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20th Sunday after Pentecost

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (Psalm 100):

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

For the LORD is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "Amigos de Cristo".....#476

Children's Time and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

**We confess, O God, our weakness as human beings
before You. We have lived and acted on the basis of fear
rather than faith, and have failed to find the life You**

**wish for us. We have exalted ourselves, rather than
serving others, and so have missed out on the reality of
fellowship in the Body of Christ. Forgive us our sins,
we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: "Spirit, Spirit of gentleness"#399

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 107:1-7,33-37. Pew Bible Pg.559
Large Print Bible Pg.569

Old Testament Reading: Joshua 3:7-17Pg.195

Anthem: "Home Again"

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13Pg.203

Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:1-Pg. 25

Hymn: "Tell me the old, old story"#499

Sermon Title: **"By faith together"**

Our Response to God

Offering, Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "May the God of hope go with us every day "#726

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

Prayer Partnership

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

Reformation Sunday

Pray for wisdom and grace in responding to the needs of our church partners across the world in the midst of economic challenges and shrinking budgets.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31

Pray for those with social challenges. May they be embraced by people with compassion and understanding.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Pray for farmers in Nicaragua as they learn to increase their crop yield, make organic fertilizers and grow vegetables through support from Presbyterian World Service & Development.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Pray for the Continuing Education Grants Committee which meets this month at church offices in Toronto.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Pray for the Council Executive of the Women's Missionary Society as it meets to plan for the mission of the Society. May they be focused and inspired by creativity and wisdom.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Pray for the Faith and Life Centre at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario, and for the chaplain, David Galston, as they provide opportunities for spiritual growth and Christian community.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Pray for new immigrant families as they seek economical and social stability.

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: Shirley MacDonald

Next Week's:

Today's Reader: Brent Ball

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Coffee Hour: Everyone is welcome to join us.

Stewardship Moment

Life is for service, not survival; self-giving, not self-serving.

People are sometimes scared and scarred, uncertain and insecure. We need to take time to live - to learn to receive and to learn to give.

Kennon Callahan, author

Mission Capsule: BIBLE TRANSLATION:

Sharing the good news

Imagine trying to read or understand the Bible if it wasn't available in your native language. Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are helping to translate the Bible into several languages: Hakka in Taiwan; Kotoko in northern Cameroon; Izii, Ikwo, Ezaa and Mgbolizhia in Nigeria; and Mauritian Creole in Mauritius. Bible translation is a complex process. It can be a challenge for translators to capture the nuances, imagery and poetry of the Bible stories and to keep the text faithful to the original Hebrew and Greek. Let us thank God for those Bible translators who are helping to shine the light of Christ for people who yearn to read the Bible in their own language.



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

Choir practice Tuesday, Nov. 1, 8, 22, 29 at 6:15-7:15 pm

Bible Study Tuesday Nov. 1, 8, 22, 29 at 7:15-8:15 pm continuing with the study of Acts 9-12

Presbyterian **Carpet Bowling Club** Oct. 31 at 7:15 pm. New members will be welcome.

Prelude to Christmas, a concert of Christmas music by singers from our entire area, will take place this year on **December 11th, at 7:30 p.m.** in Lachute United Church. The concert is traditionally a fund-raiser to assist local food banks. Hopefully, knowing this fact, and writing it on your calendar NOW, will make it possible for everyone interested in participating to keep that date clear. **Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, October 30th from 2:30-4:30.** Please come, or call 450-562-9036 to leave a message about any problem with the schedule.

Session meeting Thursday, November 3 at 7:00pm

Ladies Aid meeting Friday, November 4 at 1:00pm

Board of Managers meeting Monday, November 14 at 3:30pm

Requesting help from those who are handy with needle, thread and glue gun. The ladies of the **Boutique Table** for the upcoming **bazaar** are in need of handmade items — decorations, wreathes, wall hangings, centerpieces, place mats, handy towels etc. Any item big or small, we will accept them all. Thank you.

The managers are encouraging everyone to make a special donation to cover the cost of the air conditioner in the church hall. You may use your “**special offering envelopes**”. This is to help to defray the cost which also includes the programmable thermostat, which now also governs the furnace for the hall. The total cost is approximately \$7,000, but is paid in monthly installments (without interest charges).

After-school Music and Drama Group for Grades 4-6: Wednesdays 3:10-5:00 pm, featuring the preparation and presentation of the musical, *Chimes in the Night* and the short plays, *Nativity in the Square*, *Bethlehem Road* and *The Call of Moses*.

Catechism for Today

Question 65: What authority does the Bible have in the Church? The Bible is the primary rule of faith and life. It is the standard of all teaching in the church by which we test any word that comes to us from tradition, world, or inner experience. To it no other writings are to be added. 2 Tim 3:16 Jn 10:34-36

All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. Jesus answered, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, you are gods?’ If those to whom the word of God came were called ‘gods’ - and the scripture cannot be annulled - can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, ‘I am God’s Son?’” Ps 82:6; Acts 2:42; Eph 6:17; 1 Pet 1:23.

PWS&D Bulletin Bit

PWS&D Christmas Cards Now Available!

Carry a message of peace to your friends and family this year with PWS&D’s beautiful new Christmas card. Proceeds from the card support PWS&D’s development and relief work around the world. Purchase individual cards for \$2.50, or buy a pack of 15 for \$20, plus tax. To place an order, please contact The Book Room (1-800-619-7301, bookroom@presbyterian.ca).