



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
Heritage Sunday – February 20, 2011

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

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Meditation by Louis Vierne

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

L: God would teach us to love, even the imperfect people,

P: so we can love others as we love ourselves.

L: God would teach us to deny ourselves, even walking the extra mile with us,

**P: so we can give ourselves to others as generously as Christ
has been given to us.**

L: God would teach us new ways to journey through life,

**P: so we can follow the footprints of the Word all the way to
the kingdom.**

*Hymn

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

We come as we have come so many times across the years.

**May we not come to church simply out of habit or duty. Guide
us in such ways that we may offer our worship not simply as a tradition or
custom, but rather as a joyful privilege and profound encounter.**

**By your grace, forgive us when we are blind to your presence
in life and for failing to appreciate your goodness.**

*Forgive us for being unmoved by the activity of your Holy Spirit and
uninspired by your works.*

**Forgive us also for worshipping you with our lips while being
far from you in our hearts.**

*Forgive us for speaking of worship on Sundays, but failing to follow you the
rest of the week.*

**Loving God, in your mercy hear our prayers. Cleanse and
renew us. Be with each one of us day by day through the
risen presence of Jesus Christ.**

*So restore and inspire us through your love, and speak a fresh message to us
through your word; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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

We Hear God's Word

Speak, Lord, in the stillness

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First Reading: *Leviticus 19: 1-2, 9-18*

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:33-40

Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end.

**Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and
observe it with my whole heart.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.

Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain.

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways.

**Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who
fear you.**

Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good.

**See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness
give me life.**

Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn “Simply trusting” (1-3)

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Conversation with the Young People

All you need is love, love, love is all you really need!

Hymn “Simply trusting” verse 4

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

From the letters: *1 Corinthians 3: 10-11, 16-23*

Gospel: *Matthew 5:38-48*

One: *The Gospel of the Lord*. All: Praise to you, O Christ.
*Hymn "The love of God" 474
Sermon "We never did it THAT Way before!"

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Esto Les Digo* by Kinley Lange *Where two or three are gathered in My name, there will I be also*

*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: "May the mind of Christ" 644

*Commissioning

*Benediction: "Irish Blessing" by James Moore

Postlude: Buachaill On Eirne *Traditional*

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 Valerie MacDonald. Please join us for **Coffee Hour** this morning, hosted by Phyllis Morrison.

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

THIS WEEK (February 20-28):

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

Monday 7 pm Elder's Workshops continue Minister's Study

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

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice

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

Saturday The next work session starts 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. Please sign the work sheet!

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

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

Please also note that the Canada Games closing is scheduled for the same day and parking may be difficult. Please consider all parking possibilities – and come!

Readings and Message for next week: Isaiah 49: 8-16a Psalm 131, 1 Corinthians 4: 1-5 Matthew 6: 24-34 Message: Don't Worry – Do Something!

The deepest sympathy of the congregation goes out to Shelley MacDonald-Parsons on the recent passing of her aunt in Cape Breton.

UPCOMING: Celebrate the World Day of Prayer 2011 – Chile, Friday, March 4, 2011 - 2:00 pm - **SALVATION ARMY FAIRVIEW CITADEL** 50 Gesner Street.

Halifax Boys' Honour Choir presents Mining the Memories, 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.

Saturday Lecture Series: Saturday March 5 at 2 pm. Elizabeth Fearon, a volunteer at David's Place, will be giving an illustrated talk on Guatemala. Look at our mission moment today!

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 help 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!

Early Morning Service starts the first Sunday in Lent (March 13). - a half hour service of meditation, message and music as well as celebrating the sacrament of communion on regular occasions.

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!

Total Offerings

Giving Goal for January:	\$11,547
Amount given in January:	\$13,732

Thank you for your generosity. The money you give helps Saint David's move on into 2011 with programs of mission and ministry.

Presbyterians Sharing

Giving goal for 2011:	\$25,000
Given up to January 31 st :	\$5,520

Thank you for your generosity to Presbyterians Sharing... Please remember the money you give here goes to benefit the many programs of our National Church such as Tori Smit's Elder's workshop here this past week..

The Worship and Congregational Life Committee have determined to proceed with a new church picture directory which will happen later in the spring – more details to follow!

GUATEMALA

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Denise Van Wissen, a nutritionist who helps educate women's groups on how to improve health in their communities. One of the topics Denise

emphasizes is the importance of an adequate weaning diet, as many babies stop growing adequately after about six months of age. She teaches the importance of introducing beans and meat earlier, the benefits of lots of vegetables and fruits, and the importance of not purchasing pre-prepared "jello" for babies. Currently on maternity leave from her work with *Fraternidad de Presbiteriales Mayas (FPM)* in Guatemala, Denise is getting to practice what she preaches. Let us pray for Denise, the *Fraternidad*, and women's groups in Guatemala as they work together to better their family's lives.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Heritage Sunday (The General Assembly has set aside the third Sunday in February as Heritage Sunday, a time to reflect on, and give thanks for, our past as a church and our future as a witness to Christ

"Thank God, the God of history, for our connections to the cloud of witnesses who preceded us and who faithfully lived Christ-centred lives"

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Faith itself grows when we give generously and sacrificially. (Unknown)



PASTORAL CARE

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