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3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying,

“The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: “I rest in God alone”

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Children’s Time & Prayer

Prayer of Confession

We want to be able to make partial rather than complete commitments to You, O God. We don’t want to have to do today what we can put off until tomorrow. We are concerned what other people would say and do if we really followed You. On the other hand, we are inclined to run off after false messiahs and gods, and give our enthusiasm and attention to those things and persons. Forgive us our sins, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn: “Child of blessing, child of promise”

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The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 62:5-12 Pew Bible Pg.526

Large Print Bible Pg.533

Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10.Pg.860

Anthem: “Your servant I will be”

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Pg.170

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20 Pg. 35

Hymn: “Will you come and follow me”

#634

Sermon Title: **“Fulfilled time: no time for half-hearted response”**

Our Response to God

Offertory, Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: “Dear Father, Lord of humankind”

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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: Alda Oswald

Next Week’s: Bonnie Lavis & Joyce MacTavish

Today’s Reader: Marjorie Crooks

Next Week’s: Linda Rodger

Coffee Hour: Everyone welcome

Prayer Partnership

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Pray for the people of Guatemala as they work with Presbyterian World Service & Development to improve their crops, combat malnutrition and start small businesses.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23

Pray for homeless people that they may find shelter, warmth and food, especially during the cold months of winter.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

Pray for those whose livelihood involves driving during the winter months.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25

Pray for congregational mission teams as they prepare to go to Malawi in the spring.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

Give thanks for our Presbyterian Reserve Chaplains who invest time, talents and gifts in caring for Canadian Forces members deployed overseas and at home.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27

Pray for sessions, that they will lead and serve congregations with humility and strength of faith.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28

Pray for The Rev. Tim Archibald and The Rev. Matthew Brough as they work in partnership to develop healthy and vibrant new ministries.

Welcome to the family of Edward Peter Steimer, who is to be baptized today in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and received into the Church. His parents are Michael Steimer and Anicia Rotaru. God parents Stephen Staffer and Heidi Wright.

Stewardship Moment

But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

1 Timothy 6:9-10 NRSV

Mission Capsule:

CANADA: Meeting needs in the inner city

Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help St. David's Inner City Outreach Ministry to meet the needs of families in Hamilton's inner city. Their outreach activities, including after-school programs for children and teens, adult and seniors' programs and a teen mom support group are geared towards not just alleviating, but actually preventing poverty. Let us pray for St. David's outreach ministry as it works to develop a safe and healthy community for children, youth and families in Hamilton's inner city.



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 23, 30 at 7:00pm

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 The after-school Music and Drama group meets on Wednesdays, and is learning musicals based on stories from the Bible.

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. At the suggestion of the Argenteuil Ministerial Association, the loose offering for the January 29 service will go to the work 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 77: Why does the Presbyterian Church also have a diaconal order? The early church had deacons as well as presbyters. The word comes from the Greek “diakonia” which refers to the church’s ministry of service. Today members of the Order of Diaconal Ministries are designated to various ministries in the life of the church. In addition, some congregations have a deacons’ court to care for the sick, the suffering and the needy. 1 Tim 3:13, Phil 1:2, Rom 16:1

For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and great boldness in the faith that is in Christ Jesus. To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi with the bishops and deacons. I commend to you our sister Phoebe, a deacon of the church at Cencreae. 1 Tim 3:8-12; Acts 6:1-6.

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Welcoming a Stranger

Looking for an exciting opportunity to take part in the life-changing ministry of helping refugees begin new lives in Canada? Refugee sponsorship is a tangible way for a congregation to take action. More than 1.5 million Iraqi citizens have been uprooted from their homes since the Iraq conflict began in 2003 and over 2 million have sought asylum in neighbouring countries. An opportunity now exists for Presbyterian congregations to take on sponsorship of Iraqi refugees. To learn more about embracing the challenge of welcoming a refugee to Canada, as well as what funding is available, speak to your minister or mission committee leader, and contact PWS&D.