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All Saints' Sunday

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (Hebrews 12:1-2):

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
**let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for
the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand
of the throne of God.**

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: "We praise you, O God".....#425

In Remembrance

Hymn: "O Canada".....#833

Prayer of Confession

**We confess, O God, that, although we want to be in the
number of Your saints, when they are called into the
Your kingdom, we have not seen fit to be adequately
prepared ourselves. We have expected that we can
simply count on the foresight and sense of responsibility
of others to look after us. We have put off until a later
time what we should have already done, and so have
found ourselves too late in accomplishing what is**

**necessary. We have taken Your own clemency for
granted, O God, and have expected You to accept our
excuses. Forgive us sins, we pray, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 78:1-7.....Pew Bible Pg.537
Large Print Bible Pg.

Old Testament Reading: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25.....Pg.215

Anthem: "Dona Nobis Pacem"

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18Pg.204

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13Pg. 28

Hymn: "Be still, my soul"#749

Sermon Title: "O when the saints"

Our Response to God

Offering, Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "God be with you til we meet again"#621

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

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: Alda Oswald

Next Week's: Reg. & Audrey Mason

Today's Reader: Marjorie Crooks

Next Week's: Lorna Rogers

Coffee Hour: Everyone is welcome to join us.

Prayer Partnership

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Pray for the Presbytery of Lambton-West Middlesex as it works on a self-evaluation process and the reformation of the presbytery.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Pray for International Ministries staff working with The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) in Malawi as they deal with political uncertainty and its effect on the church.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Pray for Bill and Sheila McKelvie and for their continued efforts in education, health and other important community initiatives in Pakistan.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Pray for those on the mission trip to Taiwan this month. May they be inspired by our Taiwanese partner church which is renowned for sharing the Gospel message in word and deed.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Give thanks for the Boarding Homes Ministry and pray for blessing for all involved – those living in the boarding homes and those who faithfully visit them.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Remembrance Day

Pray for our veterans across Canada during this time of Remembrance. May we work to build the foundations for peace.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Pray for Mary Gorombey, International Ministries staff, as she works with the Reformed Church in Hungary to integrate refugee youth into the Hungarian school system.

Stewardship Moment

When we give to God, we are just taking our hands off what already belongs to Him.

Anonymous

Mission Capsule: MISSION TRIPS:

Being present in Malawi

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help people in Canada connect with long-term mission partners around the world through short-term mission visits. Karen Lye travelled to Malawi with St. Andrew's Coldwater in 2010. In the village of Sakata, a woman whose son is disabled sought Karen out. The woman had heard that Karen works with people who have disabilities and wanted to spend time with her. Speaking different languages, they spent a lot of time just sitting together. Karen writes, "In these moments of silence, I truly felt what it meant to be "present", and a feeling of peace washed over me like I had never experienced before. The song rang in my ears, "Be still for the presence of the Lord is moving in this place." Let us pray for the people whose lives these mission trips continue to transform.



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

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

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

Presbyterian Carpet Bowling Club November 7, 14, 21, 28 at 7:15 pm

Prelude to Christmas concert, Sunday December 11th at 7:30 pm in the United Church. **Rehearsals** are from 2:30-4:30. Info call 450-562-9036

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

Annual Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday November 26th from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Tables of books, Candy, Handicrafts, Home Baking, Treasures of all kinds. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. If you would like to volunteer, please contact a member of the Ladies Aid. Donations for any or all of these tables would be appreciated. This is our fundraiser for the year to help in the support of our church.

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).

The **Music and Drama Group** is planning their Christmas production for Friday, December 16 at 7:00pm at MRMP.

Catechism for Today

Question 66: How do we interpret the Bible?

Both Old and New Testaments were written within and accepted as scripture by communities of faith. Those who seek to understand the Bible need to stand within the church and listen to its teaching. The Bible is understood in the light of the revelation of God’s work in Christ. We interpret scripture properly as we compare passages, seeing the two Testaments in light of each other, and listening to commentators past and present. Relying on the Holy Spirit, we seek the application of God’s word for our time. Jn 5:39 Acts 16:14 “You search the scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that testify on my behalf.” A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul ... She and her household were baptized.

PWS&D Bulletin Bit

Reaching Out to Flood-Affected People in Pakistan

Thousands of people remain displaced by widespread flooding in Pakistan’s southern Sindh province, and in need of food, shelter and supplies as winter approaches. PWS&D has already distributed emergency food packages to 2,000 families that will last for two months. With your help, we also hope to provide other needed support such as tents, health services and emergency supplies. For more information and to donate, visit www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/pakistan-floods