

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall

July 16, 2017

Guest Preacher

Rev. Mark Bourgon

Organ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (Responsive)

God is the source of our life.

He is the Giver of all that is good.

God is the sower of grace and truth.

He is our strength and our hope.

God journeys with us in love.

Let us worship our ever-faithful God!

Opening Hymn

Holy Spirit, truth divine

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Opening Prayer (Unison)

Spirit of God, come into our world, our church and our hearts to do your transforming work. Your ways are mysterious to us, but we are drawn to You through the witness of Jesus.

Our world values efficiency, profits, success, and volume, but our ways are not your ways. Your love never ends. Your mercy is new every morning. Your compassion never fails. Your grace is amazing. Still our restless hearts during this time of worship, so the generous scattering of your love might fall upon us. Quiet our minds so that we might hear what we need to hear, and strengthen our will to do what You ask.

O God, be merciful to us, for we grow weary in our struggle to do your work. Our best intentions fall short, and we search for reasons why we fail to pursue your higher purpose for our life. We struggle to do what we want, and to find our way, and we neglect you. We curl up into ourselves instead of reaching out to you. Forgive us, dear God, for blocking You out of our world

and away from our life. This we ask in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

And now we join to pray as our Lord has taught us, *The Lord's Prayer*, Amen.

Praise Song

What a friend we have in Jesus

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Time with Our Children

Prayer of Illumination

The Scriptures

Read by: Dorothy Sullivan

Responsive Psalm 119:105-112

OT pg. 580

Romans 8:1-11

NT pg. 149

Matthew 13:1-9, 19-23

NT pg. 13

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God for His Word to us.

Sermon

“Rooting Yourself”

Presentation of Our Offerings and Gifts

Offertory

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn

Revive your work, O Lord

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Commissioning (Unison)

**In the power of the Holy Spirit, we now go forth into the world,
to fulfill our calling as the people of God,
the body of Christ.**

Benediction

Sung Benediction (Go Now in Peace)

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others, so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace in faith and in love. Amen.

Please join us for coffee hour
Compliments of Trish Brown

News for the Pews

The Clifford Macrae Memorial Bursary

The Clifford MacRae Memorial Bursary was established in 1993 by Kirk Session as the Clifford MacRae Memorial Scholarship.

This bursary is open to any member of St. John's Presbyterian Church who will be entering first year university or college from any Secondary School within the counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.

This bursary has a value of \$250 which was made possible by a bequest from the Clifford MacRae Estate.

All eligible candidates must apply in writing to the bursary committee who will make its decision based on scholarship, involvement in church life, and financial need.

Application forms are available at the South Door and must be returned to St. John's by August 31st, 2017.

Pastoral Care

While Rev. Johnston is away from time to time over the next 2 months, please call the office and Pastoral Care will be arranged.

Presbyterians Sharing

Summer is sizzling, and so are we!!! The Givings towards Presbyterians Sharing continue to remain slightly ahead of target. The total to date is \$8701.00. Way to go team!

Summer News for the Pews Deadline

The deadline for “News for the Pews” submissions is Tuesdays at noon during the months of July and August. This will ensure that your news will be included in the following Sunday’s bulletin.

Youth News

The Youth will be selling shopping bags as a fundraiser. These bags are very large, royal blue, and have the St. John’s crest on them to commemorate our 230th anniversary. The cost is \$ 5.00 each and will be available after service during the fellowship time.

On **select** Thursdays throughout the summer, we will have a day-away program for our Youth. It will consist of working on community projects; such as VBS. We will also have lunch, and an afternoon activity. Many of these hours will qualify as volunteer hours for school.

Thursday, July 20th

We will work on VBS.

Burger, with veggies and dip for lunch

Swimming at the Aquatic Centre during the afternoon, *weather permitting*

Cost is \$10.00

Drop-off time is 8:00 a.m. at St. John’s.

Pick-up time is 4:30 p.m. at St. John’s.

WOC—Fundscrip Cards

The ladies are not expecting to be in the kitchen every week during July and August, but if anyone requires cards from Fundscrip, please call Connie (613-932-0234) or Gail (613-932-2811). They will arrange to meet with you at the church to obtain the cards.

Welcome to our worship service this morning. Visitors, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and sign our guest book in the hall just outside the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to stay after service for refreshments and fellowship.

***Hymns** are normally sung while standing, except for those marked with an asterisk indicating everyone may remain seated. However, those who feel it is better not to stand may remain seated during the singing of any hymn.

A PCC Mission Moment
for July 16, 2017

The Sacrament of the Ordinary

Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are providing grants to nine new congregational developments in Canada. One of these, Two Rivers Church, began as a small group of friends who felt the call to come together as a church in downtown Guelph, Ontario. A biweekly Living Room gathering brings people together for a meal and conversation.

The “Sacrament of the Ordinary” encourages participants to share something from the past week which caused them to reflect on the presence of grace in the mundane or routine. Rev. Glen Soderholm shares, “I think what we want to cultivate is a deeper attunement to the reality of God with us in every detail of our lives. By hearing each other’s reflections, we become opened to this possibility in all of our daily lives.”

Presbyterians Sharing supports new congregations in Canada

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