

*Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church,  
Lachute, Quebec*

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November 18, 2012

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Organ Prelude

Call to Worship (Psalm 62:1-2,8):  
For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
**from him comes my salvation.**  
He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
**by fortress; I shall never be shaken.**  
Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
**God is a refuge for us.**

Prayer of Approach

*Hymn: "I rest in God alone".....#36*

Children's Message

**Prayer of Confession (based on Mark 13:1-13):**  
**We confess, O God, that we have been overly impressed by human achievements that seem so solidly established. We confess that we have allowed ourselves to be captivated by the latest "bright light". We have wanted to live with the sure knowledge that some claim to possess. But we have been less ready to wait and work patiently for the fulfilment of Your purposes through Jesus Christ. We have been less ready to be engaged in the mission of Your Church in the world in preparation for the Day of Your coming. Forgive us our sins, we pray, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Hymn: "A mighty fortress is our God".....#315*

**The Word of God**

Responsive Reading: 1 Samuel 2:1-10 .....Pew Bible Pg.245  
Large Print Bible Pg.249

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 1:4-20.....Pg.244

*Anthem: "Your servant I will be"*

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 10:11-25.....Pg.224

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-13.....Pg. 50

*Hymn: "Lord, thy word abideth".....#502*

Sermon: **"The Mission of the Church in the End Time"**

**Our Response to God**

Offering, Doxology and Offertory Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn: "Lord of light, whose name and splendour".....#769*

Benediction

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

**MRMP Church Christmas Bazaar** Saturday, November 24, 1:30 to 3:30pm. Christmas decorations, small gifts, crafts and home cooking. Coffee & Tea will be served in the church hall. Everyone Welcome.

**Samaritan shoeboxes** are available in the hall. Pickup of filled boxes will take place Nov. 23

The "**Ladies of the Church**" formerly known as the "Ladies' Aid" would like to welcome all ladies of the congregation to their group. We would appreciate help with coffee hours on Sundays as well.

Presbyterian Church in Canada **calendars** are available in the church hall for \$4.00 from Clarice Muir.

We have been informed that Lachute United Church will be renting the former Desforges Funeral Home on Hamford Street in Lachute after they leave their current building. We pray God's blessing on the ministry of Lachute United Church in this new location. The people of the congregation thank the "negotiating committee", composed of Susan Gordon, Donald MacRae, and Edna Young, for their excellent work on behalf of Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church.

**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.)

Some dates to remember in December:

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| <b>Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23</b> | Sundays in Advent   |
| <b>Dec. 2, 7:30pm</b>    | Prelude to Christmas Concert at Lachute United Church             |
| <b>Dec. 9</b>            | Communion service, White gift & Mitten tree                       |
| <b>Dec. 14, 7:00 pm</b>  | Music and Drama group to perform musicals For parents and friends |
| <b>Dec. 19, 1:15pm</b>   | Music and Drama group performs for classmates in the church       |
| <b>Dec. 24, 7:30pm</b>   | Christmas Eve service   |

### ***PWS&D Bulletin Bits: Providing Relief in the Sahel***

We did it! Presbyterians in Canada have responded yet again with overwhelming generosity, raising \$115,000 for emergency relief in the Sahel. Through the Government of Canada's Sahel Crisis Matching Fund, these efforts are being multiplied. With your support, PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank are getting urgently needed relief to those hit hardest by hunger. Food assistance is meeting immediate food needs, while livelihood interventions, such as seed distributions and nutrition training, are helping to improve the capacity of communities to cope with future droughts and food shortages. This would not be possible without your ongoing support—thank you.

### ***Catechism for Today***

Question 117: What do we learn from this commandment?

We learn that the unique unity of husband and wife in marriage is not to be imperilled or destroyed by the infidelity of either partner.

Lev 18:20 Mt 5:28 Heb 13:4. You shall not have sexual relations with your kinsman's wife, and defile yourself with her. But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Gen 39:1-10; Deut 22:22-24; Prov 6:23-26,29-35; Mt 5:27-30; Mk 10:11; Rom 13:9; Jas 2:11.

## *Prayer Partnership*

### **Sunday, November 18**

#### *Restorative Justice Week*

Pray for prison chaplains, that they will bring compassion and understanding to their ministry.

### **Monday, November 19**

Give thanks and pray for Rebecca Bromwich in her newly appointed position as Presbyterian representative on the Board of the Church Council on Justice and Corrections.

### **Tuesday, November 20**

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

### **Wednesday, November 21**

Pray for members of the Canadian Council of Churches as they meet together near Toronto.

### **Thursday, November 22**

Pray for Almanarah Church in Mississauga, ON, an Arabic congregation serving people from a variety of Middle Eastern backgrounds in their own language.

### **Friday, November 23**

Pray for congregations as they dare to create new ways of being God's people that reflect the needs of today's and tomorrow's generations in their local communities.

### **Saturday, November 24**

Pray for strong leaders in our church – for individuals who will challenge current powers and principalities and work towards Jesus' vision of justice, grace and peace.

## 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: David & Guylaine Dowse**

*Next Week's: Bill & Clarice Muir*

**Today's Reader: Sheila Holmes**

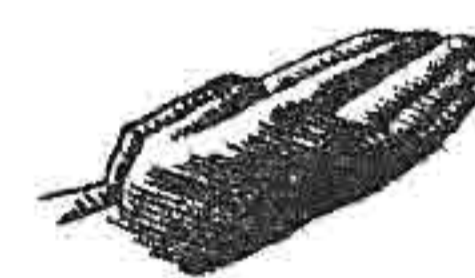
*Next Week's: Lorna Rogers*

### **Stewardship Moment**

An enduring environmental ethic will aim to preserve not only the health and freedom of our species, but access to the world in which the human spirit was born. *Edward O. Wilson, biologist*

### **Mission Capsule: ROMANIA: Making a lasting impression**

Brian Johnston serves in Romania at the Theological Seminary of the Hungarian Reformed Church. He teaches English and leads two choirs of seminary students. Brian's ministry multiplies as his students graduate and become ministers, sharing the good news throughout Romania. When the choir travels to perform in villages in Transylvania, they are often hosted by former choir members who provide wonderful hospitality as well as inspiration to the current members. As we give to *Presbyterians Sharing*, let us pray for Brian and his current and former students as they work to share the good news in Romania through music and ministry.



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

**Carpet Bowling Club** Monday 19, 26 at 7:00pm

New members welcome!

**No Choir practice** this week. The Presbytery of Montreal meets in regular session on Tuesday, November 20, 7:00 p.m. at Town of Mount Royal Presbyterian Church.

## Hannah invites us into the world

of women who experience domestic violence. She has not been physically attacked, but she is repeatedly harassed by her husband's other wife. The cruel words and isolating actions of her rival are abuses of power that have long-lasting consequences.

Hannah seeks help in the only "shelter" available at the time. Hannah pours out her anguish and pain so powerfully that the priest thinks she is drunk. Fortunately, this misperception is not the end of the story. The sharing of her grief leads to a powerful encounter between Eli, Hannah and God. Hannah receives the kind of help that she needs in order to reclaim her self-esteem and dignity.

Hannah's story calls us to listen to cries for help and to be responsive to individuals and families who are experiencing domestic violence and conflict.

The Rev. Dr. Carol Wood serves as ecumenical chaplain  
at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

