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19th Sunday after Pentecost

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

The apostle Paul wrote:

For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ (Gal. 2:11-12).

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "It's me, it's me, O Lord".....Please see insert

Children's Time and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

We lose sight, O God, of what sustains us and the Church—namely, Your calling of us by the Spirit into the way of Christ. Other voices claim our attention, so that we are confused and weakened in our witness. Although we know that we do not live by bread alone, we have neglected means You give us to live in faithfulness to Your calling of us in Christ. Forgive us our sins, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: "Love the Lord your God"#715

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 90:1-6, 13-1Pew Bible Pg.547
Large Print Bible Pg.556

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12Pg.191

Anthem: "Gracious Spirit, dwell with me"

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8.....Pg.203

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:34-46.....Pg. 25

Hymn: "I'll love the Lord"#573

Sermon Title: "A revelation from no human source"

Our Response to God

Offering, Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "O God, our help in ages past" #330

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

Announcement

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

Today's Greeter: Donald MacDonald

Next Week's: Shirley MacDonald

Today's Reader: Edna Forrester

Next Week's: Brent Ball

Coffee Hour: Everyone is welcome to join us.

Prayer Partnership

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

Pray for the Presbyterian Church of East Africa as it works with Presbyterian World Service & Development to prevent the spread of HIV and AIDS through educational programs.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

Pray for Keswick Presbyterian Church and The Rev. Kirk MacLeod in Keswick, Ontario, as they reach out to their community.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Thank God for all those in the Women's Missionary Society who work hard to raise mission awareness in their congregations.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

Pray for the third national Truth and Reconciliation event in Halifax. Pray for the healing of residential school survivors and former staff.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

Pray for the members of the Committee on Education and Reception as they meet with candidates who have applied to be ministers in The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

Pray for congregations attending the Stewards by Design conference, that they will gain knowledge, encouragement and enthusiasm that will help strengthen their stewardship ministries.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Pray for military personnel who have been physically injured and are learning to walk or open a door with a new prosthesis.

Stewardship Moment

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

Mission Capsule: CANADA: Growing a congregation

Parkland First Presbyterian in Spruce Grove, Alberta began as a Bible Study group in the mid-1990's and officially became a congregation in 1997. In 2005, with support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, they called their first minister, Mark Chiang, a recent graduate from Knox College. The seeds from this church plant have grown! Parkland received a grant from *Presbyterians Sharing* to purchase land and a building in a rapidly growing area. They took possession April 1, 2011 and are beginning renovations and looking forward to continued growth. Through *Presbyterians Sharing* we are helping to plant congregations like Parkland, and to spread the gospel message.



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

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

Bible Study Tuesday October 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. 24, 31 at 7:15 pm. New members will be welcome.

Prelude to Christmas, a concert of Christmas music by singers from our entire area, will take place this year on **December 11th, at 7:30 p.m.** in Lachute United Church. The concert is traditionally a fundraiser to assist local food banks. Hopefully, knowing this fact, and writing it on your calendar NOW, will make it possible for everyone interested in participating to keep that date clear. **Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, October 30th from 2:30-4:30.** Please come, or call 450-562-9036 to leave a message about any problem with the schedule.

Session meeting Thursday, November 3 at 7:00pm

Ladies Aid meeting Friday, November 4 at 1:00pm

Board of Managers meeting Monday, November 14 at 3:30pm

Requesting help from those who are handy with needle, thread and glue gun. The ladies of the **Boutique Table** for the upcoming **bazaar** are in need of handmade items — decorations, wreathes, wall hangings, centerpieces, place mats, handy towels etc. Any item big or small, we will accept them all. Thank you.

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 the short plays, *Nativity in the Square*, *Bethlehem Road* and *The Call of Moses*.

Catechism for Today

Question 64: What does it mean to call the Bible the Word of God? It means that God speaks to us through the Bible and calls us to faith and obedience. At the same time the Bible is also a human word and its writing was conditioned by the language, thought, and setting of its time.

2 Tim 3:14- 15 1 Jn 1:3-4, Eph 2:19-20

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. We declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. So then you are ... members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. Gen 1:3; Ps 147:15-20; Jer 1:4-8, 2:1; Ezek 3:16, 6:1, 7:1; Hos 1:1; Mic 1:1; Jn 1:1-18; Acts 2:42.

PWS&D Bulletin Bit **Make a Meaningful Difference this Christmas with Gifts of Change**

Christmas is just around the corner and you can help make this holiday season even more meaningful with The PCC's Gifts of Change catalogue. You can be sure to find a meaningful gift idea for everyone on your Christmas shopping list this year while helping to support marginalized people around the world. \$5 provides a mosquito net, \$100 provides an emergency food package and \$1,200 builds a water storage pond. www.presbyterian.ca/giftsofchange