

St. John's Presbyterian Church

March 4, 2018

Lent 3



*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

Exodus 20: 1-17;
Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 1: 18-25;
John 2: 13-22

A PCC Mission Moment
for March 4th

International Women's Day (March 8)

As we celebrate the achievements of women this International Women's Day, let us also reflect on the need to continue working for futures of hope and opportunity for women and girls around the world.

In many countries, women do not have access to education or fair credit. They don't have control over decisions made about their health and well-being. Too often, this inequality prevents women from making a positive difference in their lives and empowering their families and communities.

PWS&D is helping women claim their rights, access vital healthcare, learn about nutrition, develop vocational skills and achieve economic independence. Women's empowerment is critical to challenging poverty and building a more sustainable world.

PWS&D empowers women and girls

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Third Sunday in Lent

Organ Prelude

Prelude on "Nutfield" - Thomas J. Crawford
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name - Page/Ellor

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship; The Liturgy for Lent 3

Hymn

Thou didst leave thy throne

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Opening Prayer

**God of light and love,
shine upon your people today.
Meet us in our brokenness,
and heal our errant ways.
Take from us our spirit of disobedience,
and save us with your grace.
Lead us into your truth,
that we may live as children of light,
and act as children of the Most High. Amen.**

*** Praise Song**

A Man There Lived in Galilee

Verse 1

A man there lived in Galilee like none who lived before,
for He alone from first to last our flesh unsullied wore;
A perfect life of perfect deeds once to the world was shown,
That people all might mark His steps and in them plant their own.

Verse 2

A man there died on Calvary above all others brave,
The human-kind to save and bless-Himself He scorned to save.
No thought can gauge the weight of woe on Him, the sinless, laid.
We only know that with His blood our ransom price was paid.

Verse 3

A man there reigns in glory now, Divine yet human still.
That human which is all divine death sought in vain to kill.
All power is His, supreme He rules the realms of time and space.
Yet still our human cares and needs find in His heart a place.

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Illumination

The Scriptures

Read by Debbie Plant

Responsive Psalm 19
Gospel Mark 13: 24-32

OT pg. 504
NT pg. 47

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God for His Word to us.

Song of the Month Meekness and Majesty

Verse 1

Meekness and majesty
Manhood and deity
In perfect harmony
The Man who is God
Lord of eternity
Dwells in humanity
Kneels in humility
And washes our feet

Chorus

O what a mystery
Meekness and majesty
Bow down and worship
For this is your God
This is your God

Verse 2

Father's pure radiance
Perfect in innocence
Yet learns obedience

To death on a cross
Suffering to give us life
Conquering through sacrifice
And as they crucify
Prays 'Father forgive'

Verse 3

Wisdom unsearchable
God the invisible
Love indestructible
In frailty appears
Lord of infinity
Stooping so tenderly
Lifts our humanity
To the heights of His throne

Sermon

"Watching"

Presentation of our Offerings and Gifts

Offertory Anthem

Communion Canon - Schram/Lorenz

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

(Short Order)

The Invitation

Hymn

Let us break bread together

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The Apostle's Creed # 539

The Communion

(Please partake of the elements in unison along with the minister)

Hymn

For the bread which you have broken

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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—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 today, everyone is invited
to the MacLellan Room for a time of fellowship.

Coffee Hour is courtesy of the **Youth**.

News for the Pews

Bible Study

Part 2

Wednesday, March 7th
1:00 p.m.

Sale

The W. O. C. will have the following items for sale after Worship today:

Small Chicken Pot Pies

Small Meat Pies

Tomato Hamburger Soup (with or without Macaroni)

Presbyterians Sharing

To date, we have raised \$2,567.00 for Presbyterians Sharing. In order to make our 2018 commitment of \$17,000.00, we need to average \$1,416.00 each month.

We have experienced a number of bad weather days this year, so we are a little bit behind target, but we can be confident that we will get back on track.

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

Sunday School/Spring Break

There won't be any Sunday School lessons during Spring Break
(Sunday, March 11th and Sunday, March 18th).

The Nursery will be open
and children are welcome.

Activity bags will also be available for children
who wish to stay upstairs with their parents for the Service.



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.

230th Anniversary Bookmarks

A few extra bookmarks from the 230th Anniversary have been found.
They are on the centre table in MacLellan Hall.

Please take only one for yourself.

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Today's Greeters: Dan Plant, Barbara Mason

Today's Ushers: Clement Gwanyama, Lise Evans

Would your Family or Business like to sponsor the weekly bulletin?

This spot could be yours.

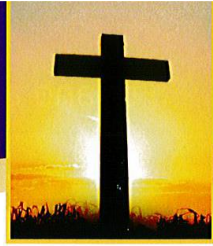
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Third Sunday in Lent



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One: We live in the knowledge that God satisfies our souls thirst with refreshing water.

All: God's steadfast love is better than life.

One: We live with the assurance that those who destroy will never triumph.

All: God's steadfast love is better than life.

One: Our souls are satisfied as with a rich feast and so we sing for joy in the shadow of God's wings.

All: God's steadfast love is better than life.

One: God is our God and we have seen God's power and glory; we know God's salvation.

All: God's steadfast love is better than life.

One: Let us pray.

All: Loving and Gracious God, we continue our Lenten journey of personal reflection and repentance. We do so with joy and hope for we know that your mercy is always close to us. When we call you, you hear.

You provide fine food to fill our hunger and refreshing waters to quench our thirst. In Jesus Christ you span the distance between your thoughts and our thoughts, between your ways and our ways. We praise and adore you, O God, in and through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



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Faith and a Handful of Seeds

Louis Talise can feel the consequences of climate change—the air is hot, the seasons shift and rainfall is erratic.

For a rice farmer—dependent on predictable, plentiful rain for irrigation—this is troubling. Louis needs to harvest enough rice to provide for his eight children.

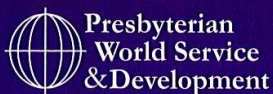
When a PWS&D climate change resilience and food security project came to his village in Haiti, Louis enthusiastically offered his plot of land to test a rice farming system that requires less water and fertilizer.

The bold farmer prepared his plot, dropping individual seeds into the earth—a practice that departs from tradition. Louis recounts his neighbours' confusion: "We thought you were a rice farmer,' they'd shout 'What are you doing?'"

But after three weeks, when Louis had cultivated twice as much rice as his neighbours, farmers across his community wanted to learn the method that produced such abundance.

This Lenten season faithfully respond to Christ's call to serve those in need.

Through support of PWS&D, we are helping farmers restore creation and share farming knowledge.



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IT'S TIME FOR JUSTICE

International Affairs Committee

The Psalmist evokes a prayer for peace for Jerusalem: Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers. For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good (Ps. 122: 7-9).

The Forgotten Palestinians

Palestinian Israelis comprise 20% of Israel's population (Palestinians living in the Occupied Territories are not citizens of Israel), yet they do not enjoy equal rights of citizenship as Jewish Israelis. There is an unequal distribution of resources and land. Palestinians live on just 3.5% of the land in Israel and have access to just 2.3% of Israeli water resources. Since 1948, more than 600 new towns have been built for its Jewish Israelis; not one new town has been built for Palestinian Israelis.



Israel's laws state that health care should be available for all citizens of Israel. Barriers limit access for some Palestinians, including a lack of clinics and hospitals in Palestinian towns and limitations on mobility (e.g., some Palestinian villages are not connected to the main highways). The number of children who die under the age of one year among Palestinian Israelis is twice that of Jewish Israelis. Life expectancy for Palestinian Israelis is four years less than for Jewish Israelis.



The Church Responds

The Moderator wrote to the Prime Minister of Israel regarding the government's responsibilities to safeguard the human rights of all of Israel's citizens and to protect the civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights of its Palestinian Israeli citizens.



Prayer

God of Peace, we pray for peace with justice in Israel. We understand that peace with justice will be reflected when all citizens of Israel enjoy their human rights and the full benefits of citizenship. We pray that all citizens of Israel may live in security, with peace and dignity. Amen.



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.



The Presbyterian Church in Canada

**IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE
GONE BEFORE US**



Easter Lilies are a sign of new life and symbolize the new life we have in Jesus Christ. Each Easter we have a lovely display of lilies filling the sanctuary with new life.

Lilies can be purchased in memory of your loved one at a cost of \$12.00 each.

In order to place your order: Please complete this form and place it on the offering plate along with your gift, **no later than March 25th**. Please note that income tax receipts will not be issued for this purchase.

In Loving Memory of _____
(Loved One's Name)

I, _____
(Giver's Name)

would like to contribute \$ _____

After the service on Easter Day (please check):

- _____ 1. I will take back my plant.
_____ 2. My plant may be given to a shut-in.

_____ **I will help deliver any lilies on Easter Day.**

We are requesting persons to help with delivery of lilies to people in the congregation whose name and address will be marked in individual envelopes. If you would like to help, please sign this portion, tear off, and place on offering plate. Thank you for your help!

(Name)