

Margaret Rodger Memorial Presbyterian Church

Lachute, Quebec

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December 18, 2011

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Organ Prelude

Lighting of the Candle of Peace

Please see insert)

Davis & Carol MacVicar

Hymn: "Hope is a star"(v.4).....#119

Vocal ensemble "Mary, Mary"

Hymn: "People in darkness"(v.1).....#124

Prayer of Confession

We confess, O God, that we are "a people of unclean lips in the midst of a people of unclean lips". Out of fear, we have not always been receptive to Your call, and have made excuses for not responding. We have doubted Your ability to accomplish what You have promised, and also Your ability to empower us for Your service by means of Your Spirit dwelling in us. Forgive us for the lack of praise of You in our lives. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn: "Angels from the realms of glory" #146

The Word of God

Responsive Reading: Luke 1: 46b-55 Pew Bible Pg. 56
Large Print Bible Pg.554

Old Testament Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16Pg.281

Solo: "I saw three ships" *Sheila Holmes*

Epistle Reading: Romans 16: 25-27 Pg. 165

Gospel Reading: Luke 1: 26-45, 56 Pg. 56

Hymn: "The angel Gabriel from heaven" #156

Sermon Title: **"Here am I, the servant of the Lord"**

Our Response to God

Offertory Solo: "Mary's little boy Child"

Doxology, Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving, Intercession and Lord's Prayer

Hymn: "Angels we have heard on high" #147

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: John Perkins

Next Week's: Jeff & Heather Gordon

Today's Reader: Lorna Rogers

Next Week's: Holly Ball

Coffee Hour: Everyone is welcome to join us.

Prayer Partnership

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

4th Sunday in Advent

On this International Migrants' Day, pray for organizations and individuals working for the humane and dignified treatment of migrant workers and their families.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

Pray that the church will be a place where those who cannot afford to buy Christmas presents will feel at home.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Pray for all our military members who are deployed during this holiday season and will not be spending Christmas with their loved ones. Keep them safe from harm.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Pray for drought-affected people in East African countries where Presbyterian World Service & Development is providing emergency food rations, supplies and livelihood restoration initiatives.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

Pray for The Rev. Margaret Mullin and the people who gather in the Place of Hope and the Anishinabe Fellowship Centre at Winnipeg Inner City Missions in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

Pray for safety for those who are travelling this Christmas season.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Christmas Eve

Like the shepherds of old, let us hurry to Bethlehem to ponder the meaning of Jesus' birth.

The **candles** at the side windows are placed in loving memory of *Eveline & Jim Menzies* and *Mary & Ernie Gordon*.

Stewardship Moment

The shepherds came from the fields bringing only themselves and their sheep. Yet their interest in Jesus was enough to win them a place in the Christmas story for all times. What is their stewardship message to us? Even if all we have to give is our interest, our caring, and our time to come and visit; those are important gifts to give.

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Mission Capsule: MALAWI: Coordinating synod visitors

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Linda Inglis as she helps the Blantyre Synod welcome visitors from around the world. Working with the Synod's General Secretary and various committees, Linda helps plan programs that engage people in the Synod's mission work. Linda sees how mission visits "help people to witness the wonderful faith and joy of Christians in Malawi and awaken them to the realities faced by everyday people in one of the world's poorest countries." Let us pray for Linda and the Blantyre Synod as they engage people in Christ's mission.



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

Presbyterian **Carpet Bowling Club**, will resume in January 9th, 2012.

Choir practice Sunday, Dec. 18 after church, Tuesday, Dec. 20, 7:00-8:30 pm, Thursday, Dec. 22, 7:00-8:30 pm.

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

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE Wednesday, December 21st at 7:30pm at the Lachute United . Info contact Georgia Copland at 450-224-5351 or 450-562-9036

Christmas Eve Service Saturday, December 24 at 7:30 pm
Sunday Service December 25 at 10:30am
Sunday Service January 1 at 10:30am

From the Board of Managers: As of the end of November 2011, the congregation's givings are approximately \$7,000 below what was budgeted for givings at our last annual meeting. Also, our accepted allocation to Presbyterians Sharing... was \$10,000. We have raised, by the end of November, approximately \$5,300.

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-Georges Community Centre.

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.)

New Address
Dr. William Klempa and Mrs. Lois Klempa
450 Church St., Apt. 207
Beaconsfield, QC
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Catechism for Today

Question 72: How is the church "the fellowship of the Holy Spirit"?
As the church is related to God and to Jesus Christ, it is also related to the Holy Spirit. The Spirit's work is to create fellowship or community. Christian fellowship means oneness and solidarity: the strong have responsibility for the weak, the rich for the poor, the healthy for the ill, and the joyful for those who weep. Acts 2:42 Rom 8:9, 1 Jn 4:13

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayers. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. Eph 2:19-22, 4:4-5; Rom 12:15; 1 Cor 12:12-27; 1 Jn 3:24.

PWS&D Bulletin Bit **Coming in from the Cold in Pakistan**

Janirsat and her family finally have a new home. After losing her house, cows and goats during Pakistan's floods, Janirsat was empty-handed and hopeless. With the help of PWS&D and other members of the Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance, Janirsat's family received a tent, as well as construction materials, to help them rebuild their home. They moved into the new, three-room concrete house just as winter settled in. Janirsat and her family are all extremely grateful for the help they received. This Advent season you can help turn hopes for shelter, food and health care into reality for people affected by floods and other disasters.