

Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church

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November 27, 2011

First Sunday of Advent

Organ Prelude

Lighting of the Candle of Hope

(Please see insert)

Hymn: "Hope is a star".....(v.1)..... #119

Children's Time and Prayer

Hymn: "People in darkness".....(v.2)..... #124

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that we have not served as alert doorkeepers of Your kingdom. We have become tired of being attentive to the integrity of what is Yours, and have lapsed into apathy with respect to Your work in our lives and in the world. We have not made use of the means You have given us to remain awake to You and to the responsibility You have for us. We risk being caught unawares, with our responsibility neglected, by Your coming. Forgive us our sins, we pray, and stir us to renewed care for You and what is Yours. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"..... #115

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Pew Bible Pg. 540
Large Print BiblePg. 549

New Testament Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9Pg. 694

Anthem: "View the present through the promise"

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9Pg. 166

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-37Pg. 50

Hymn: "Lo! Christ comes with clouds descending".....#120

Sermon Title: **"Doorkeepers of the house of the Lord"**

Our Response to God

Offering, Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Come, thou long-expected Jesus".....#110

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: Davis & Carol MacVicar

Next Week's: John & Edna Young

Today's Reader: Sheila Holmes

Next Week's: Brent Ball

Coffee Hour: Everyone is welcome to join us.

Prayer Partnership

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

1st Sunday of Advent

Pray that hearts and minds will be open to the radical message of Christ's coming into this world.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Pray for chaplaincies at universities across Canada as they provide a Christian presence for students in a secular environment.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Pray for communities in remote areas of Nepal who are learning to combat severe malnutrition and improve their health through support from Presbyterian World Service & Development.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Pray for those who find it difficult to pray – may they be supported by the prayers of others.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1

World AIDS Day

Pray for the many people affected by HIV and AIDS, and for the work of Presbyterian World Service & Development as it provides preventative and palliative care.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

Pray for Nancy Yee as she begins her chaplaincy at the University of Saskatchewan, that the good news of Jesus Christ will reach out to those in need.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

Pray for The Rev. Peggy Kipfer who serves as the chair of the Care of Ministers Committee of the Presbytery of Grey- Bruce-Maitland.

Lighting the *First Advent Candle* today will be Alda, Marjorie, Linda.

Stewardship Moment

Christian stewardship is gratefully, faithfully, systematically, and proportionally managing all of our time, ability, and financial resources so that God can use them to transform human life spiritually, help hurting people, and reach out to others with Christ's redeeming love.

Herb Miller, TheParishPaper.com

Mission Capsule: CANADA: Working together on Justice Initiatives

Through *Presbyterians Sharing* we support Presbyterians working with KAIROS... Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives. Presbyterians across Canada are involved in KAIROS campaigns, writing letters to the government and supporting Southern partners. On June 20, 2011, The Moderator of the 137th General Assembly (2011), The Rev. Dr. Rick Horst, joined church leaders from other denominations and over 250 people in Ottawa to celebrate the Canadian Government's endorsement of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and to encourage the government to implement the Declaration. The 2011-2012 KAIROS campaign will explore ways to build bridges of understanding and respect with our indigenous sisters and brothers in Canada and around the world. Let us pray for Presbyterians involved in KAIROS as they contribute to the ecumenical life of the church.



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

Our **web address** is now newly posted on our outdoor sign, in an enlarged format.

Presbyterian **Carpet Bowling Club** November 28, December 5, 12, 19 at 7:15 pm

Choir practice Tuesday, Nov. 29, December 6, 13 at 6:15-7:45 pm
the choir will be practicing Christmas music.

Bible Study on Acts 13-26 Tuesday evenings will resume in January.

Ladies Aid Luncheon meeting Friday December 2nd at 11:30am

Prelude to Christmas concert, Sunday December 4th at 7:30 pm
in the United Church.

Communion Sunday December 11th

White Gift & Mitten Tree Sunday December 11th. We will collect gifts of Hats, Scarves, Mitten, and gifts for children of various ages marked. Thank you for your generosity towards those who are in need at this time of year.

Last of the **Country Gospel Hymn Sing** evenings Sunday December 11 at 7:00pm

Presentation by the **Music and Drama Group** of *Chimes in the Night* (a musical) and *Road to Bethlehem*, and *Nativity on the Square*. Friday December 16th at 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service Saturday, December 24 at 7:30 pm

Sunday Service December 25 at 10:30am

Sunday Service January 1 at 10:30am

No regular **Session meeting** during December, next meeting of the Session Thursday, January 12, 2012.

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.

If you would like to contribute to this year's **Poinsettia Fund** you may place your donation inside an envelope marked Poinsettia Fund and place it on the collection plate. Can be given directly to Marjorie Crooks as well. (450-562-4532)

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.

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 including 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).

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 69: How does the Bible speak of the Church?

The New Testament uses many images, including Bride of Christ, flock, the elect, salt, light, yeast, branches of a vine, living stones, people of God, body of Christ, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit. These all emphasize the union of Christ and his church. Mt 5:14 Lk 12:32, Jn 15:5 1 Pet 2:9 You are the light of the world. "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." I am the vine, you are the branches. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you of darkness into his marvelous light. 2 Cor 11:2, 13:13; Mt 5:13, 13:33; Jn 10:1-16; Eph 1:4-6; 1 Pet 2:4; 1 Cor 12:13.