



MOWBRAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

23 September 2018

Worship Service

9.45 am

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Welcome to our worship service today. We bid a special welcome to Adolf and Vera Munje and their loved ones. We will be baptising young Gift-Obed Munje during today's worship service. May God's Spirit be poured out powerfully in this young life as God's mark of ownership is laid on him through baptism! May we as a congregation be empowered to fulfil the vows we too will take during the service!

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.

SPRING CAMP

Our children from Grades 4 to 7 are invited to attend a camp to be organized by our Presbytery from **1-4 October 2018 @ Simonsberg Christian Centre. Cost R400.** (*Proverbs 22:6 says "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it."*)

Sermon and Scripture – 23 September 2018

Sermon: *Healing and reconciliation in pastoral perspective*
Preacher: Dave Smit
Scriptures: **Proverbs 15:1-7; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 5:21-26**

Ministers: Nigel Chikanya and Dave Smit

Session Clerk: Serge Lajona

WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL

Let's take time to meditate on the Scriptures this week. Our theme is the healing and restoration of interpersonal relationships.

Mon. 24 September | James 4:1-12 The source of our conflicts and disputes

“Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?” (v.1)

Tues. 25 September | Matthew 5:21-26 Deal with anger and resentment.

“So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.” (vv. 23-24)

Wed. 26 September | Philippians 2:1-11 Maintain a Christ-like attitude.

“Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus . . .” (vv. 3-5)

Thur. 27 September | Matthew 7:1-5 Admit your own failures and sins.

“Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye’, while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye . . .” (vv. 3-5)

Fri. 28 September | Proverbs 15:1-7 Respond wisely and sensitively.

“A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger. The tongue of the wise dispenses knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly.” (vv. 1-2).

Sat. 29 September | Romans 12:9-21 Work hard at preserving relationships.

“Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.” (vv. 17-18)

Sun. 30 September | 1 Peter 3:8-12 Love others tenderly and humbly.

“Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind.” (v. 8)



*Today: John O'Brien
24 Sep: Erica Heiberg
25 Sep: Tantaswa Gubevu
27 Sep: André Mukādi
27 Sep: Nathaniel Chavula
28 Sep: Joy Anderson
28 Sep: Nokuzola Mweli
29 Sep: Sarah Curry
29 Sep: Barry Louw*

HEALING AND RECONCILIATION SUNDAY SERVICE

Next Sunday we will be holding a special healing and reconciliation service. We will be provided with opportunity for serious consideration of the invasive nature of racism and prejudice in our hearts and minds. We will have opportunity to ask ourselves in what way we as a congregation have contributed to the pain experienced by others as a result of our prejudices and racism. ***Please bring a traditional meal or dessert for us to share over tea.***