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Thanksgiving Sunday

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
**but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?**

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "For the fruits of all creation".....#802

Children's Time and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

We have failed to offer thanks to You, O God, thinking, instead, that what we have gained or enjoyed has been purely of our own doing. Too often, the thanksgiving we do offer has been only for what we as individuals or families have received rather than for the fellowship with a wider group of people which You wish to grant to us through Jesus Christ. Lack of generosity on our part has discouraged the development of such fellowship. Our lack of thankfulness towards others for their gifts has also hindered such fellowship. Forgive us our sins, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn: "Come, ye thankful people
come".....#803*

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 65... ..Pew Bible Pg.527
Large Print Bible Pg.535

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18.....Pg.165

Anthem: "There is a Redeemer"

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.....Pg.183

Gospel Reading: Luke 17:11-19.....Pg. 80

Hymn: "We plough the fields and scatter".....#807

Sermon Title: **"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift"**

Our Response to God

Offering, Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Now thank we all our God"..... #457

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: Gwen MacAdam & Marjorie Walker

Next Week's: Bonnie Lavis

Today's Reader: Davis MacVicar

Next Week's: David Dowse

Coffee Hour: Everyone is welcome to join us.

Prayer Partnership

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

Thanksgiving Sunday

Pray for The Rev. Glynis Williams and the staff at Action Réfugiés Montréal as they work in solidarity with refugees and refugee claimants.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10

Thanksgiving Day

As we gather to celebrate with families and friends this Thanksgiving, give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy in this country.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11

With the Presbytery of Quebec, pray for the special committee looking at future plans for Camp d'action biblique, and for The Rev. John Barry Forsyth who carries a heavy leadership role in the presbytery.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12

Pray for the Clerks of Assembly – Stephen Kendall, Tony Plomp, Don Muir – as they meet to discuss governance matters.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

Pray for girls in Afghanistan who are attending school and reaching for their dreams with support from Presbyterian World Service & Development.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

Pray for The Rev. Fennegina van Zoeren who serves as the convenor of the Ministry and Pastoral Care Committee of the Presbytery of Lambton-West Middlesex.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

Pray for Louise Gamble, one of our mission staff in Taiwan, as she attends the Canadian MacKay Committee activities at Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock, ON.

Stewardship Moment

Your money follows your heart. Yet you can bring your heart—and thereby your life—closer to God by reallocating your treasure from earthly possessions to eternal blessings. Giving shifts your focus from internal to external ... *to eternal.* Genrousgiving.org

Mission Capsule: UKRAINE: Equipping children

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Dr. David Pándy-Szekeres as he serves with the Reformed Church of Sub-Carpathian Ukraine (RCCU). David coordinates four Christian secondary schools and helps to post and supervise RCCU missionaries serving communities in Ukraine. A special class run by RCCU missionaries for Roma children in the village of Nagyberég has been a great success. Nine students who went through the first session passed their final exams and were enrolled in regular classes. A multifunctional building which will serve as a prayer hall and kindergarten is being constructed to serve this Roma community. Let us pray for David and the important work that the RCCU is doing with Hungarians in Ukraine.



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

Country Gospel Hymn Sing tonight, at 7:00 pm

Choir practice Tuesday, October 11, 25 at 6:15-7:15 pm

Bible Study Tuesday October 11, 25 at 7:15-8:15 pm continuing with the study of Acts 9-12

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

Presbyterian **Carpet Bowling Club** Oct.17, 24, 31 at 7:15 pm. New members will be welcome.

Trevor Holmes is selling tickets for the 75th anniversary of Brownsburg Legion, held on Oct. 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are limited, cost only \$10 for a Roast Turkey Dinner with all the

trimmings, and includes soup, salad, dessert, coffee and tea. Come help us celebrate.

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 \$8,000, 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 other items for Christmas, and the musical, *The Rock-Slinger and his Greatest Hit*, or the January-May period. Leadership provided by Vera Young, Trevor Holmes and Doug Robinson. Persons interested in providing and serving a snack from 3:13-3:45pm would be appreciated. We are trying to involve sufficient helpers for the snack time so that responsibility for the snack will only be once a month for participating church groups.

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 62: How can we tell when the Holy Spirit is present?

The evidence for the presence of the Holy Spirit is seen not only in the spectacular and the unusual but also in what the Bible calls “the fruit of the Spirit”: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control” (Galatians 5:22-23).

Acts 19:6 1 Cor 14:18-19, 1 Cor 13:1

When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you; nevertheless, in church I would rather speak five words with my mind, in order to instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue. If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 1 Cor 12:31; 1 Cor 13-14.

PWS&D Bulletin Bit **Canadian Christians Invited to “Fast for Change” on World Food Day – October 16**

Global food and economic crisis have caused an unprecedented 1 billion people in the world to suffer from chronic hunger and malnourishment. You are invited to participate in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank “Fast for Change” to stand up against this kind of inequality and injustice. Taking time to fast from food or other forms of consumption offers us an opportunity to reflect on why some people in the world will be forced to go to bed hungry tonight. Learn more about these issues with PWS&D’s Fast for Change resource kit, with activities for your church, small group, youth group and Sunday school.