

Memorize & Ponder

Oct 2, 2016

Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 17:5
(Full Readings – Ps 37:1-9 & Luke 17:5-10)
Week of Sept 25 – Oct 2, 2016

Increase Our Faith

Luke 17:5 (NRSV)

The apostles said to the Lord,
“Increase our faith!”

*Throughout the Christian year of 2016, until Advent, we will be focusing on the theme of ‘Following Jesus in a Fearful and Divided World.’ Our Scripture readings and Memorize & Ponder texts will be taken from the Gospels of Luke and John. We invite you to **listen** for what the Spirit is saying in the text, then **question** how those insights might change the ways you see things and act in the world. Share your thoughts during the week on the meaning the Spirit creates for you in this text by posting a comment on our website – www.brentwoodpc.ca.*

Ponderings for the Friends of Jesus

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us provoke one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together ... (Hebrews 10:23-25a)

A Word for the Friends of Jesus to Ponder = Faith

Presbyterians have always thought it is important to find words to express the meaning of our faith. These words do not define or confine the reality of faith.

Rather, they point to what God has given us in that reconciling relationship he has re-established with us in Jesus Christ.

Living Faith is a statement of Christian belief that The Presbyterian Church in Canada adopted in 1998 as a modern statement of how this branch of Christ’s church puts its faith into words.

Here are some of the words it uses to point to faith:

- a gift of God constantly renewed in the church
- trusting that our life comes from God
- discovering that God knows, loves and pardons us
- responding with “yes” to God’s presence in our lives

Do any of these ways of seeing faith ring true for you?

Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week

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