & Heather Gordon

Next Week's: John Perkins

Today's Reader: Holly Ball

Next Week's: Louise Porter-Pollock

Coffee Hour: Everyone is welcome to join us.

Stewardship Moment

For the rich and for the poor, Christmas worship is self-emptying worship because God on Christmas night emptied himself. He took the initiative and gave up his power, his eternity, himself, to come to this place where we could finally see him.

Jacques Ellul, lay theologian

Mission Capsule:

CANADA: Reaching out to South Asian communities

Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Asian Christ Church, a unique mission in Surrey, British Columbia serving Hindi, Urdu and Punjabi-speaking South Asian communities. There are more than 500,000 South Asians living in the lower mainland alone! Asian Christ Church's weekly television outreach ministry, "Jeewan Kee Raah" (The Way of Life) reaches thousands of people, many who don't attend church. The program can be watched online at www.asianchristchurch.com. Let us pray for Asian Christ Church as it provides South Asian communities with a welcoming place to worship God in their own language.



Prayer List - Please write on the sheet provided the names of persons you wish included in the prayer of Intercession.

Dr. William Klempa and Mrs. Lois Klempa extend their Christmas greetings to the congregation.

Clifford Blair celebrated his 90th birthday at the Pavillon, on Monday, Dec. 19. Congratulations, Clifford!

Sunday Service January 1 at 10:30am

Presbyterian **Carpet Bowling Club** will resume in January.

Choir practice and **Bible Study** resume Tuesday, January 10.

2012 Presbyterian calendars are available from Clarice Muir at a cost of \$4.00

The **after-school Music and Drama group** meets again on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 3:15-5:00 p.m.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service on Sunday January 29, 2:00pm at Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church, with guest speaker, Jennifer de Combe, Executive Director of Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre.

Donations to the **Stocking Fund** would be appreciated, as this is a way to help the Church cover the insurance. Place in an envelope marked Stocking Fund and put on the collection plate.

Non-perishable food items are being collected for our local food banks (Lachute, Brownsburg and Grenville) and for Citad'elle each month. The items are distributed through the Lachute Princess St. location. A collection bin for this purpose is located at the front entrance.

You are urged to support the **Breakfast/ Snowsuit/ Christmas**

Basket fund of Laurentian Elementary School, which includes a Literacy Breakfast Programme for Kindergarten and Cycle 1 students. (An offering of money can be made in the can provided at the front entrance of the church; the money is collected each week.)

Catechism for Today

Question 73: What is the ministry of the church?

The Lord continues his ministry in and through the church. All Christians are called to participate in the ministry of Christ. As his body on earth we all have gifts to use in the church and in the world to the glory of Christ, our King and Head. Mt 16:18 1 Cor 12:27-28, 1 Cor 7:7 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues.

But each has a particular gift from God, one having one kind and another a different kind. Lk 4:18-19; Rom 12:4-8; Eph 4:11-12; 1 Pet 2:4-5,9.

PWS&D Bulletin Bit

Christ is Born!

Even in the face of poverty, injustice and disaster, hope finds a way. For 65 years, our church has been serving people around the world through PWS&D. Together, with partners overseas and Canadians here at home, we work to restore human dignity, ease the pain of want and promote community cooperation as an expression of Christ's hope, peace, joy and love. Thanks to your support and faith in action, we are providing people in need with education, health care, food, clean water, small loans and the loving support we all deserve. During Christmas celebrations this year, may we continue to remember our brothers and sisters around the world. This Christmas, please support PWS&D.