



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson
Clerk of Session: Murray Alary

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day
January 9, 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

One: O come, let us worship the Lord

and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The Magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!

All: O come, let us worship the Lord

and consider what wondrous things God has done:

The peoples who live in the shadows see a glorious light!

O come, let us worship the Lord

and consider what wondrous things God has done:

*The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,
making us joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel!*

O come, let us worship the Lord,

for God has done wondrous things!

~from Calvin Institute of Christian Worship

*Hymn "Christ, whose glory fills the skies"

Prayer of Approach and Confession

*Almighty, eternal and loving God, this universe you have created
is wonderful proof of your concern for we mortals.*

**You created heaven and earth,
giving life and breath to all things.**

You alone are God:

nothing else can compare to your glory.

In Jesus Christ, you have come among us,

his baptism a new beginning for the whole human race.

And now, you call on us

to see that justice is done on the earth

by the power of Christ's Spirit.

Yet confess we must,

that we have failed to acknowledge your love.

We have used the gifts of your creation

as though they belonged only to us,

as if we had an absolute claim to your creation.

We have been selfish,

failing to share your good gifts with others,

failing to remember that you are the source

of all our material and spiritual riches.

In our concern for the everyday,

we have failed to see your love for us in creation,

and we have obscured for others

the signs of the eternal.

So, Lord, to whom shall we go?

Yours are the words of eternal life.

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

Assurance of Pardon

May we take to heart the words of St Paul:

'You were buried with Christ in baptism,

and in that baptism you were raised with him.

And although you were dead because of your sins,

God has brought you to live with Christ.

**Help us, who are born anew by water and the Spirit,
to truly be united with Christ.**

**Inspire us with the possibility of a human life open to
your Spirit,**

**the possibility of a person open to other human lives,
the possibility of being a sign of the Kingdom which is
to come.**

**And inspire now our worship by your Spirit
to your glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: *Isaiah 42:1-9*
One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 29*
One: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
All: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
worship the LORD in holy splendour.
The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn *"Tell me the old, old story"* **499**

Conversation with the Young People: Let's STICK together!

Hymn *"Tell me the old, old story"* **499**

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

Epistle: *Acts 10:34-43*

Gospel: *Matthew 3:13-17*

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

*Hymn *"Brother, sister, let me serve you"* **635**

Sermon *"A NEW Thing"*

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 of Dedication

One: God of love and justice,

**All: take our offerings
and take our lives**

and through them, may your Kingdom come:

so that justice is done on the earth;

so that your Church is a light to the nations;

so that the eyes of the blind may be opened

and those who sit in darkness be set free. Amen.

Announcements

*Hymn *"Lord, listen to your children praying"* **449**

Prayers of the People

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

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: *"Immortal, invisible, God only wise"* **290**

*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. **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 Anne Sommerville. Please join us for **Coffee Hour** this morning. Our hosts today are Anne Sommerville and Janette Taper.

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)

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

Volunteer **Coffee Host** is needed for January 16.

This Sunday, **January 9 at 10 a.m. the Circle of Prayer** will meet for the first time in the Minister's Study. If you have any prayer requests, but are unable to attend, please send them to Rev. Stright or to me. Everyone is welcome to join in this half hour time of prayer.

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.

Plum Puddings 2010 Thank to the members and friends of St David's who supported "Plum Puddings 2010" again this year. Also a great thank to all the volunteers who gave their time for several weeks taking orders, sorting raisins, mixing and stirring. Together we raised just over \$1000 which was allocated to the operating budget.

Saturday January 15 4-6 pm we will have a potluck supper and sharing time to **Tell our Stories and Share our Faith**. This event is for All Ages. We encourage families to bring their children to hear the stories of our members and hopefully share some of their own.

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.

Laura Alary (Murray and Lynn) recently published her first children's book, *Is That Story True?* which is available from the Presbyterian book room. A brief part of a review: "*Every night before bed, Maggie and Mommy read stories together. Maggie chooses a book and then finds Neville, her stuffed ostrich. They make a cozy nest on Mommy's lap and snuggle together under a favourite quilt. And every night, Maggie asks the same question...*" In words and images sure to delight children and adults alike, *Is That Story True?* explores the kinds of "truth" that live within the stories we tell.

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 CANADA: Presbytery of West Toronto

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support specialized ministries like North Park Presbyterian Church's Spanish Ministry in Toronto. This multicultural congregation serves an immigrant community, some of whom are refugee claimants who will eventually be sent back to their home countries. North Park's outreach includes a program for new immigrants and refugees and an after-school tutoring and sports program for youth. It also offers settlement workshops to help people understand the Canadian school system and Canadian society, and to teach them about programs and services that are available to them. As a result of this ministry, many of those who do return to their home countries are doing so with a new, Gospel-centred approach to their lives. Rev. Elias Morales shares that a father of three said, "Now I am prepared to live."

Stewardship Moment Don't tell me where your priorities are. Show me where you spend your money and I'll tell you what they are. ~ *James W. Frick*

PASTORAL CARE

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

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