

Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church

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May 13, 2012

6th Sunday of Easter

Organ prelude

Call to Worship

Job 28:20-28

Please turn to Page 474 in Pew Bible

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "This is the day"#78

Children's Message

Children's Anthem: "The Blessing of a Mother's Love"
"The Tree Song"

Prayer of Confession

Evidence stares us in the face, but we do not always want to face it, accept it, or seek to understand it thoroughly. Wisdom is elusive, but we believe we have her in our grasp. We fail to heed Wisdom, and find ourselves tripped up. What is deemed foolishness in the eyes of human beings, that, You, O God, have established as wiser than our human wisdom. What are hints of Your meaning, O God, we have ignored. Forgive, O God, our lack of responsiveness to Your wisdom. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: "God, you touch the earth with beauty"#667

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 98.....Pew Bible Pg.551
Large Print Bible Pg.561

New Testament Reading: Acts 10:44-48.....Pg.130

Epistle Reading: 1 John 5:1-6.....Pg.241

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17.....Pg.109

Hymn: "Bring many names"#310

Sermon: "Wisdom is vindicated by all her children"

Our Response to God

Offering, Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Now thank we all our God"#457

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: Marjorie Walker & Gwen MacAdam

Next Week's: John & Betty Brydon

Today's Reader: Marjorie Crooks

Next Week's: Linda Rodger

Coffee Hour: Everyone welcome

Prayer Partnership

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Christian Family Sunday

Pray that families will respect the dignity, integrity and uniqueness of every family member – each one made in Christ's image.

MONDAY, MAY 14

Pray for families who are supported by St. David's Inner City Outreach Ministry in Hamilton, Ontario.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

Pray for marginalized people living in Guatemala, that they may overcome malnutrition with help from projects supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

Pray for local Women's Missionary Society groups as they wind down their program year. May they continue to be a striving force for mission education in their congregations.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

Ascension Day

Pray for those suffering harassment of any type, whether bullying at school or abusive behavior at work or at home. May our congregations work to end all forms of discrimination, in the spirit and example of Jesus Christ.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Pray for Captain David Stewart who serves as a military chaplain at Canadian Forces Base Edmonton, and for his ministry with those under his care.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Pray for the Burnaby Taiwanese congregation in Burnaby, British Columbia, during its time of vacancy.

Stewardship Moment

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. *Psalm 136:1 NRSV*

Mission Capsule: CANADA: Ministering in remote regions

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Cariboo Presbyterian Church, which serves 87,000 square kilometers of central British Columbia. Rev. David Webber's passion for rural ministry led him to develop a house church model in this vast Cariboo region. Anne, a member of the house church in Punchaw, shares: "We always went to church, but when we came up here we were 90 km from town. Now we have our own church. It's meant a lot to us." Let us pray for the house churches in the Cariboo as they reach out to people in areas not served by conventional churches.



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, May 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 **congregation** will be **invited** to St Andrews for their anniversary and communion service, June 24, 11:15 a.m. Lunch will follow, for which a freewill donation would be appreciated. No service at MRMP Church that day.

Vacation Bible School at MRMP Church is tentatively scheduled for July 9-13.

Service time during July and August is Sundays, 9:30 am

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 Providing Relief in the Sahel

Due to erratic rains and failed harvests, hunger and malnutrition are affecting nearly 15 million people in the Sahel region of Africa. The situation is expected to worsen in coming months, as families have already begun to sell off their reserves to survive. As an initial response, Presbyterian World Service & Development is working with Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide food distributions, emergency seed packs, tree sapling and training in order to alleviate hunger, restore livelihoods and create food security. Your support is urgently needed to ensure aid is available to those in need.

Catechism for Today

Question 91: What is justification? We often try to justify ourselves before others and before God by our own efforts, virtues, or success. Justification means that we are put right with God not because of any goodness we can achieve but by the goodness of Christ. God justifies the ungodly. We receive the grace of justification by union with Christ through faith. Job 9:2 Rom 3:23-25 Eph 2:8

But how can a mortal be just before God? For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Rom 3:26-28, 4:5, 5:1,9, 8:30,33; Gal 2:16; Titus 3:7; Jas 2:18-26.