



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
Ninth Sunday after the Epiphany
Annual Congregational Meeting February 27, 2011
**All who are able are asked to stand.*

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Andante Cantabile from The Fifth Symphony by P
Tchaikovsky

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: *Do not worry about your life,
for we are held in the palm of God's hand.*

**We gather this day as people of hope,
striving to trust in God's care.**

*Do not fret about the clothes you will wear,
for we are clothed in the loving compassion of Christ.*

**We gather this day as people of hope,
striving to trust in God's grace.**

*Do not think about what you will eat,
for we are filled with the Spirit of God.*

**We gather this day as people of hope,
striving for the kingdom of God.**

*Hymn "Love Divine" 371

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

God of constant care and compassion, grace us this day with your presence.

**Help us lay aside our burdens and trust in your love, that we
may be led by your guiding hand and clarifying light.**

*Aid us as we seek your heavenly hopes for this earth, that we may be children
of your love and reflections of your light and life.*

**Our priorities have been wrong. Instead of seeking the peace
and assurance of your kingdom, we have allowed worry,
anxiety and material things to rule our lives.**

We pray that our failures may not become our burden.

**Grant us your forgiveness to make us free, and a fresh vision
of our calling to follow you; through 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 442

First Reading: *Isaiah 49: 8-16a*

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 131

*O LORD, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high; I do not
occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. But I have
calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its
mother; my soul is like the weaned child that is with me. O
Israel, hope in the LORD from this time on and forevermore.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn "What a Friend" (1-2) 746

Conversation with the Young People

My worry stone

Hymn "What a Friend" verse 3 746

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

From the letters: *1 Corinthians 4: 1-5*

Gospel: *Matthew 6: 24-34*

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

*Hymn "Precious Lord, take my hand" 675

Sermon "Don't Worry – DO Something!"

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *O Taste and See* by Vaughan Williams

*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: *"Called as Partners"* **587**

*Commissioning

*Benediction: *"Irish Blessing"* by James Moore

Choral Amen: (Please be seated)

Postlude: Hyphrydol from Three Preludes on Welsh Hymn
Tunes by Vaughan Williams

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 ---is Davida MacKay. Please join us for **lunch** before the Annual meeting, arranged by Davida MacKay and friends

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

THIS WEEK (February 27-March 6):

Sunday 10:00 am Circle of Prayer Minister's Study
Noon – Congregational lunch followed by the Annual
Congregational Meeting

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)
Celebrate the World Day of Prayer 2011 – Chile,

Friday, March 4, 2011 - 2:00 pm - **SALVATION ARMY**

FAIRVIEW CITADEL 50 Gesner Street.

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.

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

**Readings and Message for next week: Exodus 24:12-18,
Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1: 16-21, Matthew 17: 1-9** Message: Take Time
on the Mountaintop

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.

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? Can you provide bake goods or
jams for the bake/craft table? 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!

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!

Please have announcements to Kenn by Wednesday!

The time of fellowship following the service is a very
important part of the ministry of Saint David's. In the last few
months we have had a number of people sign up who have never
done it before and that is wonderful. We thank all of our hosts.
There are a few blanks in the list for the next two months. If

you would like to take a turn, please pick a Sunday on the sign-up sheet in the hall.

The Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg invites congregations to make donations to the Sharon Church, Dean, **Ministerial Assistance Project**. These gifts will be given to Rev. Michael Henderson who is the minister of the Upper Musquodoboit Harbour Pastoral Charge which includes Sharon Presbyterian Church, Dean as well as two congregations of The United Church of Canada. The manse recently was destroyed by fire; all his belongings were lost.

Please send gifts to: The Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg 4 Pinehill Rd., Dartmouth, NS B3A 2E6. Thank you very much for helping with this project.

The Bayers Road Adult Day Program "Care you can Trust". Located at the former Bayers Road Shopping Centre. Also check out the Dementia Day Programs run out of Northwood. Check out our bulletin boards or phone 454-7373.

"Worry is faith in the negative, trust in the unpleasant, assurance of disaster and belief in defeat...worry is wasting today's time to clutter up tomorrow's opportunities with yesterday's troubles. A dense fog that covers a seven-city-block area one hundred feet deep is composed of less than one glass of water divided into sixty thousand million drops. Not much is there but it can cripple an entire city. When I don't have anything to worry about, I begin to worry about that." (Walter Kelly)

From: an actual Church Bulletin:

"Don't let worry kill you. Let the Church help."

Presbyterians Sharing

Through *Presbyterians Sharing*, we are making a difference in Canada and around the world. Our gifts help create, sustain and renew congregations in Canada. Together, we support inner-city, native, refugee, urban, remote and chaplaincy ministries.

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PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Pray for those in leadership in the Atlantic Mission Society and the Women's Missionary Society, that they may be blessed with courage and vision for their work. Kenn is the first male executive member in the history of the AMS

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

We should travel light and live simply. Our enemy is not possessions but excess. John R.W. Stott

PASTORAL CARE

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



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