



# MOWBRAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**2 September 2018**

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welcome  
let's worship together



Welcome to our *Communion Service* today. We have come together to worship our Living God. God delights in our fellowship and learning together. We pray that the Word of God may richly dwell in our hearts and lives in increasingly rich measure. We trust that this will result in an abundant harvest of ministry and worship. Worship is more than singing songs. Everything we do together liturgically today is an aspect of worship: the all-age talk, the prayers and Bible readings, the welcome and call to worship at the start, the benediction and words of thanks and appreciation at the end, etc. The realisation of this truth challenges our tendency to regard only the hymns and songs as worship. As we listen to the proclaimed Word in the sermon, we worship God who is honoured whenever the church embraces God's eternal Word. Even as we greet one another with the peace of Christ, we are worshipping God, who is pleased wherever members of the Body of Christ live together in unity. May God bless you all as we worship today!

*Visitors are invited to complete a Visitor's Card available at the end of your pew. We'd love to get to know you and to keep in touch with you. Please join us for tea or coffee in the hall after the service.*

## **SERMON & SCRIPTURE – 2 September 2018**

**Sermon:**        *"Pastoral heart"*  
**Preacher:**    Nigel Chikanya  
**Scripture:**    **Colossians 2:1-5**

**Ministers:** Nigel Chikanya and Dave Smit  
**Session Clerk:** Serge Lajona



**Are we convinced God is listening, do we believe God is good, do we accept that our circumstances are sovereignly ordained? Please take time each day to reflect on these texts.**

**Mon. 3 September | Isaiah 30:1-10      The Lord will be gracious.**

During long and even short seasons of waiting, our hearts will be encouraged to remember that the best is yet to come! Therefore, remember the blessings yet to come.

**Tues. 4 September | Colossians 4:2-4      Continue steadfastly in prayer.**

When God seems not to answer our prayers in our own timing or in the way we expect, we sometimes stop praying. Do not stop praying; continue expecting God to act. Do not give way to a spirit of cynicism rather than thanking God.

**Wed. 5 September | Micah 7:7      Wait for the God who hears!**

Have you ever felt like your prayers are bouncing off the ceiling or like God does not hear? If you have prayed for years and God does perhaps seem silent, believe that the God who saved you will hear your cries!

**Thur. 6 September | Psalm 5:3      Watch with expectancy!**

God has been faithful to answer many of my prayers, often in far different ways than I would have anticipated! God knows us very well and we should be prepared for unexpected answers.

**Fri. 7 September | Psalm 130:5-6      My soul waits for the Lord!**

We can be tempted to put our hope in things that may disappoint us in the end, but putting our hope in Christ is the best thing to do. There is only one place to go for reassurance during hard times and this is the cross.

**Sat. 8 September | Psalm 37:7-8      God will not forsake you!**

It's easy to say we trust God, but our response to delays, frustrations, and difficult situations exposes where we are actually placing our hope. Resist worrying, refrain from anger, be still, and choose patience because God loves you!

**Sun. 9 September | Proverbs 3:5-6      Trust in the Lord always.**

It is so tempting for us to depend on our own wisdom rather than the wisdom of our all-wise God. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.



03 Sep: Ishbel Bezuidenhout  
 04 Sep: Peter Bieber  
 04 Sep: Mzuxolile Booï  
 04 Sep: Ashley Robbins  
 05 Sep: Antony Gordon  
 05 Sep: Rodney Dinan

*Pray as if everything depends on God, and work as if everything depends on you.*

### SPRING CAMP

Our children from Grades 4 to 7 are invited to attend a camp to be organized by our Presbytery from **1 to 4 October 2018 @ Simonsberg Christian Centre. Cost R400.**

### PRAYER NEEDS

***“Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed.”***

In your prayers this week please remember those who have been unwell. We are aware of Edith Beretti, Mel and Milly Petersen, Trevor Gracie, Mary Loock, Betty Bax, Steve Curry, Mildred Nyati, Tony Gordon, Maureen Arney, Shirley Hyslop, Graeme Wares, Elrine Greig, Tsidi Lebitsa, Charles Hepburn, Mzuxolile Booï’s father (Eric), Susan Goosen’s mother (Esther), Nigel Chikanya’s mother (Sarah), and Eleanor and Trevor’s daughter (Ruth).

We give thanks for the encouraging progress being made by Andrew Spencer, Joy Anderson and Dave Smit.

### YOUNG ADULTS’ RETREAT

This year’s Young Adults’ Retreat will be based on the book of **Ecclesiastes**. Please book your spot. The dates are **7 to 9 September**. The retreat is for young adults aged 19 to 30. Speak to Nigel for more info. The idea of the retreat is to rest in the company of fellow Christians.

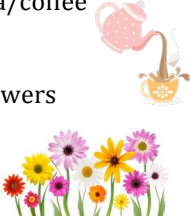
### FINANCIAL FEEDBACK

Here are our latest financial figures. We are extremely grateful to each one of you for your faithful stewardship of personal resources, and to our Finance Committee and Treasurer for their stewardship of our church’s finances! The Lord has faithfully provided for our mission and ministry! Our sincere thanks go to each one of you for constantly monitoring your personal giving levels.

	May	June	July
<b>Income</b>	R 133 301	R 138 562	R 114 926
<b>Expenditure</b>	R 128 738	R 121 976	R 124 748
<b>Balance</b>	R 4 563	R 16 586	R -9 822

## GLADLY REPORTING FOR DUTY

Door (main)	Adolphe Munje
Greeter (main)	Lucy Njiri
Door (side)	Irene Kayaka
Greeter (side)	Dennis Kayaka
Tea/coffee	Young Adults
Flowers	Aileen Rendall



## FRIENDSHIP GROUP MORNING, TUESDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER

Please join us in the hall at 10 am for a Musical Morning with Len Ward and his keyboard. We start with tea and a short time of worship and welcome you whatever your age. For transport needs, or if you can offer help with transport, please phone Hazel Campbell, tel. 021 6891609.

*Please note:* if you are planning to come with us to Kirstenbosch on 9 October, please bring R50.00 for tea and a scone to the September meeting. Also *please note* that it will be vital that you bring your ID with you if you wish to be admitted free to Kirstenbosch as a senior.

## UNITED SERVICE / PRAYER WALK

Please join us on Saturday 8 September from 9.00–11.00 am at Ebenezer Church, Pine Rd, Woodstock for a **Neighbourhood Prayer Walk**, and on Sunday 9 September at 9.45 am for a **United Worship Service** here at Mowbray.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

2 September	8.45 am 9.45 am	Prayer meeting Communion Service
8 September	9.00–11.00 am	Prayer walk in Woodstock
7–9 September		Nigel leading Presbytery Young Adults' Retreat at Simonsberg
9 September	9.45 am	Combined Worship Service with Ben's congregations
11–17 September		Dave on annual leave and weekend off
11 September	10.00 am	Friendship Group: Len Ward and his keyboard
16 September	8.45 am 9.45 am	Prayer meeting Worship Service
23 September	9.45 am	Baptism of Adolf and Vera Munje's baby, named Gift-Obed.
24 September		Heritage Day – Church office closed
26 September		19 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the UPCSA
27 September	6.30 pm	Session meeting at the church
30 September	9.45 am	Healing and Reconciliation Service