

Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church

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2nd Sunday of Easter

Organ prelude

Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord,

for the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "Oh look and wonder"#93

Children's Message

Prayer of Confession

God, we have not been the liberal givers You would have us be. We have not taken the side of persons on the outside when we might have. We have not helped keep someone out of harm's way when that was a possibility for us. We have been inclined to look after ourselves rather than to enter into partnership with others in the gospel. We have found it difficult to disagree with another and remain as friends. Forgive us our sins, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: "The church is wherever God's people"#484

The Word of God

Unison Reading: Psalm 133Pew Bible Pg.563
Large Print Bible Pg.574

New Testament Reading: Acts 4:32-37.....Pg.122

Anthem: "Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel?"

Epistle Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2.....Pg.238

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31.....Pg.115

Hymn: "Christ is alive"#251

Sermon: "The encouraging one"

Our Response to God

Offering, Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "The day of resurrection"#249

Charge and Benediction

Hymn: "Shalom chaverim"#731

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: Shirley MacDonald & Bev. Young

Next Week's: Bob & Jean Cunningham

Today's Reader: Marjorie Crooks

Next Week's: Marsha Beaudoin

Coffee Hour: Everyone welcome

Prayer Partnership

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Pray for the planned giving ministry of The Rev. Herb Gale as he visits congregations in and around Regina, Saskatchewan.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

Pray for The Rev. Glenn and Linda Inglis as they complete their work with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP), Blantyre Synod Health and Development Commission, and return to Canada.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

Pray for the new director and board members of Edmonton Urban Native Ministry in Edmonton, Alberta.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Pray for The Rev. Hyo Young Joo and the congregation of Han In (Korean Congregation Extension Work) in Langley, British Columbia.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

Pray for participants and leaders who are embarking today on a national mission tour with our partners in the Blantyre Synod of Malawi.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

Pray for the clerks of presbytery and synod as they meet in Mississauga, Ontario, to consult together and discuss governance issues.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Pray for those who are searching for a church to attend, that they will find a place to call home.

Stewardship Moment

Employ your riches with kindly devotion, and thus root out evil from your hearts. All that has value in your lives you must concentrate in the persons of the poor; and so anoint your heads with devoted giving.

St. Paulinus of Nola

Mission Capsule:

KENYA: Helping to combat HIV&AIDS

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help Dr. Rick Allen, a community health physician, and the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) address the health and socio-economic problems of HIV&AIDS. Rick is also teaching classes on community health, HIV&AIDS, sexually transmitted infections, and human sexuality at the Presbyterian University of East Africa. All university students in Kenya are required to take a course in HIV&AIDS, which reflects just how important the whole issue is for the nation. Let us pray for Rick as he continues to carry out God's work in Kenya.



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

Presbyterian Carpet Bowling Club Monday, April 16, 23, 30 at 7:00pm

The After-School **Music and Drama group** will be performing the short play, "Shackles and Shekels" (Mark 5:1-20) and the musical, "The Lost Boy" (Luke 2:41-52), on Friday, April 27, at 7:00 p.m. You are invited to attend.

Pancake Breakfast at the Masonic Hall, today at 8:30am to 1:00pm. Donation \$7.00 children under 6 free

St Simeon's Anglican Church play, Friday April 20th and Saturday April 21st are dessert shows-- cost is \$ 15.00, Saturday April 28th is the dinner show--- cost is \$ 25.00

For tickets contact Jean Beers at 450-533-4372

The Rev. Dr. Glynis Williams will be the **guest preacher** for the April 22 service. Glynis is director of Action Réfugiés Montréal, a shared mission of the Presbyterian Church in Canada and the Anglican Diocese of Montreal, but has been recently appointed the Associate Secretary of International Ministries of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

A **concert**, with the choir of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, will perform Sunday, April 29, at 4:30 pm at Lachute United church.

The **annual meeting** of Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church will be held on Sunday, May 6, after the morning worship service.

from Amanda Smith of Dalesville, teacher in Arundel:

I work in a small elementary school in Arundel. We have been collecting and cutting milk bags to crochet mats for the last 2 years. We are in desperate need for someone to crochet the mats for our school. I was wondering if you knew of anyone in the church or community that is familiar with this project and would like to help us out.

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 87: Should we proclaim the gospel to people of other religions? Yes. The good news of God's love in Jesus Christ is for all people, including those who practice other religions. Yet we also hold that God's Spirit is at work in people of all religions producing truth and inspiring goodness. When we approach them with the gospel we address them not in a spirit of arrogance but in humility, "like beggars telling others where food is to be found." Titus 2:11, 1 Tim 2:3 Rom 15:7 For the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright and godly. God our Saviour, ... desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. In a word, accept one another as Christ accepted us to the glory of God (NEB). Rom 11:32, 13:10; Ps 103:8; Jn 3:19; Lk 6:37; Mt 5:44.

PWS&D Bulletin Bit **Caring for Vulnerable Orphans**

Wongani is one of over 500,000 orphans living in Malawi. He has faced many obstacles in his short life, including the loss of his parents when he was just nine months old and severe malnutrition by age one. Despite these early challenges, Wongani has a bright future ahead of him thanks to a PWS&D supported orphan care program. Now 11 years old, he is at a healthy weight and height and is excelling in his studies at the Apasta Primary School. Through PWS&D, Presbyterians in Canada are helping build brighter futures for orphans like Wongani. Currently, PWS&D is providing 75 orphans attending the Apasta Primary School with free tuition, warm lunches, medical care, school uniforms, stationary, bags and shoes.