



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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Let your light shine before others, so that

*they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in
heaven. Matthew 5:16*

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany - February 6, 2011
Presbyterian World Service and Development Sunday

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

God Calls Us to Worship

Organ Prelude

Elegy

by R Lind

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship

*Leader: Happy are those who fear the Lord, who greatly delight in his
commandments.*

**All: They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright;
they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

*Hymn "O send forth thy light" 29

Prayer of Confession: (together)

**Merciful God, you call us to be salt of the earth and light of
the world. We confess that our witness is often bland and
gloomy. Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good,
and when we condone or do what is wrong in your sight. Help
us to flavour the earth with righteousness and to reflect the
light of your love in a dark world; through Jesus Christ the
Light of the world. Amen.**

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

Assurance of Pardon: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

Believe the good news of the gospel:

in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

We Hear God's Word

Speak, Lord, in the stillness

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First Reading:

Isaiah 58: 1-12

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 112:1-10**

*Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly delight
in his commandments. Their descendants will be mighty in the
land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.*

*Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.
They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are
gracious, merciful, and righteous.*

*It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with
justice. For the righteous will never be moved; they will be
remembered forever.*

*They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.
Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they
will look in triumph on their foes.*

*They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness
endures forever; their horn is exalted in honor. The wicked see it and are
angry; they gnash their teeth and melt away; the desire of the
wicked comes to nothing.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn "Jesus bids us shine" 773

Conversation with the Young People

A Pinch of salt!

Hymn "Jesus bids us shine" verse 3 773

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

Epistle: *1 Corinthians 2: 1-16*

Gospel: *Matthew 5:13-20*

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

*Hymn "God of mercy, God of Grace" 39

Sermon "A Beacon of Hope"

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem: *O Nuit* by Jean-Phillipe Rameau

*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"

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Prayers of the People

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

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: *"For the healing of the Nations"*

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*Commissioning

*Benediction: *"Irish Blessing"*

by James Moore

Postlude: *"Recessional"*

by William Mathias

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 Vanora Haldane. Please join us for **Coffee Hour** this morning. Our hosts today are Margot and Don Knox.

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

THIS WEEK:

Tonight: The Prince Edward Consort, which will be performing its debut concert on Sunday 6 February, 7.00 at St George's Round Church. All proceeds from the concert will go to the Friends of Saint George's to support the music programme at St George's Round Church. The Consort is made up of some of Halifax's leading choral singers. They will be performing sacred pieces from the time of Queen Mary I, including works by Tallis, Sheppard, White, Tye, Parsons and Byrd.

Monday 7 pm Role of the Elder Study Group

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

Tuesday: 4:30 pm Policy and Planning Committee

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice

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

Saturday 10 am Workshops with Kathy and Kenn!

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

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

Readings and Message for next week:

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 119: 1-8 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9

Matthew 5: 21-37 Sermon: **Time to Choose...**

Atlantic Voices presents tenor, Blaine Hendsbee, in "The Art and Legacy of the English Tenor", with accompaniment on piano, fortepiano, and organ by Lynette Wahlstrom. Invigorate your winter with English songs by Purcell, Schubert, Finzi, Noel Coward, and rare treats such as "The Lost Chord" and "'Come into the Garden Maud". Sat. Feb. 19th at 7:30 pm, First Baptist Church Halifax, 1300 Oxford. Tickets at door: \$15 regular/ \$10 seniors and students

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. Jamie needs to have a head count for lunch. Enter your name on the sheet on the table in the hall after service.

February 12 from 10-12:30 Kathy Large and Rev. Stright will be offering two workshops-one in how to read scripture and one in storytelling. Hope to see you there. No registration is required but a light lunch will be served to those who confirm with Kenn - 423-2660 or Val- 455-1893 that they are coming!

Parking Permits Please renew your parking permit for 2011 and confirm the detail information in the office about your vehicle at your earliest convenience. To receive a permit on Sunday morning, please 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.



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.

Hope

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead... *1 Peter 1:3*

Prayer

There!

There, between the moment I call 'now',
and the moment that comes next, sits *hope*,
between the days whose weight has borne down on us,
in lack of movement, lack of change,
the lumpen oppression of the 'aye been'
and the sheer terrorism of 'and what's going to change?' –
there hope sits.

For Hope is the possibility that should not be,
that to this eternal, hopeless 'now'
linked by steel chains to what was, and what shall be,
'same old same old ...' *there is a beyond*.
Whether we recognise it or not, Lord,
hope is the mark of your sovereignty, and our liberation.
Hope is *your* gift.

There,
between the faith that is trust,
and the love that is self-giving,
sits hope:
this trust, with only God for ground,
that things shall be different, and all things shall be new.
this knowing we are loved, that lets us love;
this knowing-without-seeing of what God is like;
not fully, but in part.
enough ... to be getting on with... (From the Church of Scotland)

CANADA: Presbytery of Edmonton-Lakeland

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are helping to create new ministries in Canada, including Parkland First Presbyterian Church in Spruce Grove, Alberta. This congregation describes itself as a group of young families and retired seniors who follow the teachings of Jesus, value hospitality, care deeply about their community, place an emphasis on education, and love to eat together! Worship is highly interactive and multi-media driven, and provides children with the opportunity to play and express themselves. Over the past year, a youth group and board of managers have been established, and attendance is growing. The congregation continues to search for land to purchase so that one day they might worship in their own building. Let us pray for Parkland First PC as it grows together as a family, forming strong connections with one another and with God.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

PWS&D Sunday

Pray that the work of Presbyterian World Service and Development, together with the support of Presbyterians in Canada, will help communities in developing countries overcome poverty and build futures of hope.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Giving transforms us. It changes the way we see the world. And when the way we see the world changes, changing the world isn't far behind.
Jim Wallis

PASTORAL CARE

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

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