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22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (Mark 4:21-22):

Jesus said,

“Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand?

For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light.

Prayer of Approach

Hymn: “Give me oil in my lamp”#655

Children’s Time and Prayer

Prayer of Confession

We have thought of you as a harsh taskmaster, expecting too much of us, O God, although You have given us abilities. Fear has too often controlled our behaviour, keeping us even from doing a minimum in the right direction. By failing to be good stewards of what You have given, we miss out on the greater responsibility of the kingdom You would grant us. Forgive us our sins, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: “Praise God from whom all blessings flow”#79

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 123.....Pew Bible Pg. 572
Large Print Bible Pg.583

Old Testament Reading: Judges 4:1-7Pg.220

Anthem: “Wait for the Lord”

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11Pg.205

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30.....Pg. 28

Hymn: “Called as partners in Christ’s service”#587

Sermon Title: **“Responsibility according to ability”**

Our Response to God

Offering, Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn: “I’m gonna live so God can use me”#648

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: Reg. & Audrey Mason

Next Week’s: David & Guylaine Dowse

Today’s Reader: Lorna Rogers

Next Week’s: Bob Cunningham

Coffee Hour: Everyone is welcome to join us.

Prayer Partnership

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Restorative Justice Week

Pray for compassion and understanding for prison chaplains; for the healing of crime victims; and for offenders, that they will take responsibility for their actions and commit to their own healing journey.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Pray for members of Grey-Bruce-Maitland Presbytery as they prepare for a mission trip to Malawi next spring.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Pray for children who are depressed and hurt due to their parents' separation or divorce.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Pray for mothers struggling with post-partum depression.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Pray for Kevin Bourque, the ecumenical chaplain at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, as he meets with students and offers them a tangible expression of God's love.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Pray for The Rev. Nancy Cocks who serves as the convenor of the Pastoral Effectiveness Committee of the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Pray for orphans and vulnerable children in Malawi as they find hope, education and healing with the support of Presbyterian World Service & Development.

Stewardship Moment

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.

Aesop, Greek writer

Mission Capsule: CANADA: Serving with a smile

Presbyterians Sharing supports The Rev. Katherine McCloskey as she serves as chaplain at Evangel Hall Mission in Toronto. For almost 100 years, Toronto's Evangel Hall Mission (EHM) has worked hard to break the bonds of loneliness, isolation and despair in Toronto's downtown core. Everyone is welcomed with a warm smile and a kind heart as they take part in the various programs offered by the mission - youth programs, a daily drop-in, men's and women's groups, medical and dental clinics, community dinners, and a Sunday worship service. As part of a dynamic EHM team, Katherine helps people through transitions and difficulties in their lives, letting them know that God is with them and loves them. Let us pray for EHM, and for Katherine, as she witnesses the gospel through her compassion and love.



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 7:00pm

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

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

The Presbytery of Montreal will meet in Chambit Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, Nov. 15.

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

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

Prelude to Christmas concert, Sunday December 4th at 7:30 pm in the Untied Church. **Rehearsals** are from 2:30-4:30 Sundays.

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

Annual Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday November 26th from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Tea tickets are \$7.00. Tables of books, Candy, Handicrafts, Home Baking, Treasures of all kinds. Table would be grateful for any donations. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be someone at the church to accept your goodies from 2PM to 5PM and 6PM to 8PM on Friday, November 25 and after 9AM on Saturday. 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).

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.)

Donations to the **Stocking Fund** would be appreciated as this is a way to help the Church cover the insurance. Place in an envelope marked Stocking Fund and put on the collection plate.

Catechism for Today

Question 67: Should Christians read the Bible?

Yes. The regular reading and study of scripture, together with the hearing of the word in public worship, are some of the richest joys of Christian commitment. Eph 6:17 Heb 2:12 Ps 119:105

Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Ps 82:6; Jn 10:34-36. Isa 55:11

So shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Ps 19; Jn 6:63, 68; Acts 2:42; Rev 1:3.

PWS&D Bulletin Bit

Thank You for Supporting East Africa

Presbyterians in Canada have once again responded with gifts of hope during a time of crisis. Over \$650,000 has been raised for PWS&D's East Africa drought appeal in support of life-saving programs in Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia and Tanzania that are providing food, shelter, clean water, hygiene kits, agricultural training and psychosocial support to refugees and affected communities. Please continue to keep East Africa in your prayers. On behalf of the hundreds of thousands of people being supported by your gifts—thank you for your generosity. www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd