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5th Sunday after Epiphany

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (Isaiah 40:30-31):

Even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,

they shall walk and not faint.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: *“When Israel was in Egypt’s land”* #708

Children’s Time & Prayer

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that we prefer that Your activity in the world be in ways we are already accustomed to. We have not always been ready to follow You into new endeavours, new experiences, new encounters. We have wanted to rest on what already has been accomplished and people already met. We have wanted a comfortable and undemanding gospel, rather than one that calls us into sometimes difficult and uncertain circumstances, but also into the experience of Your resurrection-power. Forgive us our sins, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: *“Those who wait on the Lord”* #662

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 147:1-11, 20c Pew Bible Pg.582
Large Print Bible Pg.594

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31.....Pg.668

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23.....Pg.172

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39.....Pg. 35

Hymn: *“Arise, your light is come”* #712

Sermon Title: **“The unfettered and inexhaustible gospel”**

Our Response to God

Offertory, Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: *“One more step along the world I go”* #641

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: Bob & Marion Duncan

Next Week’s: Jeff & Heather Gordon

Today’s Reader: Marsha Beaudoin

Next Week’s: Louise Porter-Pollock

Coffee Hour: Everyone welcome

Prayer Partnership

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

PWS&D Sunday

Pray for the work of Presbyterian World Service & Development as it works with communities in developing countries to overcome poverty and build futures of hope.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Give thanks for those who provide remedial assistance to women and children in Gaza.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Pray for Canadian Forces members who are suffering from physical, emotional or spiritual illness.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Give thanks for those who serve on the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society. May they be wise and forward-thinking in their decisions.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Pray for interim moderators and search committees. May God guide them to fulfill their responsibilities faithfully, wisely and thoroughly.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Pray for leaders of our colleges as they meet together to discuss common issues in theological education.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Pray for The Rev. Ruth Houtby as she begins Regional Staff ministry in the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces.

Stewardship Moment

We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.
Winston Churchill, former British prime minister

Mission Capsule:

YOUTH IN MISSION: Transforming lives

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Youth in Mission. YIM allows youth to accompany Presbyterian mission partners in Canada and internationally through short-term mission experiences. As these young people share in the mission of the church, they enhance their personal growth, learn skills and grow in their faith. In 2012, YIM is offering mission experiences in Taiwan, Israel/Palestine, the mission track at the Canada Youth conference, and the International AIDS Conference in Washington, DC. Let us pray for our youth who are leading in mission!



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, February 6, 13, 20, 27 at 7:00pm

Choir practice Tuesday, February 7, 14, 28 at 6:15–7:15pm

Bible Study Tuesday, February 7, 14, 28 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.

The **minister** has need of an accompanying adult for the **Music and Drama Group**, for Wednesday, Feb. 8 and 15, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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 78: Who are the needy? All of us stand in need of God's grace and healing. But in particular, the needy are those identified in Jesus' parable of the Last Judgement (Matthew 25:31ff); the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick and those in prison. In these and others in need, we encounter our living Lord. The church proclaims the good news of salvation not only by word but also by action. Jn 1:27

Ps 41:1 Mt 25:40 Lk 4:18. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world. Happy are those who consider the poor; the Lord delivers them in the day of trouble.

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.”

Ps 10:12, 12:5, 35:10; Prov 30:14, 31:9; Lk 6:20; Gl. 2:10; Jas 1:27, 2:6.

PWS&D Bulletin Bit

Remembering People in Need on PWS&D Sunday

Presbyterian World Service & Development is our church's agency that works with vulnerable communities around the world to help overcome poverty, oppression, and injustice. Programs focus on long-term community development and emergency relief following crisis and disaster. Sunday, February 5th is a day designated by the national church as PWS&D Sunday—an excellent opportunity to remember our brothers and sisters in need and to learn more about PWS&D and our partners. With your support, we are helping build new futures of hope and opportunity. You can read inspiring and uplifting stories from our programs by going online and signing up for our free monthly e-newsletter and quarterly print newsletter. www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd