

Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church

Lachute, Quebec

Minister: Rev. Dr. Douglas Robinson (450-562-3006)

Clerk of Session: Edna Forrester (450-562-4703)

Church Office: 450-562-6797

Organist: Ian Vessie

Website: <http://pccweb.ca/mrmpc/>

May 6, 2012

5th Sunday of Easter

Organ prelude

Call to Worship

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord.

Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "We praise You, O God"#425

Children's Message

Prayer of Confession

Sometimes, O God, we act as though the Church is a mere institution rather than a living reality, which finds its life in its main "branch", Jesus Christ our Lord. We have resisted the experience of being "pruned" by You, or humbled by You, O God, so that we may more fully "bear fruit". Your words have not sufficiently remained in us; we have kept them outside of us. We have not made requests of You, on the basis of Your life in us, with the result that we have not received answers You wish to give us. We have thereby failed to glorify You, O God, by not showing the fruits of being disciples of Jesus. Forgive us our sins, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: "O love that casts out fear"#297

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:25-31Pew Bible Pg.501
Large Print Bible Pg.506

New Testament Reading: Acts 8:26-40.....Pg.127

Anthem: "Fairest Lord Jesus"

Epistle Reading: 1 John 4:7-21.....Pg.241

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8.....Pg.109

Hymn: "We give Thee but thine own".....#661

Sermon: "I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord"

Our Response to God

Offering, Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Called as partners in Christ's service".....#587

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: Bob & Jean Cunningham

Next Week's: Marjorie Walker & Gwen MacAdam

Today's Reader: Jim Ness

Next Week's: Marjorie Crooks

Coffee Hour: Everyone welcome

Prayer Partnership

SUNDAY, MAY 6

Give thanks for the gifts Asian culture and heritage bring to Canada and to the church.

MONDAY, MAY 7

Pray for the Ecumenical Working Group on Residential Schools as it seeks a path of healing and reconciliation with Inuit, Métis and First Nations partners.

TUESDAY, MAY 8

Pray for Denise Van Wissen who works as a nutritionist for SOYNICA in Nicaragua.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

Pray for The Rev. Giancarlo Fantechi and people at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Sherbrooke, Quebec.

THURSDAY, MAY 10

Pray for the executive committee of the World Communion of Reformed Churches, and for The Rev. Mary Fontaine, The Presbyterian Church in Canada committee member, as they meet in Sumatra, Indonesia, seeking to promote justice and unity within the Reformed family.

FRIDAY, MAY 11

Pray for Youth in Mission participants and leaders as they prepare for a busy summer of mission trips nationally and internationally.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Pray for mission staff Louise Gamble, an English teacher at Tam Kang High School in Taiwan.

Stewardship Moment

Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? *Luke 16:10-11 NRSV*

Mission Capsule: MALAWI: Theological training

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Todd Statham as he teaches church history and the-ology at Zomba Theological College, the CCAP's seminary. The college trains ministers and their spouses to serve churches in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Todd writes, "The college is in a time of restructuring and re-visioning. Money is short and resources are stretched. But the classrooms are crammed with students, professors are enthusiastic and devoted, and the CCAP is growing and vibrant!" Let us pray for Todd, his wife Annika and their two children, Sophia and Mio, as they serve God in Malawi.



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

The **annual meeting** of Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church after today's morning worship service.

Brunch at Brownsburg Curling Club today from 9am to 1pm
Cost \$8.00

Presbyterian Carpet Bowling Club Monday, May 7, 14, 21, 28
at 7:00pm

Choir practice of the "summer choir" on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm. Please enter by the main front door of the church.

The **Board of Managers** meets Thursday, May 10, at 7:00 pm

The Board of Governors of The Presbyterian College, Montreal invites you to the One Hundred and Forty-Fifth Annual Convocation to be held in The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul 3415 Redpath Street on Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 7:30pm.

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.)

PWS&D Bulletin Bit

PWS&D Recognizes 65 Years of Caring, Sharing and Service

For 65 years, our church has been actively supporting people in need through PWS&D. While the global context has evolved since Presbyterian World Service & Development was first formed in 1947, what has not changed is a commitment to Christ's message of love through justice, poverty reduction and support in times of disaster. Everyday something amazing happens in our world because of small acts of kindness, generosity, solidarity and love by members of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Thank you for 65 years of your prayers and support! www.WeRespond.ca

Catechism for Today

Question 90: Which two other words are sometimes used to express the wonder and reality of forgiveness? The Bible speaks of "justification" and "sanctification". They describe God's gracious work of forgiveness, a work which is one and inseparable and yet has two distinct aspects to it. Rom 3:28 Rom 5:1, 1 Cor 1:30 1 Cor 6:11. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law. Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.