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September 25, 2011

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (Psalm 5:11-12):

... Let all who take refuge in you rejoice;
let them ever sing for joy.

**Spread your protection over them,
so that those who love your name may exult in you.**

For you bless the righteous, O LORD;

you cover them with favor as with a shield.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "He is Lord".....(sung twice).....#252

Children's Time and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that we have not made repentance an ongoing way of life, as we should have. In the midst of changing circumstances, we have held on to expectations associated with the past. We have assumed that we know Your ways, and are disappointed when things do not work out as we hope. Pride has kept us from acknowledging error, and the need for a change of heart. We have been reluctant to acknowledge that Your grace has to be sufficient to us, O God, picking us up and sending us forth. Forgive us our sins, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: "All the way my Saviour leads me".....#

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16.....Pew Bible Pg.
Large Print Bible Pg.

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17:1-7.....Pg.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:1-13.....Pg.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32.....Pg.

Hymn: "As water to the thirsty".....#

Sermon Title: **"The grace of God is sufficient for us"**

Our Response to God

Offering, Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Now thank we all our God".....#4

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

Announcement

Good Morning! Welcome to all who are worshiping with us this morn
If you are a guest, please sign our guest book.

Today's Greeter: Bonnie Lavis

Next Week's: Bev. Young & Shirley MacDonald

Today's Reader: John Brydon

Next Week's: Marjorie Crooks

Coffee Hour: Everyone is welcome to join us.

Prayer Partnership

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Presbyterians Sharing Sunday

Thank God for the many congregations across Canada who enable, through financial gifts and prayers, the mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. May these ministries honour God.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Pray for Armagh in Mississauga, Ontario, as it provides safety, shelter and support for women and children fleeing abusive homes.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Pray for the cabinet of the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators meeting this week to plan next year's APCE event in Grand Rapids.

WEDNESDAY, September 28

Pray for sessions as they help congregations be the body of Christ to one another, the immediate community and the world beyond.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Pray for the Presbytery of Lindsay- Peterborough as it celebrates growing ministries and walks with those whose churches are closing.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Pray for vacant congregations, interim moderators and search committees, that they will be faithful in service while discerning the mind of Christ for the future.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

Thank God for the beauty and plenty of our local harvests. Pray for all who work tirelessly to bring in the fruits of the field.

Stewardship Moment

When thinking about stewardship consider: On average, American Christians enjoy an annual household income of \$42,409, while 1.1 billion of the world's poorest people must survive on \$1 a day.

Ronald Sidner, The Scandal of the Evangelical Conscience

Mission Capsule: CANADA: Community in Christ

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help create new ministries like Cloverdale Korean Church in Surrey, British Columbia. This church began with the dream of encouraging first and second generation Koreans to use their talents to build the Korean Christian community, and to help and encourage the Korean Christian community to be an important and active part of the local community. Cloverdale's ESL program for Koreans has been very successful, even resulting in new families joining the church! Cloverdale also reaches out to the community through a homeless ministry in the downtown area. Let us pray for Cloverdale as it reaches out to neighbours in the name of Christ.



Prayer List - Please write on the sheet provided the names of persons you wish included in the prayer of intercession.

Choir practice Tuesday, September 27th at 6:15-7:15 pm

Bible Study September 27, 7:15-8:15 pm continuing with the study of Acts 8-12. (Study on Isaiah to be for a later date.)

Communion Service Sunday, October 2nd

Session meeting Thursday, October 6th at 7:00pm

Ladies Aid meeting Friday, October 7th at 1:00pm

50th Wedding Anniversary for Henry and Merna Unrau, Saturday October 8th from 1:00-4:00pm at Camp des Iles.

Board of Managers meeting Thursday, October 13th at 7:00pm

Start-up date for **after-school Music and Drama Group** for Grades 4-6: Wednesday, 3:10-5:00 pm Sept. 28, featuring the preparation and presentation of the musical, *Chimes in the Night* and other items for Christmas, and the musical, *The Rock-Slinger and his Greatest Hit*, for the January-May period. Leadership provided by Vera Young, Trevor Holmes and Doug Robinson.

Non-perishable food items are now being collected for the local food banks, located in the old presbytere of St-Julien on Princess Street, in Lachute, and at Ste-Trinite Church in Brownsburg. The September offering of non-perishable food items will go to the Lachute food Bank. (A bin for such items is located at the front entrance of the church.)

At the same time, 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 60: What does the Holy Spirit give to the church?

A variety of gifts is given to individuals in the church. These gifts fall into three main groups: those concerned with preaching and teaching, those concerned with service, and those concerned with leadership (1 Corinthians 12:28). Each Christian has his or her own gift and is called to exercise it in the service of Christ.

1 Cor 12:4-7 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. But each has a particular gift from God, one having one kind and another a different kind. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

1 Cor 12:1-31; Rom 12:4-8; Eph 4:7-16. 1 Cor 7:7 1 Pet 4:10

PWS&D Bulletin Bit

Government of Canada Calls for Iraqi Refugee Sponsors

Since the Iraq conflict began in 2003, more than 6.5 million Iraqis have been uprooted from their homes. Outside of their homeland, they lack legal status, have limited access to employment and education, and face uncertainty and threats of violence. The Canadian government is offering resettlement to Canada for some of these refugees, and your congregation can help! Some refugees already have family members living in Canada and wish to join them. To learn more, contact Carolyn Vanderlip, PWS&D's Refugee Program Coordinator (1-800-619-7301 ext. 249 or cvanderlip@presbyterian.ca).