



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day
January 16, 2011 11:00 a.m.
**All who are able are asked to stand.*

God Calls Us to Worship

Organ Prelude

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship

Let us listen for the voice that is calling us: the voice that speaks to all of our hearts, inviting us to search and inviting us to follow the Lord.

*Hymn "How clear is our vocation, Lord" **649**

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Almighty God, we praise and thank you for the opportunities that you give us. For as Jesus called the disciples of old, so too you call us, that we might walk in the footsteps of your Son.

This morning we respond to his words, meeting in your house for this time of worship. It gladdens us that you count us as your disciples, alongside the fishermen of Galilee.

Loving Father,

we confess that we have often followed our own paths, ignoring the voice that has been calling us. You have offered guidance and teaching to your disciples, but we have chosen not to learn from your wisdom. Our minds have been entranced by worldly things and we have paid little heed to the wonders of eternity.

Forgive us, Lord.

May we hear your voice calling again so that we can renew our discipleship and once more walk in your footsteps.

*Lord Jesus Christ,
give us courage as we journey with you,
so that we can face the difficult challenges that lie ahead.*

**Give us strength and patience along the way,
so that we may keep on journeying
wherever you lead us.**

*May our discipleship be fulfilled
through the love that we show in our lives.*

One: Lord have mercy. All: Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Assurance of Pardon

We Hear God's Word

Hymn "Speak, Lord, in the stillness?" **442 v.1**

First Reading: *Isaiah 49:1-7*

One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 40:1-11*

One: I waited patiently for the LORD;

All: he inclined to me and heard my cry.

He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in the LORD.**

Happy are those who make the LORD their trust,

**who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray
after false gods.**

You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you.

**Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be
more than can be counted.**

*Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear.
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.*

**Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is
written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your
law is within my heart."**

I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;

**see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O
LORD.**

I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;

I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.

Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me;

let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn *“Give me oil”* **655**

Conversation with the Young People: It’s for you!

Hymn *“Give me oil”* **655**

(the young people leave for church school during the singing of this verse)

Epistle: *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

Gospel: *John 1:29-42*

One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ.

*Hymn *“I, the Lord of sea and sky”* **592**

Sermon *“Called for a Purpose”*

We Respond to God’s Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem

*Doxology: *“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”* **830**

The Apostles’ Creed – inside back cover of hymnal

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (“debts & debtors”)

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: *“Guide me, O thou great Redeemer”* **651**

*Benediction

*Choral “Amen”

Organ Postlude

We welcome all who are worshipping here today! If you are here for the first time, please sign the Guest Book at the main entrance. Envelopes are also in the pews or in the Narthex. **We welcome** younger children to our services. This is a ‘scent-free’ zone for the comfort of all. *Saint David’s is a breast feeding friendly facility. If desired, a nursery room is available with an audio link.* The welcoming elder this

morning is Davida Mackay. The reader is John Wamboldt. Please join us for **Coffee Hour** this morning. Our host today is Dorothy Jackson.

THIS WEEK:

Tues. & Thurs. 9:30 – 10:30 am Fitness Classes

Thurs. 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Fri. 10:00 am – 1:00 pm David’s Place (Hall)

Sun. 10:00 am Circle of Prayer, Minister’s Study

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to William, Peter and Jamie Moreira and their families on the death last Sunday of their mother Judy, a life-long member of the congregation and former chair of the Board of Trustees. Her service was held in the sanctuary on Friday.

We also extend the sympathy of the congregation to Karen Dauphinee and Wanda Gray and their families on the recent death in Los Angeles of their uncle Hugh J. MacDevitt. Mr. MacDevitt married Harriett Elizabeth Ross in St. David’s in 1945. A service will be held in the church in the Spring.

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to Diane and Fred McClintock on the death this past week of Diane’s uncle, Blair McAleenan.

Calvin Presbyterian Church, 3311 Ashburn Avenue, Halifax, will be having their annual **Robbie Burns Dinner**, on Tuesday, January 25th, 2011, at 7:00 p.m., in the church hall. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and can be purchased by contacting Dan or DiAnne Campbell, at (902) 826-7856.

Robert Burns (25 January 1759 – 21 July 1796) was a Scottish poet and a lyricist. He is globally regarded as “the national poet of Scotland” and is the best known of poets who have written in the Scottish language. Many of his writings were also composed in English. His pieces often expressed his political, or civil commentary, which is often most blunt. On the date of his birth, his life is celebrated worldwide by many who appreciate his literary talents and life works.

Come join us and celebrate his life’s contributions to us all.

Camp Geddie Retreat Series 2011

Discover the Arts February 25-27 Through prayer, worship and creativity, we will spend a weekend discovering how we can nurture our prayer and worship life through the arts. The weekend will begin on Friday evening at 7:30 and end Sunday morning after breakfast. Saturday afternoon will offer a choice in the following workshops:

Painting-Helen Boucher
Photography-Peter Young
Wood Carving- Patrick Mullally/ Kevin MacIntosh
Pebble Art-Sharon Young

Throughout the weekend, we will hear from other artists including Dawn MacNutt, a local sculptor. Registration is limited so register early. Cost: \$60.00 To register, use our online form, or call Shirley at 752.1099.

2010 Annual Reports Deadline Please make note that the deadline to submit 2010 final reports is **Monday February 7th**. Please send reports by email from today onward to stdavids.office@ns.sympatico.ca.

PARKING ON CHURCH PROPERTY

Members are reminded that parking on church property is reserved for members with valid parking permits. During snow clearing season, it may be necessary for you to move your car for plow access.

Parking Permits

Please renew your parking permit for 2011 and confirm the detail information in the office about your vehicle at your earliest convenience. The office will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. To receive a permit on Sunday morning, please see Patricia Calkin in the Hall following the morning Service of Worship.

Gentlemen: It is that time again: The time when you have the opportunity to display your creative culinary talents. The annual Men's Soup Contest will be held after church on **Sunday,**

February 13. We encourage all the men in the congregation to mark their calendars and start creating.

Sunday January 23 The Mission and Outreach Committee will be hosting a **luncheon after church** to raise awareness and some funds for the Refugee Clinic which operates just down the street from us. Please see your December newsletter for more information about the work of the clinic. Take-out will be available and "cost" will be a freewill donation.

Celebrate 65 Years of Camping

Camp Geddie Family Skating Party February 13, 6 – 7 pm John Brother Stadium, New Glasgow
Hot chocolate and cake will be served

Advance Notice: Lecture Series Saturday February 5 at 2 pm
Topic “*Kairos: The Inside Story*” with Kenn Stright.

Haiti: Challenges and Triumphs One Year Later

Despite the tragedies the people of Haiti faced in 2010—a massive earthquake, Hurricane Tomas and an outbreak of cholera—hope abounds as families rebuild their homes and lives. Since the earthquake on Jan 12, 2010, churches and individuals raised over \$1.5 million, which PWS&D has already disbursed to the ACT Alliance to provide transitional houses, food, clean water, health care, seeds, tools, schools, income generating initiatives, psychosocial and art therapy programs, and support for communities affected by cholera. Read more about what has been accomplished to date in Haiti at www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd.

2011 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Theme: *One in the Apostles' Teaching*
Daily Prayer Services
12:15 pm to 12:45 pm

Monday, January 17:

Host/liturgist: Paul Smith, Cathedral Church of All Saints
Preacher: Kenn Stright, Presbyterian Church of Saint David

Tuesday, January 18:

Host/liturgist: John Boyd, First Baptist
Preacher: Paul Smith, Cathedral Church of All Saints

Wednesday, January 19:

Host/liturgist: Kenn Stright, Presbyterian Church of Saint David
Preacher: John Boyd, First Baptist

Thursday, January 20:

Host/liturgist: Paul Friesen, St. Paul's Anglican
Preacher: Paul Morris, St. Mary's Basilica

Friday, January 21:

Host/liturgist: Betsy Hogan, St. Matthew's United
Preacher: Kimber McNabb, Resurrection Lutheran

Minutes for Mission MALAWI Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Stephanie Macdonald as she works as a project management intern at Blantyre Synod Health and Development Commission in Malawi. Understudying Glenn Inglis (the Executive Director) and working with administrative, managerial and technical staff at the Synod, Stephanie hopes to get an insight into the inner workings of a faith-based development organization and find ways she can support this important work. Stephanie is also visiting clergy in their parishes to discover the unique role that the Church plays in development activities in Malawi. Please pray for Stephanie as she settles into a new country and a new job

Stewardship Moment We shape our buildings; thereafter they shape us. ~ *Sir Winston Churchill*

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