

St. John's Presbyterian Church

March 11, 2018

Lent 4



*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

Numbers 21: 4-9;
Psalm 107: 1-3, 17-22;
Ephesians 2: 1-10;
John 3: 14-21

A PCC Mission Moment
for Sunday, March 11th

A Miracle of Abundance

Like those who witnessed Jesus feeding the five thousand, members of the Northern New Brunswick Regional Ministry have experienced a miracle of abundance. The four separate congregations were each struggling in their own way until they came together to grow as one.

Through *Presbyterians Sharing*, these partners in ministry are now sharing their gifts in ways that enhance, inspire, and build their communities. One of the congregations with established gifts in youth ministry recently sent a youth team to another ministry in the region to help them run a Vacation Bible School.

What started out as a kind gesture ended up inspiring new leadership and sparking a whole new children's ministry where there was none before. This is just one example of how these congregations, through gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*, are growing together to share God's love.

Presbyterians Sharing shares the love of God

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4th Sunday in Lent

Organ Prelude

Rock of Ages - Hastings/Bish
O Sacred Head now Wounded - Hassler/Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

The Liturgy for Lent 4

Hymn

All creatures of our God and King vv 1,2,6 438

Opening Prayer

God of righteous fire,
just as Jesus was consumed with passion
as He cleared the Temple,
may we be consumed with passion
as we seek justice and righteousness in our world;
just as Christ never flinched,
on His journey to the cross,
may we never waver in our devotion
to You and our defense of the poor.
On this great journey of Lent,
teach us the perfection of your ways,
as we keep our eyes fixed upon your Son. Amen

***Praise Song**

I heard the voice of Jesus say 671

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer of Illumination

The Scriptures

Read by **Johneen Rennie**

Responsive Psalm 107: 1-3; 17-22
New Testament, John 3: 14-21

OT pg. 569
NT pg. 88

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God for His Word to us.

Hymn 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

“Praise the Heart Throb”
(psalm 107:8)

Presentation of our Offerings and Gifts

Offertory Anthem

Day by Day - R. Kevin Boeseger

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn

The glory of these forty days

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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.**

Everyone is invited to the MacLellan Room
for a time of fellowship.

Coffee hour is courtesy of **Wes Libbey**

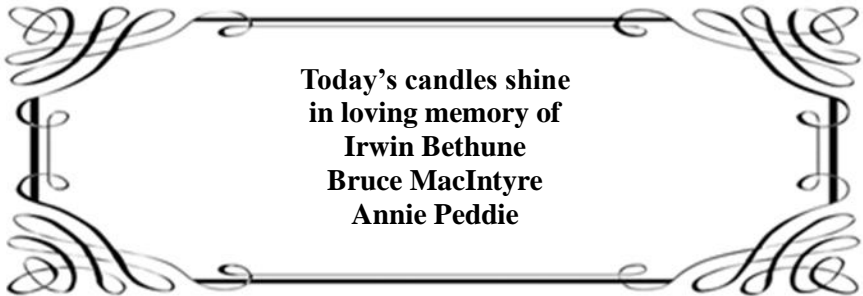
News for the Pews

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to Bev Ferguson on the loss of her cousin, Gail McElroy, who passed away on March 1st at the age of 76. Gail was the daughter of Stewart and Muriel Cameron.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Horton and the Quan family on the loss of their Husband and Father, Allan Norman Horton, who passed away on February 28th.



Bible Study

Part 3
March 14th @ 1:00 p.m.

Youth Group

Youth Group is cancelled on March 12th.
Have a happy and safe March break.

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.

RightNow Media

FEATURE: *The Prodigal Son*
A cinematic retelling of the parable of the Prodigal Son

Grief Share

A Grief Support Group
March 20, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m.
Salvation Army
500 York Street

This is non-denominational
and is a new Christian Support network
for those experiencing the loss of a loved one.

The Bereaved Families of Ontario – Cornwall Chapter
has more than they are able to cope with.

Synodical of Quebec & Eastern Ontario **2018 WMS Annual Meeting**

Saturday, April 7th, 2018
Registration @ 9:30
St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church
Ingleside, ON
Guest Speaker: Glynis Williams
Lunch \$ 12.00

Please pre-register by **March 25th** patrish@ncf.ca or 613-820-3266

St. John's Presbyterian Church
Sunday Worship Service @ 10:00 a.m.

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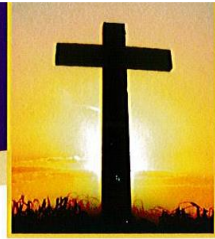
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The advertisement features a photograph of Gary MacNeil and Karen Blanchard standing in front of the Miller Hughes Ford & Lincoln dealership. The dealership building has a large sign with the Miller Hughes logo and the words 'FORD' and 'LINCOLN'. A white Ford pickup truck is parked in the foreground. The background shows a clear sky and other vehicles.

Fourth Sunday in Lent



Produced by Presbyterian World Service & Development

One: We live with the knowledge that we are forgiven
and our sins are covered over.

All: God's steadfast love surrounds those who trust God.

One: We live with the promise that God preserves us from trouble,
allowing us to sing songs of freedom.

All: God's steadfast love surrounds those who trust God.

One: God instructs us and teaches us the way we should go.

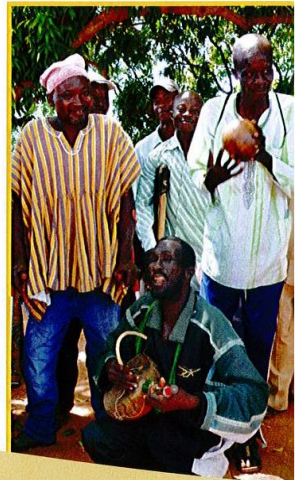
All: God's steadfast love surrounds those who trust God.

One: God fills us with joy and gladness. We have known God's salvation!

All: God's constant love surrounds those who trust God.

One: Let us pray.

All: Holy God, we are deeply grateful and we continue along the Lenten journey. In spite of our rebellion and stubborn wandering from your ways, you are not angry with us. You are not removed from us but come rushing toward us to receive us with arms wide open. You bring us back home, bless us and fill us with hope. Surrounded by your grace and bathed in your love, we shout for joy and rest in the comfort of your encircling arms. We praise and adore you, O God, in and through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



The Missing Piece

Growing up in Ghana, Lydia had a very lonely and difficult childhood.

Because she was born with a paralyzed leg, Lydia's parents believed she was harbouring evil spirits and did not seek medical care. When Lydia showed no signs of improvement, they lost all hope and paid no attention to the little girl.

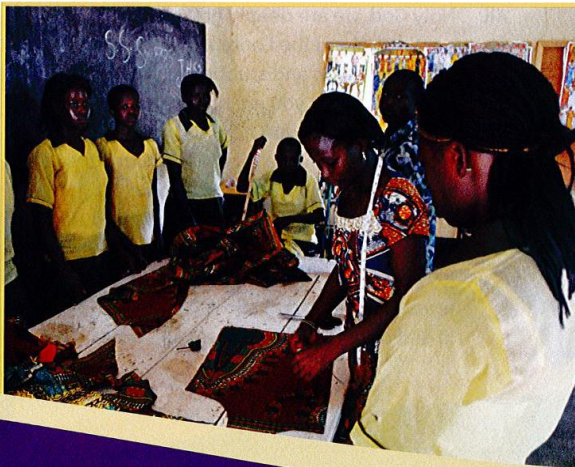
For Lydia, the Garu Community Based Rehabilitation Centre filled an empty space inside her—she finally got the care and encouragement she needed to make the most of her life.

With funding from PWS&D, the centre equipped Lydia with a brace and a cane for mobility, as well as literacy and dressmaking training.

Lydia found her calling—her colourful, hand-tailored clothing is worn by many throughout her community. Lydia is saving her earnings to give her own two children every opportunity to live life to the fullest.

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

Through support of PWS&D, we are empowering people living with disabilities so they can support community growth.



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**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!
