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1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

**try me and know my thoughts!**

See if there is any wicked way in me,

**and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: *"He's got the whole world in his hands"* #339

Children's Time & Prayer

**Prayer of Confession**

**Contrary to You, O God, we do not always let generosity of spirit have the lead hand. We have not always forgiven the sins of others. We have not shown mercy to the poor or vulnerable as we should have. Moreover, our own goodness has been weak in setting life on a positive footing. Forgive us our sins, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: *"God of the sparrow"* #307

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-10      Pew Bible Pg.502  
Large Print Bible Pg.508

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent reading      Marsha Beaudoin

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 9:8-17      Pg. 7

Anthem: *"In the presence of your people"*

Epistle Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22      Pg.234

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-15      Pg. 34

Sermon Title: **"For your goodness' sake, O Lord!"**

Our Response to God

Offering, Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Service of Holy Communion

Hymn: *"All who hunger, gather gladly"* #534

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*Apostles' Creed* #539

The Scriptural Warrant

*The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving* #564

Act of Communion

The Peace

Post-Communion Prayer

Hymn: *"For the bread which you have broken"* #549

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

## Prayer Partnership

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

*1st Sunday in Lent*

Pray for refugees facing new beginnings in Canada with the support of Canadian congregations and Presbyterian World Service & Development.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Pray for Jo Morris, Jeffrey Crawford, Mary Janet Bisset and all the members of the Canada Youth 2012 planning team as they continue to discern God's leading for the July conference.

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Pray for the families of our International Ministries overseas staff. Give thanks for their supportive role.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

On this special day in the leap year, look for signs of God's amazing love in your life – and give thanks.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 1

Pray for The Rev. Pat Shaver as she returns from Malawi having served as a volunteer at Zomba Theological College for the past half year.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 2

*World Day of Prayer*

Pray that Christians everywhere may worship with religious freedom in an atmosphere of peace, justice and stability. This year's World Day of Prayer service was written in Malaysia, a country with a multiracial, multicultural, and multi-religious community living in harmony.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 3

Pray for all who are preparing reports for this year's General Assembly. May the numerous volunteers who serve in our congregations and the national staff find time, creativity and enthusiasm for this work.

## 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 Perkins**

*Next Week's: John Perkins*

**Today's Reader: Bob Cunningham**

*Next Week's: Edna Young*

*Coffee Hour: Everyone welcome*

**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.

## Stewardship Moment

Your life becomes joyful, fulfilling, and purposeful as you live in God's calling. Joy is experienced in the act of giving, but even more so in the alignment of your heart with God's will.

*Generousgiving.org*

## Mission Capsule: CANADA: Creating a safe space

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help Flemingdon Gateway Mission reach out to children and families in Toronto's Flemingdon Park neighbourhood. Its after-school program provides a safe space where kids can work on homework, spend time with friends and participate in various fun and educational activities. The Rev. Paulette Brown, Executive Director of the mission, says, "Our successes are not written on grant applications or on evaluation reports. They are written on the hearts of our children." Let us pray for Flemingdon Gateway Mission as it changes children's lives, for generations to come.



**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 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

**Session meeting** Thursday, March 1, at 7:00pm

Celebrate World Day of Prayer 2012, Friday, March 2, at 2:00 p.m., at St Simeon's Anglican Church, Lachute.

The Rev. Don Muir, Clerk of Assembly, has agreed to lead a workshop for teaching and ruling elders on Saturday, March 10, 10:00 a.m. to 3:30p.m. this will be held at Taiwanese Robert Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church, 2225 Regent Ave., Montreal.

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

**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 Lunches**

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                      Rev. Peter Prosser

March 15: Isaiah                      Rev. Doug Robinson

March 22: Zephaniah                      Fr. Terry Paquette

March 29: Jeremiah                      Rev. Paul Tidman

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 81: Who may be baptized? Those who believe, repent of their sins and commit themselves to Christ, may be baptized. Children of believing parents are also members of the covenant of grace and share in the hope of the gospel. They are to be received into the Christian community by baptism, nurtured in the faith, and confirmed by their own profession of faith when they grow older. It is the duty of parents and those who present children for baptism to confess the faith in which they are to be baptized and to promise to bring them up in that faith.

Acts 2:39, Acts 16:33, For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him. Then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. Acts 16:15; 1 Cor 1:16, 7:14; Gen 17:7.

## *PWS&D Bulletin Bit*

### **The Journey to Food Security in Malawi**

Before Tinkhani participated in a PWS&D-supported program in northern Malawi, he could not afford to buy fertilizer for his crops so his family experienced food shortages and his children frequently went to be bed hungry. After learning about intercropping and how to use organic farming practices, Tinkhani is now able to grow an abundance of nutritious foods with excess to sell at the market. Tinkhani happily reports that his family never goes hungry, even when the rains are bad.

Gifts to PWS&D help ensure people struggling with poverty and oppression receive nutritious food, access clean water and learn new skills in order to lead lives with more hope and opportunity. Please help ensure this important ministry continues today through your gifts and prayers.