

Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church

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2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

and we have beheld his glory.

To all who received him,

he gave power to become children of God.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "Follow me, the Master said" #645

Children's Time and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

We have gone our own way, O God, not really addressing the issues that confront us—trying to ignore them in fact—until our world crumbles around us. We have not always been ready to hear Your word that announces an end but can also announce a new beginning, which may include us. Forgive us, O God, for our slowness in being open to the new beginning You wish for us, and for our failure to conform our lives to the New Being you are bringing into existence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: "Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult" #672

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18..... Pew Bible Pg.577
Large Print Bible Pg.589

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-20 Pg.247

Anthem: "Every time I feel the Spirit"

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Pg.169

Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51 Pg. 92

Hymn: "Take my life, and let it be" #637

Sermon Title: **"A message to make ears ring"**

Our Response to God

Offertory, Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "O Jesus, I have promised"#569

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: John & Edna Young

Next Week's:

Today's Reader: Holly Meyer

Next Week's:

Coffee Hour: Everyone welcome

Stewardship Moment

Giving is true loving.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon, minister

Mission Capsule: TAIWAN: Translating the Bible

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean as he works with a Bible translation team in Taiwan to translate the Bible into the Hakka language. They are working to finish the complete translation by 2012, when The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan celebrates “The Year of Hakka Mission”. Paul says, “Since this is all God’s work, we pray that the Lord will help us achieve this very worthy goal.” Let us pray that the newly translated Bible will be a guiding light for Hakka Christians in Taiwan.



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 16, 23, 30
at 7:00pm

The **Presbytery of Montreal** meets in Maisonneuve Presbyterian Church, Tuesday, January 17 at 7:00pm

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

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

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

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

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service on Sunday January 29, 2:00pm at Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church, with guest speaker, Jennifer de Combe, Executive Director of Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre. This 2:00 pm service **replaces** the usual 10:30 a.m. morning service.

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 76: 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 **Educating Girls in Afghanistan**

Many girls in Afghanistan will never have the chance to attend school. With youth comprising 50% of the population and the female literacy rate below 18%, investing in the education of girls is more important than ever. PWS&D is working with our local partner to train teachers, provide girls with textbooks and supplies, repair schools, and raise awareness and support for female education. Shanaz, leader of a parent-teacher committee, says, “Before this program, we did not allow our girls to get an education. But now with the program we see the need for education and we send our girls

to school.” For the 2011-2012 school year, PWS&D aims to increase enrolment from 1,350 to 1,800 girls. Together with your support, we are creating opportunities for girls and helping them realize their dreams. www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd.

Prayer Partnership

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

Pray for The Rev. Jack Archibald, our Presbyterian representative on the Interfaith Committee on Canadian Military Chaplaincy, and for his ministry in support of Presbyterians in the Chaplain Branch.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

Pray for the World Council of Churches, World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), Caribbean and North America Area Council of WCRC, and the Canadian Council of Churches in their involvement with theological studies and justice initiatives.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

Pray for young people who are applying for Youth in Mission trips in 2012. Pray that their experiences will be transformative.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

Pray for Captain Charles Deogratias who serves as a military chaplain at the Royal Military College, Saint-Jean, QC, and for his ministry with those in his care.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

Pray for the staff, volunteers and clients of Action Réfugiés Montréal, that they will be filled with the power of God’s love and that the ministry will continue to change lives.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

Pray for The Rev. Barbara Piloow and St. James Presbyterian Church in Dawson Creek, BC, that their ministry will engage people with the love of Christ.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

Pray for The Rev. Ed Hoekstra as he settles into a new ministry at Oakridge Presbyterian Church in London, ON, after three years with The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) in Malawi.