

*Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian
Church*

Lachute, Quebec

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December 11, 2011

Third Sunday of Advent

Organ Prelude

Lighting of the Candle of Joy (Please see insert)
Bob, Jean, Christina, Dwayne, Thomas

Hymn: "Hark the glad sound" #118

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 126 Pew Bible Pg. 572
Large Print Bible Pg. 584

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 Pg.691

Solo: "Christmas Joy" Marsha Beaudoin

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Pg.205

Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28 Pg. 91

Hymn: "There's a voice in the wilderness crying" #128

Sermon Title: **"The voice of one crying in the wilderness"**

Hymn: "Hope is a star" (v.3).....#119

Children's Time and Prayer

Collection of White Gifts; hats and mittens

Hymn: "People in darkness" (v.4).....#124

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that, at times, we have pretended to be what we are not. We have had difficulty accepting who we are. We have claimed to know who others are, and how they should act. We have too easily rejected the work and actions of those to whom we have not paid adequate heed. We tend to make You in our own image, O God, rather than being known by You through Jesus Christ Your Son. Forgive us our sins, we pray, through him. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Our Response to God

Offering, Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Service of Holy Communion

Hymn: "Born in the night"#137

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Apostles' Creed #539

The Scriptural Warrant

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving #564

Act of Communion

The Peace

Post-Communion Prayer

Hymn: "In the bleak mid-winter"#145

Charge and Benediction

Choral Amen

Organ Postlude

Prayer Partnership

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

3rd Sunday in Advent

During the consumer-driven days leading up to Christmas, pray that we will focus on good stewardship practices and an awareness of “enough.”

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

Pray for congregations preparing Christmas baskets for their communities. May receiving families and congregations join together in the spirit of Christmas.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

Pray for The Rev. Ron Wallace, Associate Secretary for International Ministries, as he returns from the meeting of the Commission on World Mission and Evangelism in Accra. Thank God for his dedication to this important ministry.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Pray for persistence and love for mission committees as they inspire their congregations to get involved in mission.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

Pray for those who are entering the Christmas season having recently lost loved ones. May the good news of Jesus’ birth encourage and sustain them.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

Pray for those who serve as mentors to candidates preparing for ministries within The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Pray for our mission staff who are celebrating Christmas away from family and friends in Canada.

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: Bob & Marion Duncan

Next Week’s: John Perkins

Today’s Reader: Carol MacVicar

Next Week’s: Lorna Rogers

Coffee Hour: Everyone is welcome to join us.

Stewardship Moment

The Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ *Acts 20:35b NRSV*

Mission Capsule: CANADA: Supporting seminary students

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help seminary students gain valuable experience with the unique issues in rural and remote congregations. [Each summer](#) up to five congregations are paired with a student from one of our three theological colleges. Dennis Howard, a student at the Vancouver School of Theology, worked at Knox church in Winnipegosis last summer. He writes, “I would like to thank the Presbyterian Church in Canada for supporting me in what was an amazing summer experience. I taught and I learned; in retrospect I think I learned much more than I taught!” Let us pray for these theological students as they discover the joys and challenges of rural ministry.



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

Our **web address** is now newly posted on our outdoor sign, in an enlarged format.

Last of the **Country Gospel Hymn Sing** tonight at 7:00pm

Board of Managers is meeting Monday, December 12 at 3:30 pm

Presbyterian Carpet Bowling Club December 12, 19 at 7:15 pm

Choir practice Tuesday, December 13, 20 at 7:00-8:30 pm the choir will be practicing Christmas music.

2012 Presbyterian calendars are available from Clarice Muir at a cost of \$4.00

The congregation is cordially invited to the performance of the **after-school Music and Drama Group**, Friday, Dec. 16, at 7:00 p.m. in Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church. Two plays, "Road to Bethlehem" and "Nativity on the Square" will be followed by the musical, "Chimes in the Night." A reception will follow in the church hall.

Christmas Eve Service Saturday, December 24 at 7:30 pm

Sunday Service December 25 at 10:30am

Sunday Service January 1 at 10:30 am

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service on Sunday January 29, 2:00pm at Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church, with guest speaker, Jennifer de Combe, Executive Director of Tyndale St-

If you would like to contribute to this year's **Poinsettia Fund** you may place your donation inside an envelope marked Poinsettia Fund and place it on the collection plate. Can be given directly to Marjorie Crooks as well. (450-562-4532)

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.

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.)

Catechism for Today

Question 71: What does it mean that the church is the "body of Christ"? It means that Christ indwells his church as its head, and that believers are "in Christ". We belong to Christ and to one another. By baptism we are joined to Christ and in the Lord's Supper we share in his body and blood. The church is his body even though it clearly has many flaws and failings. Col 1:18 He [i.e. Christ] is the head of the body, the church. 1 Cor 12:13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. 1 Cor 10:16-17 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body for we all partake of the one bread. 1 Cor 1:2, 12:12-27; Rom 6:3-11; Eph 1:1; Phil 1:1.

PWS&D Bulletin Bit **Overjoyed with Success in Ghana**

Isaac Bukari's face can hardly contain his beaming his smile. For many years, Isaac suffered discrimination and neglect from his family and community in Ghana due to epilepsy until a PWS&D partner Heb 8:8-13, 10:16; Lk 22:20; 2 Cor 3:6; Rom 9:4, 11:27; 1 Pet 2:4-10.

