

St. John's Presbyterian Church

February 25, 2018

Lent 2



*To all who would know God and do God's will;
for all who would live and serve to make the world better;
to all who seek comfort and would find rest
to old and young, wise and unlearned, rich and poor,
saint and sinner, this church opens wide its doors
and in the name of Jesus Christ bids you welcome
to our Father's house.*

*Lent is a period of time between Ash Wednesday and Easter where
Christians focus on spiritual purification, meditation and penance.*

Today is the 2nd Sunday in Lent

Enter to Worship

Leave to Serve

Welcome to our worship service this morning. Visitors, please take a moment to introduce yourselves and to sign our guest book in the hall just outside the sanctuary.

***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.

Please remember in your prayers, the people of St. John's.

Lectionary Lessons for This Lord's Day

Genesis 17: 1-7

Psalm 22: 23-31

Romans 4: 13-25

Mark 8: 31-38

An SJPC Mission Moment
For February 25th

PWS&D Sunday

PWS&D Sunday is a day to reflect on the work our church is doing to support marginalized and vulnerable people through programs in local and international development relief.

Together, we are responding to those who struggle for the basic necessities and helping families to get what they need to rise above poverty, recover from emergency situations and freely pursue their hopes for the future.

Today, we give thanks for compassionate individuals here in this congregation who volunteer to help those less fortunate people at the AGAPE center in Cornwall. We as partners in society follow Jesus, and we live for justice, mercy and peace. By sharing Christ's love in our community, we are helping to build a more sustainable, compassionate and just world.

SJPC (PWS&D) responds to needs around the world!

St. John's Presbyterian Church, Cornwall
February 25, 2018 2nd Sunday in Lent

**We Welcome Keppel Bharath
to lead our Worship today. Thank you!**

Organ Prelude

Chorale - Raymond H. Haan
O Hear the Joyful Tidings - A. Schreiner

Announcements

Call to Worship, The Liturgy for Lent 2

Opening Hymn He leadeth me 650

Opening Prayer

Gracious God, we come before you in prayer this morning.
Help us to focus on purification of ourselves.
Lent is the period of time where Christians focus on spiritual
purification; we meditate on our lives and seek help in renewing
our Spirits. Help us to come closer to you so we can live in your
shadow with passion and purpose.
Show us the way.
Fill us with your love which knows no bounds.
Fill us with your compassion and free our lips to proclaim words
of praise to you,
Help us to share your good news with others,
Guide, empower, and encourage us as we seek to minister to the
community and the world, In the name of Jesus Christ we pray.
Amen.

***Praise Song** Can a little child like me 441

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

The Lord's Prayer

Song of Illumination #500

Duet: Keppel Bharath & Dr. Michele Alexis

The Scriptures

Read by **Dan Plant**

Psalm Responsive 22: 1- 11, 19- 23	OT pg. 505
Genesis C 12 verses 1- 15	OT pg. 10
Genesis C 13 Verse 1-7	OT pg. 10

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God for His Word to us.

Hymn of the Month Like the murmur of the dove's song **385**

Sermon

"Where are YOU taking us LORD"
(Genesis C 17 V 1-7)

Presentation of our Offerings and Gifts

Offertory Anthem

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above - Anthony Giamanco

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us **647**

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

As we prepare to leave your Sanctuary and enter your world
Guide, empower, and encourage us as we seek to minister to the
community and to each other.

Sung Benediction—We are Here Joined in Christ

We are here joined in Christ,
called to serve and adore Him.

Give us peace, perfect peace,
patience and hope everlasting.

Send us to serve in our Master's name,
and to glorify Him.

Joined with Christ, and through Christ,
praise our Father forever.

Following Worship, everyone is invited
to the MacLellan Room for a time of fellowship.

Coffee hour is courtesy of **Trish Brown**

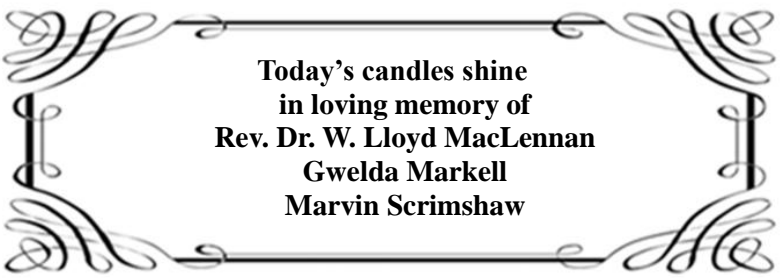
News for the Pews

Bible Study

Part 1

Wednesday, February 28th

1:00 p.m.



Today's candles shine
in loving memory of
Rev. Dr. W. Lloyd MacLennan
Gwelda Markell
Marvin Scrimshaw

Archives

St. John's Archives welcomes contributions of materials such as news clippings, bulletins or anything basically historical relating to the life and work of our congregation.

These items can be dropped off at the church office where Dr. Rennie will pick them up on his weekly day in the Archives. We may have duplicates, or you may think some things are not worth keeping, but please let your Archivist decide.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY SUPPER & MUSIC

Saturday, March 10, 2018 - 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

What better way to kick off the March Break & St. Patrick's week than with an Irish stew dinner & some good old-fashioned Irish fun and music. Mike McAnany and his guitar will be with us again this year to entertain and to lead us. Cost \$ 20.00 with tickets available after Sunday services or from the Church office. **ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY.** Proceeds will go towards St. John's Youth programs.

Communion Sunday

The Third Week of Lent
March 4, 2018

Inspirational Quote

Forgiveness: To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.

C.S. Lewis

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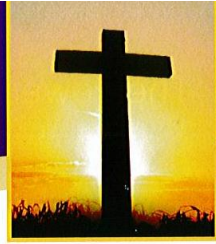
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Second Sunday in Lent



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One: We have confidence in God and shall not be afraid.

All: God is our light, our strength and our salvation.

One: We live in the midst of forces that seek to destroy life;
but we are not afraid.

All: God is our light, our strength and our salvation.

One: To those who cry out to God, God answers and is gracious.

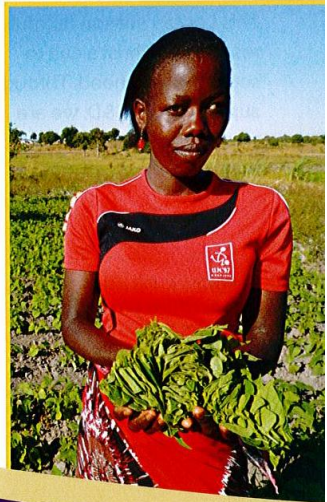
All: God is our light, our strength and our salvation.


One: God will hide us in God's shelter, and we will know God's salvation.

All: God is our light, our strength and our salvation.

One: Let us pray.

All: O God, you are our light in the times of shadow and darkness and our strength in times of frailty and weakness. When we lose our way you gently guide us. When we call to you we are graced with the comfort of your presence. When we are afraid you transform fear into faithfulness. In Jesus Christ, we taste your salvation and the Holy Spirit makes us strong, leading us through the darkness into light. We praise and adore you, O God, in and through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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The Power to Make Change Happen

When Iness Mayuni decided to join a self-help group in her Malawian village, her goal was simple: to take better care of her family.

Supported by PWS&D's Building Sustainable Livelihoods project, self-help group members save together and borrow small loans to meet their needs.

With no income and little authority at home, Iness had to ask her husband for money if she needed to buy something. With loans from her self-help group, she started a small business that allows her to afford food and school fees for her children.

The money is important, but the real change for Iness is the way she feels—powerful. Iness is helping support her family and making decisions for their well-being because she feels confident in her ability to take control of her family's future.

"We are poor," she shares. "But now we can take care of ourselves."

This Lenten season faithfully respond to Christ's call to serve those in need. Through support of PWS&D, we are supporting families to meet their needs.

'Donations to this program are maximized through matching funds from the Government of Canada.'

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IT'S TIME FOR JUSTICE

International Affairs Committee

In answer to the question "which commandment in the law is greatest?" Jesus replied, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind...And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself'" (Mt. 22:37, 39).

Discrimination Against People Living with Albinism in Sub-Saharan Africa

Albinism is a rare, non-contagious, inherited genetic condition that reduces the amount of melanin pigment formed in the skin, hair and/or eyes, causing the skin to be of a translucent white hue and vulnerable to skin cancer.

There is a higher prevalence of albinism in parts of sub-Saharan Africa. People with albinism are vulnerable to prejudice, mental and physical abuse and even death. Amnesty International and other international organizations have documented cases where organs and body parts are sold because they are falsely thought to possess special powers.



In some cases, police are reluctant to prosecute cases and courts may deliver sentences that do not fit the gravity of the crime when offences are committed against people with albinism. As a result, albinism associations emphasize the need to debunk myths and strengthen protections for people with the condition.



The Church Responds

Ndirande Centre for the Handicapped in Malawi was started in 1982 to support mothers caring for children with mental and physical disabilities. A number of children with albinism come to the Centre, which is supported by PWS&D. Former Presbyterian missionary, Linda Inglis writes: "Poverty and a lack of government services meant that many children were left without any physical or emotional support."



The Moderator of the 2017 General Assembly wrote to the Governments of Malawi, Tanzania and Ghana. The Moderator lamented the violence against people with albinism and encouraged these governments to strengthen protections for people with albinism.

Prayer

Creator God, help us to see through 'skin deep' differences that keep us from recognizing that all people are your beloved children. Help us to love one another as you love us.



The International Affairs Committee is mandated by General Assembly to monitor and draw the church's attention to international issues. The full report is found in the 2017 Acts & Proceedings.



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