



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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Minister Emeritus: Rev. Dr. John Pace
Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson
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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 13, 2011

"Today I have set before you life and death"

**All who are able are asked to stand.*

God Calls Us to Worship

Organ Prelude : "Communion" by Vierne

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: *Happy are those who are without blame.*

Blessed are those who walk in God's way.

Happy are those who are faithful.

Blessed are those who seek God.

We will obey your word, O God.

*Hymn "Ob, for a thousand tongues" **374**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Come, Holy One: teach us your ways, lead us in your paths, guide us on our journey.

Speak to us your words of life, for you offer us direction and wholeness when we hear your voice and follow.

You bless us with your love, shower us with your grace, and help us grow in faith.

We seek you, O God, with all our hearts. Heal us, forgive us and restore us to the joy of your salvation.

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

Assurance of Pardon:

We Hear God's Word

Speak, Lord, in the stillness **442**

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 30: 15-20*

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

Responsive Reading: The Psalm opens with a statement involving choice. In fact there is only one choice to make: being faithful and obedient to the law of the Lord. A choice for us each day!

Psalm 119:1-8

Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart,

who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways. You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.

O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances. I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn "Seek ye first" **625**

Conversation with the Young People

Making good choices!

Hymn "Seek ye first" verse 3 **625**

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

Epistle: *1 Corinthians 3: 1-9*

Gospel: *Matthew 5:21-37*

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

*Hymn "Amazing Grace" **670**

Sermon "Time to Choose!"

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: "Sanctus from Missa Brevis" by Stephen Chatman

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

The Apostles' Creed – inside back cover of hymnal

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

"O Lord, hear my prayer" **446**

Prayers of the People

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

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: "Take my life" **637**

*Commissioning

*Benediction: "Irish Blessing" by James Moore

Postlude: "Improvisation Hymne des Fraternise" by Philippe Rombi

Worship is now ended, let our service begin!

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 available in the pews or in the church entrance for those who wish to use them). **We welcome** younger children to our services! St. 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 Don Knox. The **reader** is Lois Yorke. Please join us for **Coffee Hour** this morning. This is our Soup Contest lunch! Enjoy!

This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in loving memory of Dr. C. Bruce Fergusson by his wife Evelyn

THIS WEEK:

Today 10:00 am Circle of Prayer Minister's Study

Noon: Soup Contest! Plan to stay... and enjoy

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes

Wednesday 5:30 W&CL Committee having supper with Tori Smit
7 pm. Session and workshop with Tori Smit

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)

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

Readings and Message for next week: Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 Psalm 119:33-40, 1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23 Matthew 5: 38-48 Message: We never did it that way before!

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' (Tristan) by March 19. The 'winning' entry will be part of our worship on April 3 – Enter now! Enter often!

The **Out of the Cold** Program is need of VHS movies (nothing explicit or violent). If you have any VHS movies you would like to donate, please see Marie Wamboldt. The Out of the Cold Shelter is also seeking the following donations: Socks! There are a lot of wet feet out there! Thick socks preferred (no dress socks please). Pajama pants, sweatpants, and long underwear, Winter boots, Backpacks, Jeans (sizes 32-36 most needed), Belts, Underwear (size medium needed)

-Juice (juice boxes, large containers, or frozen concentrate)

-Financial donations (charitable receipts provided)

Donations can be dropped off at St. Matthew's United Church located at 1479 Barrington St. Monday-Friday 7:30am-12:30noon. You can also email <ootcdonations@gmail.com> or call 225-0770 to set up a time to drop off donations.

Advance Notice: The next work session is **Saturday**

February 26th, starting at 9 am. If this is too early, come when you can. Jamie Campbell will be providing lunch and needs to have a head count. Either enter your name on the sheet on the table in the hall after service.

Lenten Chowder Luncheons will once again be served on Wednesdays in Lent beginning March 9th. For more than 20 years the chowder luncheons have been a major fundraiser for St. David's. All who can are asked to give your name and interest to Don Knox or Colin MacPherson. Can you bake gingerbread? Can you spare a pound of butter. Please help! More to follow in upcoming bulletins!

Parking Permits Please renew your parking permit for 2011 and confirm the detail information in the office about your vehicle at your earliest convenience - see Patricia Calkin in the Hall following the morning Service of Worship.

Early Morning Service starts the first Sunday in Lent (March 13). The Worship and Church Life Committee would like to hear suggestions from the congregation as to the content and format of

this service. Please feel free to contact Rev. Stright, any member of the Committee, or to put your suggestions in the suggestion box in the narthex.

**Atlantic School of Theology presents
"Canticle" Monday, February 28 7:30 pm
A concert of sacred music**

Tickets available starting 7 p.m. at the door
General \$20 / Seniors \$15 / Students \$10

Notice of Annual Meeting:

The Presbyterian Church of St. David will hold its 86th Annual meeting in the Church Hall after worship February 27, 2011.

Halifax Boys' Honour Choir presents Mining the Memories, A concert celebrating their 25th anniversary with special guests 'the Men of the Deeps', Saturday, March 5, 2011 at the Bella Rose Arts Centre - 283 Thomas Raddall Drive in Clayton Park. For tickets visit www.bellaroseartscentre.com or phone 902.457-3239.

Please have **announcements** sent by Wednesdays each week. Laura took a permanent position at the end of January and bulletins are being coordinated by the minister! (stdavids.stright@bellaliant.com)

THEME for Epiphany 6:

God calls us to walk in ways that lead to life and abundance. In his final address, Moses urges the Hebrew people to choose life; the psalmist praises those who walk in God's ways; and Jesus calls for a deeper, more faithful understanding of God's laws. Jesus calls us to reconcile with one another, to love faithfully, and to speak truthfully. Lest this lead us to think that salvation comes only through human endeavours, Paul reminds us that God alone gives the growth.

Mission Moments: UKRAINE

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Rev. David Pandy-Szekeres as he serves with the Reformed Church of the Sub-Carpathian Ukraine, a church of ethnic Hungarians in Ukraine. David supervises the work of RCCU missionaries and coordinates four Christian secondary schools. Ferenc Homoki, one of the missionaries that David supervises, is working with the Roma community in Nagyberég. Ferenc has established regular worship services and Bible studies, and has built a good relationship with the people. He and his wife Dianna have started an informal school for children who have not attended school before. Plans are underway to construct a multi-purpose building to serve as a place of worship and as a kindergarten. Let us pray for David, Ferenc, the missionaries of the RCCU and our partner church in Ukraine.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Pray for the newly amalgamated departments within the Life and Mission Agency as they seek to support and resource congregational ministries.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

You may give your goods to feed the poor. You may give great gifts to charity. You may tower high in philanthropy. But if you have not love it means nothing. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

PASTORAL CARE

Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact one of the following:

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