

*Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian
Church*

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January 8, 2012

Baptism of the Lord

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Sing, and bless God's name;
tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.
Proclaim God's glory to the nations,

God's marvelous deeds to all peoples.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "We three Kings"#173

Children's Time and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, in baptism You promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another; we allow the past to hold us hostage. In Your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Remind us of the promises You make in baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness"#174

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29 Pew Bible pg.504
Large Print Bible Pg.510

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-5 Pg. 1

Solo: "Lover of the children" Marsha Beaudoin

Epistle Reading: Acts 19:1-7 Pg. 139

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:4-11 Pg. 34

Hymn: "Christ, when for us you were baptized"#183

Sermon Title: **"Baptism of the Lord"**

Our Response to God

Offertory, Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Like the murmur of the dove's song"#385

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: Davis & Carol MacVicar

Next Week's: John & Edna Young

Today's Reader: Marsha Beaudoin

Next Week's: Holly Ball

Coffee Hour: Everyone welcome

Prayer Partnership

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

Epiphany Sunday/Baptism of the Lord Sunday

Pray for the congregations across Canada that are without a minister. May they find creative ways to serve their communities.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

Pray for presbyterials of the Women's Missionary Society as they meet to evaluate the past year's work and prepare for a new year.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

Pray for Pat Shaver working as a volunteer lecturer at Zomba Theological College in Malawi. May her contribution towards theological education be well received by students and colleagues.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

Thank God for every seed of peace and hope that is planted in war-torn nations.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

Pray for members of the International Affairs Committee as they meet to prepare the report to the 138th General Assembly (2012).

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

Pray for the staff of Financial Services at the national church office as they finalize the financial year and prepare for the audit.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

Pray for congregations as they prepare for annual meetings. Give them a vision for ministry in their community and the courage to step out in faith.

Stewardship Moment

Each of us makes one of two choices in life. We either become emotionally attached to our money or we become emotionally attached to the God who gives us our money.

Herb Miller, TheParishPaper.com

Mission Capsule:

CANADA: Nurturing Christian community

Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help Toronto's Boarding Homes Ministry connect teams of congregational visitors with residents of local, privately-owned boarding homes. Team members enter the boarding home humbly as part of the body of Christ, setting aside their own agendas and expectations of "fixing" things. One team member shares, "Through the years, our friendships have strengthened and we have built traditions together. Trust has grown, as we share joys and sorrows in the way that good friends do. My life is richer for having made these new friends." Let us pray for Boarding Homes Ministry as they help nurture these Christian communities.



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, January 9, 16, 23, 30, at 7:00pm

Board of Managers meeting Monday, January 9 at 3:30pm

Choir practice Tuesday, January 10, 24, 31 at 6:15-7:15pm

Bible Study Tuesday, January 10, 24, 31 at 7:15-8:15pm on Acts 13-26

Session meeting Thursday, January 12 at 7:00pm

The after-school Music and Drama group meets again on Wednesday, Jan.18, 3:15-5:00 p.m.

Annual Reports are to be handed in by **January 29, 2012**.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service on Sunday January 29, 2:00 p.m., at Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church, with guest speaker Jennifer de Combe, Executive Director of Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre.

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 75: Why are they called "ministers of word and sacrament"?

The word 'minister' means 'servant'. As servants of God, ministers are called in Christ's name, to present God's message, celebrate his sacraments, and care for God's people. To this office Christ calls both men and women. The church's task is to confirm the validity of this call, to educate and examine candidates for the office and work of the ordained ministry. 2 Cor 6:4. But as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities. 1 Cor 4:1 Gal 3:28 Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Mt 8:18-20; Mk 16:14-20; Acts 16:10; 1 Cor 9:16; 2 Tim 3:14-17.

PWS&D Bulletin Bit **Flood Relief in the Philippines**

When Tropical Storm Washi made landfall in the Philippines on Dec. 16, 2011, the results were devastating flash floods and landslides that left thousands homeless and decimated crops. According to the United Nations, as many as 400,000 people have been displaced. Thousands are in

desperate need of food, shelter, clean water and emergency relief supplies. You can help support victims of this disaster by making a donation through PWS&D. You can give an offering through your church, mail a cheque to the office, donate online or call PWS&D at 1-800-619-7301 ext. 291. Please mark all donations "Philippines Flood Relief." www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd.