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18th Sunday after Pentecost

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

For thus said the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel:

**In returning and rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength...**

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "As water to the thirsty".....#688

Children's Time and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

We all too easily forget the faith of those who have gone before us, O God, and succumb to the fears that beset us in the present. We want to be able to judge others rather than find our own selves humbled. We have been guilty of hypocrisy—claiming piety and goodness for ourselves while, at the same time, following courses of action which are at odds with our profession. Forgive us our sins, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise".....#290

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 99.....Pew Bible Pg.552
Large Print Bible Pg.561

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 33:12-23Pg. 80

Anthem: "Your servant I will be"

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10Pg.203

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22Pg. 24

Hymn: "O God beyond all praising"#448

Sermon Title: **"In returning and rest you shall be saved"**

Our Response to God

Offering, Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Guide me, O thou great Redeemer"#651

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

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: Bonnie Lavis

Next Week's:

Today's Reader: David Dowse

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Coffee Hour: Everyone is welcome to join us.

Prayer Partnership

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

Students and Colleges Sunday/ World Food Day

Pray that our students at college and university will feel the love and support of their home congregations.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

Pray for the partners of Presbyterian World Service & Development as they work with Canadian Foodgrains Bank to end hunger around the world.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

Give thanks for those involved in the food production and service industries. Pray that all people will share in God's abundance and have nutritious food to eat.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

Pray for the Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance's HIV strategy group as it meets in Geneva, Switzerland, to plan the 2012 International AIDS conference, and for Karen Plater as she chairs the meeting.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

Pray for ministers pursuing doctoral studies within our church and the members of the Cameron Doctoral bursary committee seeking to support them.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

Pray for our synod regional staff as they train and equip congregational leaders to serve in worship, Christian education, youth work, congregational development and outreach.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

Pray for the new outreach initiative of the Presbytery of West Toronto among Nigerians living in the area, and for The Rev Augustus Oku who has been appointed as its minister.

Stewardship Moment

A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water. *Proverbs 11:25 NRSV*

Mission Capsule:

CANADA: Being part of the neighbourhood

Presbyterians Sharing supports St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Thompson, Manitoba as it reaches out and welcomes people from the surrounding community. Directly across the street from a high school, St. Andrew's decided to host a student BBQ for the hundreds of students who pass the church each day. Invitations were delivered to the school office a week in advance, and members of the congregation were excited to prepare food for the students. This is part of an intentional effort to help build community and establish a neighbourhood presence, so that St. Andrew's can be seen as more than just a place to go on Sundays. Let us pray for St. Andrew's, Thompson as it continues to reach out and grow.



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

Choir practice Tuesday, October 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 22, 29 at 6:15-7:15 pm

Bible Study Tuesday October 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 22, 29 at 7:15-8:15 pm continuing with the study of Acts 9-12

Presbyterian Carpet Bowling Club Oct. 17, 24, 31 at 7:15 pm. New members will be welcome.

The **Presbytery of Montreal** meets at St. Andrew's, Huntingdon, on Tuesday, Oct. 18, at 7:00 p.m. However, choir practice and Bible study will take place this week and Oct. 25.

The **Synod of Quebec and Eastern Ontario** begins its meeting on Friday, Oct. 21, at 2:00 p.m., in St. Andrew's, Perth.

Trevor Holmes is selling tickets for the 75th anniversary of

Brownsburg Legion, held on Oct. 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are limited, cost only \$10 for a Roast Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings, and includes soup, salad, dessert, coffee and tea. Come help us celebrate.

An evening with **Tom Allen**, Join celebrated author, CBC Radio 2 host and Montreal West native Tome Allen for “**Media and neighbourhood tales**” Thursday 27 October at 6:00 pm, reception 7:00pm, dinner Tickets \$50.00 (with tax receipt) to purchase call: 514-488-0864. Please join us for the evening! Montreal West Presbyterian Church, 160 Ballantyne North (corner of Westminster & Nelson)

The managers are encouraging everyone to make a special donation to cover the cost of the air conditioner in the church hall. You may use your “**special offering envelopes**”. This is to help to defray the cost which also includes the programmable thermostat, which now also governs the furnace for the hall. The total cost is approximately \$7,000, but is paid in monthly installments (without interest charges).

After-school Music and Drama Group for Grades 4-6: Wednesdays 3:10-5:00 pm, featuring the preparation and presentation of the musical, *Chimes in the Night* and other items for Christmas, and the musical, *The Rock-Slinger and his Greatest Hit*, or the January-May period. Leadership provided by Vera Young, Trevor Holmes and Doug Robinson. Persons interested in providing and serving a snack from 3:13-3:45pm would be appreciated. We are trying to involve sufficient helpers for the snack time so that responsibility for the snack will only be once a month for participating church groups.

Non-perishable food items are now being collected for the local food banks, located in the old presbytere of St-Julien on Princess Street, in Lachute, and at Ste-Trinite Church in Brownsburg. The September offering of non-perishable food items will go to the Lachute food Bank. (A bin for such items is located at the front entrance of the church.)

At the same time, 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 63: Did the Holy Spirit inspire the Bible?

Yes. The Bible itself testifies to the Spirit's inspiration of its writings. The Holy Spirit also guided the church in the selection of the canon, and leads us by an inner witness to accept the scriptures as God's written word to us. Holy Scriptures are necessary, sufficient and reliable for our salvation, revealing Jesus Christ, the living Word. 2 Tim 3:16-17 2 Pet 1:20-21, 1 Cor 2:11-13

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual. Ps 12:6; Prov 30:5-6; 2 Sam 22:31; Jn 1:1-18; Acts 4:25; Heb 1:1-2, 3:7-11; Rev 1:1-3.

PWS&D Bulletin Bit **Overcoming Hunger in Malawi**

In Malawi, farmer Fletcher Jere was all too familiar with food shortage malnutrition and hunger until a PWS&D agriculture program in his area changed everything. With training he received as part of the program, Fletcher learned how to care for his soil, grow new foods like peanuts soybeans, and how to save seed for the future. As a result of these teachings, Fletcher says farmers in his community are seeing improved harvests and families finally have enough food to eat. Thank you for supporting PWS&D! www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd