



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

Lent 1 March 13, 2011

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

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: *Priceless Jesu* by R Lind

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: Temptation surrounds us at every turn, inviting us to take just a little more: **More food, more money, more power, more life!**

“What could it hurt?” we hear, on television, from friends, in our own souls: **More suffering, more hunger, more need, more fear, more anger.**

So we gather today in worship to hear the consequences of “more”: **And to celebrate that we do not need “more” when we have everything in Christ.**

Beloved of God, let us drink deeply from the wellspring of God's Spirit, which has all we need to live fully, love deeply, and serve faithfully. **Thanks be to God!**

Our Lenten Journey: Lenten Liturgy (see PWS&D liturgy)

*Hymn “*Lord Jesus, who through forty days*”

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Most merciful God, we confess to you, and to one another, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved the Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, Lord.

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: our pride, our hypocrisy, and our failure to be completely honest with ourselves or with other people;

We confess to you, Lord.

Our preoccupation with our comforts or possessions, and our dishonesty in daily life and work;

We confess to you, Lord.

Our exploitation of other people, and our envy of those with more talent than ourselves;

We confess to you, Lord.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith we have;

We confess to you, Lord.

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty;

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours, and for prejudice and contempt towards those who differ from us;

Accept our repentance, Lord.

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us;

Accept our repentance, Lord.

Restore us, good Lord;

Grant us forgiveness and time for amendment of life.

Strengthen us to overcome temptation;

And empower us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord;

Bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

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

Assurance of Pardon

SPEAK, FOR
YOUR SERVANT
IS LISTENING.
1 SAMUEL 3:10

God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

We Hear God's Word

"Speak, Lord, in the stillness"

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First Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

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

Responsive Reading: (Psalm 32)

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn "He leadeth Me" (1-3)

650

Conversation with the Young People Tempting!

Hymn "He leadeth Me" verse 4

650

(the young people leave during the singing of this verse)

From the letters: Romans 5:12-19

Gospel:

Matthew 4: 1-11

One: *The*

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

*Hymn

"Lord Jesus think on me"

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Sermon

"Tempting times"

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem 

Anthem: Deep River by *Traditional*

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

830

The Apostles' Creed – inside back cover – Book of Praise

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:

"Fight the good fight"

690

*Commissioning

*Benediction:

"Irish Blessing"

by James Moore

May the road rise to meet you,

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face,

The rains fall soft upon your fields.

And until we meet again,

May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Choral Amen: (Please be seated for the Amen)

Postlude: March from Richard the 1st by Handel

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 Murray Alary. **The reader** is Janette Taper. Our host for coffee hour this morning is Colin MacPherson.

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

THIS WEEK
(March 13 – March 20):

Sunday 9:00 am Early service with communion:

This ½ hour service follows throughout Lent the Taizé model of worship of meditation, music and message. Please join us!

10:00 am Circle of Prayer

11:00 am Traditional Service

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

Wednesday Lenten Chowder Luncheons. For more than 20 years the chowder luncheons have been a major fundraiser for St. David's. Helpers are needed on Tuesday mornings (in the kitchen) and Wednesdays at any time (in the hall and kitchen). All who can help are asked to give your name and interest to Don Knox (423-2067) or Colin MacPherson (434-1674). Can you bake gingerbread?(recipe in the hall) Can you spare a pound of butter? Can you provide bake goods or jams for the bake/craft table? Help provided in any of these ways will be invaluable to the success of the enterprise!

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice

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

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Lent 2 is observed with the following: Genesis 12:1-4, Psalm 121, Romans 4:-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17. Message: **The Road to Jerusalem**

Halifax Boys' Honour Choir 25th Anniversary

Please spread the word! Calling all former members of the Halifax Boys' Honour Choir to help celebrate its Twenty Fifth Anniversary. We'd love to hear from you. Please send greetings and tell us where you are now. Meet other alumni and friends at the Anniversary evening concert on Wednesday, May 11 at a venue yet to be announced. Contact hfxboyschoir@staff.ednet.ns.ca

Halifax Camerata Singers – *Baltic Landscapes* concert, featuring innovative choral music from Scandinavia and Northern Europe March 26 at 7:30 pm at St. Patrick's Church, 2267 Brunswick St. Tickets (\$20 adult, \$10 student) **available from Jill Rafuse, 492-4523, at the door, and at www.halifaxcamerata.org**

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. This is your last notice!

Anniversary Sunday will be celebrated on April 3 this year so as not to conflict with Easter. Worship and Church Life also plans to create a historical display for the hall. While there are many artifacts and information around the church we are sure that some of you have items that would be a real treat for everyone to see. If you are able to share something for this anniversary display, please contact Rev. Stright or Valerie Macdonald (455-1893).

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. 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!

Ever sing in your shower? Or perhaps you sang a lot in your youth? Ever find yourself bored on a Thursday evening? If you've answered yes to any of these questions, than maybe the Church Choir of Saint David's has a solution. We're looking for people to commit to join the choir for the Lenten period until Easter Sunday. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:30 until 9. We have a lot of fun and get to learn music from all centuries and countries. Only requirements are to have an open mind, and a general understanding of music. If you or some beautiful voice you hear around you, or even a friend or neighbour in the community

is interested, either let our organist Tristan know, or just show up at 7:30 at the front doors of the church on Thursday evenings.

QUESTION: When was a time in your life when you were tested and how did you handle it?

March 20, 3 pm First Baptist –Hymn Sing with **“Men without Jackets”** – an offering will be taken during the service.

Laurence and Marion Mawhinney wish to express appreciation to the congregation of Saint David's for your generous gifts (at the Annual Congregational meeting). Marion adds “The roses are beautiful!”

From the Calvin and Hobbes comics: Calvin: Do you believe in the devil? You know, a supreme evil being dedicated to the temptation, corruption, and destruction of humanity? **Hobbes:** I'm not sure that we need the help.

MISSION CAPSULES

Hummingbird Ministries: Promoting peace, reconciliation and healing. Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Hummingbird Ministries in Richmond, British Columbia. Through Hummingbird Ministries, First Nations people are reclaiming the sacred tradition of the healing Circle, restoring hope, freedom and justice for First Nations' social, political and spiritual healing. Hummingbird Ministries encourages the spiritual healing of all people, including those alienated from the church. The ministry's Peace through the Arts Project uses a diversity of arts – dance, singing, drumming, fabric – to provide the opportunity for both Aboriginal and non- Aboriginal artists to establish relationships and promote peace, reconciliation and healing between First Nations communities and church communities.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Thank God for specialized ministries in the Presbytery of Westminster. Pray for The Rev. Mary Fontaine at Hummingbird Ministries, The Revs. Bushra and Emmanuel Cheema in ministry with South Asians and The Rev. Bruce Cairney, a chaplain at the Masqui Institution (Corrections Canada).

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Stewardship begins with hearing God's Word for us. Stewardship grows with our living these words in our actions. Sheila Campbell

PASTORAL CARE

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



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