

Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church,

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May 19, 2013

Pentecost

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "You are Author"#430

Children's Message

Junior Choir Anthem: "Little David"

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that our words and other forms of expression have too often been merely expressions of self, rather than being expressive of Your presence and love and wisdom in our lives. At times, we make our plans with others; but our speech and the other language we use often elevate some purely human common project rather than You and Your will. Our words and language also tend to sound past others rather than finding a genuine basis of understanding and unity in You. Forgive, O God, when our speech and action has not been informed by Your Spirit of love, wisdom, holiness and power. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: "When the Spirit of the Lord moves in my soul"#398

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 104:24-34,35b....Pew Bible Pg.555
Large Print Bible Pg.565

New Testament Reading: Genesis 11:1-9.....Pg. 9

Anthem: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Epistle Reading: Acts 2:1-21.....Pg.119

Gospel Reading: John 14:8-17, 25-27.....Pg.108

Hymn: "Spirit, Spirit of gentleness"#399

Sermon: "And they shall prophesy"

Our Response to God

Offering, Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Anthem: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Revive your work, O Lord"#284

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

Prayer Partnership

Sunday, May 19

Pentecost

Pray that the Holy Spirit will awaken within our congregations a yearning for peace and justice for all in this land.

Monday, May 20

Victoria Day

Give thanks for times of celebration when we step back from daily labour to enjoy times with friends and family in God's beautiful world.

Tuesday, May 21

Pray for enthusiasm and creativity as camp staff work towards this summer's camping season.

Wednesday, May 22

Pray for the Canadian Council of Churches as it meets in Ottawa and engages with members of Parliament on issues of importance to all people of faith.

Thursday, May 23

Pray for The Rev. Eloi Agbanou and the French-speaking African congregation at La Communauté chrétienne Siloé in Montreal, QC. Pray for guidance in this new church development, and that the people will feel welcome and hopeful in a new country.

Friday, May 24

Pray for the General Assembly commissioners as they prepare their hearts and minds for this vital gathering.

Saturday, May 25

Pray for women starting up small businesses in remote communities in Mozambique, supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development. May these businesses help them break free from cycles of poverty.

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: David & Guylaine Dowse

Next Week's: Bill & Clarice Muir

Today's Reader: Davis MacVicar

Next Week's: Carol MacVicar

Coffee Hour: Everyone welcome!

Stewardship Moment

If a man is proud of his wealth, he should not be praised until it is known how he employs it.

Socrates, philosopher

Mission Moments:

Limitless Possibilities: Fati's Story

Fati can't walk, but this hasn't stopped her from achieving a remarkable level of success in her life. Her story begins at the Garu Community Based Rehabilitation Centre in Ghana, where she first learned to sew through a vocational training program supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development. She became so good that, although she was once considered an outcast in her community, she is now a sought-after seamstress and operates her own very successful business. Renowned for her talents, Fati even has six apprentices working in her store, all of whom are excited to work with and learn from someone so talented. Stories like these are made possible by the generous support of Presbyterians in Canada. Together we can build brighter futures for the most vulnerable.



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

The **Presbytery of Montreal** meets in St. Andrew's, Huntingdon, 7:00 pm May 21.

Those willing to read and/or discuss *Twelve Keys to an Effective Church: Strong, Healthy Congregations Living in the Grace of God* by Kennon

Callahan, please meet during coffee hour, to plan for this.

On Sunday, May 26th @ 2 pm **Gary Carpenter** is going to be performing at the Grenville Community Centre in support of the Grenville Church. He will perform as Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Roy Orbison, Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley. Should be fun! Tickets are available from Lachute United Church. Call 450-562-6161

This year's **Vacation Bible School**, hosted by MRMP Church, with the theme, *Table set for... Five Thousand*, is tentatively scheduled for July 15-19, 9-11:30 am. **Helpers are needed. A planning meeting will be held Tuesday, May 28, at 7:00 p.m.**

The congregation has received a grant from the McBain-Barker Fund, which is a fund of The Presbyterian Church in Canada in support of building or renovation projects of Presbyterian churches in small communities. The capital of this fund is derived from bequests. The grant to Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church was awarded by a meeting of the Canadian Ministries Grants Committee of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The congregational project of conversion from oil furnaces to natural gas heating has therefore been supported in part by a bequest to The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The amount of the grant is \$9,000. The cost of this conversion from oil to natural gas is now essentially paid for. Thank you to all those who contributed to the furnace fund, and to the McBain-Barker Fund. The loan from The Presbytery of Montreal may now be paid off.

"The session is responsible for regulating the hours and forms of public worship and for arranging special services. The session determines the appointed times and provides for the administration of the sacraments (Book of Forms 111.1)." In light of this, the Session of Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church had the choice of confirming the vote of the congregational meeting on May 5th, 2013 re: the summer service schedule--or choosing to do something else. The Session of MRMP Church has decided to continue with the pattern of the summer of 2012—i.e. services will be held during the summer of 2013 at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church throughout July and August. (The regular worship time of 10:30 a.m. will continue through to the end of June, and resume on Sept. 1.)

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.)

LIVING FAITH

Chapter One - God

1.4 The creeds of the early church preserve the faith of the apostles who first preached the Gospel of Christ. We receive them as a legacy in which the true interpretation of the Scriptures is protected.

1.5 Therefore, with the one church universal we believe in one God, eternal Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three in one, one in three, equal in power and glory. God is the Father to whom we come, the Son through whom we come, the Spirit by whom we come.

1.6 We worship almighty God, the source of all life. With thanks we acknowledge God's wisdom, power, faithfulness, and love. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be!

Come!

On this Holy Spirit Day, let this be our prayer:

Come!

The Spirit will come, as and when the Spirit will come.

We cannot dictate, prescribe or predict the Spirit.

We know only that we need the Spirit.

We know only that Jesus promises us the Spirit.

We know only that the church is not the church
without the Spirit.

And, if we are to be the church, the Spirit will come.

This is all we know, and it is enough.

So let us pray: Come!

Resist the temptation to dictate terms,
prescribe a process,
predict a direction.

Fight the urge to ask for more and better
of what has already been, what we already know,
what is safe and comfortable.

Prepare to be surprised.

Be ready to shock our neighbours.

Expect only to do what we have never done before.

Then,

we'll be ready to pray:

Come!

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