



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day
January 23, 2011 11:00 a.m.
**All who are able are asked to stand.*

God Calls Us to Worship

Organ Prelude *Improvisation on This Is My Fathers World*

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship

*Hymn *"Precious Lord, take my hand"*

Adoration

God of the 'former times',

**You heard the cries of those who suffered in humiliation
and made them a glorious people.**

We praise and adore you.

God of the 'latter times',

**You came to be one with us in Jesus
and healed our brokenness and reconciled our divisions.**

We praise and adore you.

God of all times,

**in your Spirit you move within and among the nations
shaping a reconciling community of faithful people
called to relieve the suffering of others.**

We praise and adore you.

Prayer of Confession

We confess that:

we still allow people to suffer humiliation

**we still make personalities and secondary matters more
important than the good news of Jesus
we have been half-hearted in our efforts to change our
selfish ways and follow the way of discipleship
we have tried to hem in your astonishing gifts with
narrow legalism and impenetrable systems
we have distorted the vision of your new kingdom on
earth as in heaven**

*And as we turn once more to you, our God, creator, redeemer and the source of
our inspiration, let us hear again the words of Jesus, calling us back to the path
of discipleship: 'Come, follow me.'*

Pray for those who live lives of humiliation

those trapped in poverty

**those abused by those with power over them, within
the family or at work or in communities or within or
between nations**

those exploited for their labour, denied a living wage

those subjected to racial or religious harassment

*Pray for the leaders in the nations and in communities who are given the
responsibility to seek the welfare of the people in their care*

Pray for the churches that

**they may move forward together in their search for
unity and model a community within which painful
memories are healed and differences are no longer
blockages to reconciliation**

**they may rejoice together in the communion of saints,
bound to one another and to Christ in the past, present
and future**

**they may serve the nations of the world together as
peace builders**

We continue to pray for others

These things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

One: Lord have mercy. All: Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Assurance of Pardon

We Hear God's Word

Hymn "Open your eyes, Lord" **445**
First Reading:
One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading:

One:

All:

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn "The word is a lamp unto my feet" **496**

Conversation with the Young People: Let it Shine!

Hymn "The word is a lamp unto my feet" **496**

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

Epistle:

Gospel:

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

*Hymn "The people that in darkness" **171**

Sermon "Punching Holes in Darkness"

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem *Ave Verum Corpus* ~ W Byrd

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

The Apostles' Creed – inside back cover of hymnal

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Hymn "O Lord, hear my prayer/The Lord is my song" **446**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: "Lord, the light of your love is shining" **376**

*Benediction

*Choral "Amen"

Organ Postlude *Totus Tuus* ~ Gorecki

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. **Parents, please note that a**

nursery room is available for nursing infants. *An audio link broadcasts the service in this unsupervised room.* The welcoming elder this morning is Davida Mackay. The reader is Carolyn MacDonald. Please join us for **Coffee Hour** this morning. Our host today is Kathy Large.

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to Grace and Ross McCurdy on the death last week of Grace's mother Mrs. Elsie Harlowe. A service will take place at a later date.

THIS WEEK:

Monday 7:30 pm Role of the Elder Study Group

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)

Sunday 10:00 am Circle of Prayer, Minister's Study

TODAY: 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.

A Job vs. A Ministry

Someone has said there is a huge difference between having a job at church and having a ministry at church. ... If you are doing it because no one else will, it's a job. If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a ministry. ... If you're doing it just well enough to get by, it's a job. If you're doing it to the best of your ability, it's a ministry. ... If you'll do it only so long as it doesn't interfere with other activities, it's a job. If you're committed to staying with it even when it means letting go of other things, it's a ministry. ... It's hard to get excited about a job. It's almost impossible not to get excited about a ministry. An average church is filled with people doing jobs. A great church is filled with people involved in ministry.

Mickey Anders, *The Beginning of Ministry*

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.

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.

The **Choir and Handbell Ringers of St. John's United Church**, Halifax present "*When Icicles Hang by the Wall*", a program of choral and bell music for the winter season, interspersed with some of the poetry of Robert Frost, on Monday, Jan. 31st - 7 p.m. in the Lilian Piercey Concert Hall, 6199 Chebucto Rd. (Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts). Ray Grant - conductor / Nancy Nelson, piano. \$10 at the door.

Hymn/Song Contest Ever write a hymn or compose a song? For our anniversary Sunday (April 3) we are inviting submissions of material that reflects who we are and who we hope to be as a people of God. Submissions need to be in the hands of the judge (Tristen) by March 19. The 'winning' entry will be part of our worship on April 3 - enter now, enter often!

The Rev. C.D. Ed Aitken Memorial Workshop
MUSIC IN THE WORSHIP LIFE OF THE CHURCH
with Dr. John Derksen Wednesday, February 9, 2011
9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. St. Columba Chapel Registration fee for non-AST students: \$20 Note: Pre-registration is required.

Thank You. Over the last few weeks we have received a number of thank you notes from the folks we helped with gifts and grocery hampers at Christmas. As one person expressed it: It warms my heart to know that there are people like you out there that will give what they can to help people like us at Christmas. Thank you so very much and may God bless you.!" Your Christmas Families co-ordinators add their thanks to all who contributed in any way to this year's endeavour.

Advance Notice: The next work session is being announced several weeks in advance so that you can have a better chance of fitting it into your schedules. The date is **Saturday February 26th**, starting at 9 am. If this is too early, come when you can.

Jamie Campbell will be providing lunch. Work activities will include dusting and polishing. More details about painting, etc. will be available by Sunday Jan 23rd. One of our aims is to have the sanctuary and hall looking really good for the annual congregational meeting on the 27th. Jamie needs to have a head count for lunch. Enter your name on the sheet on the table in the hall after service.

Minutes for Mission JUSTICE MINISTRIES

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support opportunities to learn about the complex issues surrounding migration and undocumented workers. In 2007 and 2009, Presbyterians from across Canada visited the United States/Mexico border to learn why thousands of people make the perilous desert journey into the US in search of work and hope for a better life. Participants returned home with a commitment to learning about migration issues in our own Canadian context. Justice Ministries is working to connect them with migrant agricultural workers that come to South-western Ontario for seasonal work. Through our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* we are helping Presbyterians build relationships of understanding and respect with the stranger in our midst.

Stewardship Moment *What will your legacy be?*

The truth is that we came into the world with nothing, and we will leave with nothing...When we die everything we have accumulated and everything we think is ours will stop being ours and pass on to somebody else. – *James E. Mead*

PASTORAL CARE

Members of Saint David's requiring pastoral care are requested to contact one of the following:

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