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Transfiguration Sunday

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (2 Timothy 2:11-13):

The saying is sure:

**If we have died with him, we will also live with him;**

**if we endure, we will also reign with him;**

**if we deny him, he will also deny us;**

**if we are faithless, he remains faithful—**

**for he cannot deny himself.**

Prayer of Approach

*Hymn: "Praise, I will praise" .....#420*

Children's Time & Prayer

**Prayer of Confession**

**We confess, O God, that we are inclined to focus only on externals. We see the misfortunes of others, but are blind to the inner strength others may receive from You. We see changed plans, but do not guess the motivation others may receive from You. We accept others on the basis of external merits rather than on the basis of the power of Your presence in their lives. Our attitude to Jesus Christ himself is to regard him as a person of the past rather than as the One in whom we have communion now—through his death and resurrection— by the power of the Spirit. Because of this, we are liable to lose heart. Forgive us our sins, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn: "Thou, whose almighty word" .....#291*

**The Word of God**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 50:1-6                      Pew Bible Pg.519  
Large Print Bible Pg.526

Old Testament Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12                      Pg.332

*Anthem: "Home Again"*

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6                      Pg.180

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:2-9                      Pg. 44

*Hymn: "How brightly beams the morning star" .....#180*

Sermon Title: **"Let light shine out of darkness"**

**Our Response to God**

Offertory, Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: "O Spirit come, our hearts inspire" .....#404*

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: Marjorie Walker & Gwen MacAdam***

***Next Week's: John Perkins***

***Today's Reader: Marsha Chalmers***

***Next Week's: Bob Cunningham***

***Coffee Hour: Everyone welcome***

## Prayer Partnership

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

*Transfiguration Sunday/Heritage Sunday*

Give thanks for the many saints who have influenced and shaped your faith over the years, even long before you were born.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

*World Day for Social Justice*

Give thanks for Presbyterians who support KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives as they work to build the realm of God by supporting peacemaking initiatives, upholding human rights and caring for creation.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Pray for village health volunteers in India as they teach their communities new skills in hygiene, health and education with support from Presbyterian World Service & Development.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

*Ash Wednesday*

Pray for presbyteries that they may do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with God.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Pray for staff at our national church office as they work to support congregations, presbyteries and synods in their various ministries.

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

Pray for The Rev. H. Douglas Crocker who serves as the convenor of the ministry team of the Presbytery of Barrie.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Pray for those who volunteer in youth organizations. Give them confidence, courage and compassion to serve in Jesus' name.

## Stewardship Moment

Faith itself grows when we give generously and sacrificially.  
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### **Mission Capsule: MALAWI: Worshipping together**

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Mike and Debbie Burns as they serve the Blantyre Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi. Debbie shares, "While we enjoy worshipping in St. James' main church, we look forward to Sunday worship at one of the three prayer houses and weekly Wednesday evening services at the different *mulagas* (cottages). These services provide an intimate time for prayer, praise, study and fellowship, something that is difficult to obtain in a sanctuary filled with 700 people!" Let us pray for Mike, Debbie and the people of St. James as they share the good news of the gospel in Malawi.



**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 20, 27 at 7:00pm.

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

**Bible Study** Tuesday, February 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 **Presbytery of Montreal** is scheduled to meet at Presbyterian College on Tuesday, February 21.

**Pancake Supper** at St. Simeon's Anglican Church Tuesday, February 21, 5pm-7pm. Donation \$7,00, children under 12, \$2,00

**Communion Sunday** February 26. Congregational Meeting to follow the service, to consider an accepted allocation for the General Assembly Budget (otherwise known as *Presbyterians Sharing...*) and to consider the appointment of an Envelope Secretary.

**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.)

### **Lenten Services**

March 8, 15, 22, 29 at 12 noon

Theme of the services: Jesus' parable of the vineyard, and Jerusalem and her prophets

March 8: Micah

March 15: Isaiah

March 22: Zephaniah

March 29: Jeremiah

A **choir** consisting of singers from local churches is invited to practice at 11:15 a.m. at MRMP Church on the days of the Lenten noon-hour services (Thursdays, March 8, 15, 22 and 29) and participate in the service.

## *Catechism for Today*

Question 80: What is baptism?

Baptism is a sign and seal of our union with Christ and his body, the church. Through it, by faith and the work of the Spirit, we are washed and cleansed from sin, share in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, and are commissioned to Christ's service. Baptism assures us that we belong to God. Our great comfort in life and in death is that we belong to our faithful Saviour Jesus Christ (Heidelberg Catechism, answer 1).

Matt 3:16 And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him.

Rom 6:4-5 Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

1 Cor 6:11 But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Jn 3:5 "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit."

See also: Mt 3:13-17; Mk 1:9-11; Lk 3:21-22; 1 Pet 3:20-21; 1 Cor 10:1-2, 12:13; Gal 3:27-29; Col 2:12; Titus 3:5.

## *PWS&D Bulletin Bit*

### **Supporting Small-Scale Farmers with Seeds and Tools**

Give a farmer seeds... and he can grow food to feed himself. Give a farmer tools... and she can feed her family. Give a farmer fertilizer... and he can feed the community. Give a farmer all three... and we can help change the world! PWS&D is helping small-scale, flood-affected farmers in the Swat region of Pakistan recover from devastating floods by providing seeds, tools and fertilizer in order to boost agricultural production and feed their families. You can help overcome hunger and poverty today with a gift of only \$130 to support a farming family in need.