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Pentecost

Organ Prelude

Choir: "O Breath of life, come sweeping" .....#384

Call to Worship (Galatians 4:4-6):

When the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son,  
**born of a woman, under the law, in order to redeem those who  
were under the law,**

**so that we might receive adoption as children.**

And because you are children,

**God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba!  
Father!"**

So you are no longer a slave but a child,

**and if a child then also an heir, through God.**

Prayer of Approach

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

Children's Message

Anthem: "Who built the Ark?"

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that, instead of living in the light of our  
inheritance as children of God, through Jesus Christ, offering  
our prayers to You, as "Abba! Father!" we have got caught up

in what makes us feel important, comfortable or secure in the  
moment. We have also put way too much stock in what  
distinguishes us from one another, in the present time. We  
have shunned the freedom in the Spirit into which we have been  
redeemed by Jesus Christ, and the unity into which You would  
call us, despite our human differences. Forgive us our sins, we  
pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Word of God

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

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:1-21.....Pg.119

Solo: "All people at this hour"

Epistle Reading: Romans 8:22-27.....Pg.158

Gospel Reading: John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15.....Pg.110

Hymn: "Come down, O Love divine" .....#386

Sermon: "I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy"

Our Response to God

Offering, Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Spirit, Spirit of gentleness" .....#399

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

## Prayer Partnership

### SUNDAY, MAY 27

#### *Pentecost*

Pray that there will be a movement of the Holy Spirit within our churches so that peace and justice will flourish.

### MONDAY, MAY 28

Pray for rural and remote congregations as they seek to be faithful communities in sometimes challenging circumstances.

### TUESDAY, MAY 29

Pray for the young people who have applied to the mission track of Canada Youth 2012 this summer, that they will be inspired to share God's love and compassion with others.

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

Pray for poor and vulnerable youth who are learning new skills in nursing, teaching and auto mechanics at a community college in India supported by Presbyterian World Service & Development.

### THURSDAY, MAY 31

Give thanks for the warmer weather of summer and the promise of vacations ahead.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 1

Pray for young girls in Nicaragua staying at the Presbyterian World Service & Development-supported rehabilitation centre, Casa de las Niñas, as they heal from the trauma of abuse and regain their self-confidence.

### SATURDAY, JUNE 2

Pray for our Canadian Forces Chaplain Branch as the chaplains gather next week for a time to discuss chaplaincy issues and to strengthen relationships.

## 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: Reg. & Audrey Mason*

*Next Week's: Bill & Clarice Muir*

*Today's Reader: Louise Porter-Pollock*

*Next Week's: Davis MacVicar*

*Coffee Hour: Everyone welcome*

## Stewardship Moment

Generosity lies less in giving much than in giving at the right moment.

*Jean de la Bruyère, writer*

## Mission Capsule: CANADA: Hope for the future

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* provide hope and grace through Winnipeg Inner City Missions. Director Margaret Mullin writes, "Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are invested in the lives of the people we met every day. Your prayers positively affect their lives and strengthen us for the task at hand. Through your generosity, you are giving people hope for the future; you have helped many families in crisis; and you have been there for many children, youth and adults in desperate human need." Let us pray for WICM's dedicated staff and for the people they faithfully and lovingly serve.



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

The next **communion** service at MRMP Church, June 10

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

Painting of (part of) the exterior of MRMP Church, Lachute, especially around windows, could be undertaken this summer, (suggested dates of

June 18-23), provided that there are persons willing to join the minister in this project.

**Vacation Bible School** at MRMP Church is scheduled for July 9-13 and 16- 20, 9:00am to 11:30am. This year the Vacation Bible School will be in the form of a music and drama camp focusing on the preparation and presentation of two musicals. *Elijah! God's faithful prophet* and *Table for five...Thousand! The miracle of the loaves and fishes*. Participants and helpers welcome.

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

The **Board of Managers** asks those persons who have keys for the church to put their name on the list of church key-carriers. This list is placed at the front door of the church.

Over the summer, offerings by church envelope from Lachute United Church, St. Simeon's Anglican Church and MRMP Church will be honoured by the three different churches no matter in which of the three churches the offerings are made.

**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* Clean Water for All

Clean water is one of the most basic requirements for life, yet more than a billion people around the world still do not have access to it. Presbyterian World Service & Development is working with partners in Malawi and Tanzania to address this urgent need. In 2011, two boreholes and two shallow wells were constructed in Malawi and eight new wells were constructed in Tanzania. Village Water Committees are also being trained in hygienic practices to promote healthier living. Access to clean water and proper sanitation is reducing the prevalence of waterborne illnesses, children are able to attend school, and women have more time to complete household tasks, start small businesses and harvest crops. Water is a gift of life from God for all people. Your generous support is helping PWS&D bring clean water to people in need for healthier futures.

## *Catechism for Today*

Question 93: How are God's forgiveness of our sins and our forgiveness of others related? It is exceedingly difficult to forgive. Yet when we are forgiven by God, and helped by the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to forgive others. We are to forgive even as we are forgiven. The Christian community is called to be an oasis of forgiveness in the contemporary desert of resentment and rage, vengeance and hatred. Mt 18:21 Mt 6:12 Lk 6:27-28 Lk 23:34

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you." Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." Ex 34:6-7, 32:32; Num 14:18-19; 1 Kings 8:39; Ps 103:3; Mt 18:23-35; Mk 11:25.