



# The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers,  
Halifax, N.S. (by Memorial Library)

**Minister:** Rev. Kenn Stright

**Minister Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. John Pace

**Organist:** Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

**Guest Organist:** John Lindsey-Botten

**Clerk of Session:** Murray Alary

## WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day      **Lent 2    March 20, 2011**

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

### God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude:                      *Improvisation on Breslau* John Lindsay-Botten

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to Worship:

**Our Lenten Journey:** Lenten Liturgy (Katie Campbell)

\*Hymn    "*Unto the Hills Around*"                      **81**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

### ***Prayers of Adoration and Confession***

*O God, our heavenly Father, as we gather this Sunday morning to worship you, we carry on this day's journey a psalm on our lips and a tune in our hearts as pilgrims have done since days of old.*

**We sing their words and they become ours. Their questions are our questions. Their fears are our fears. Their needs are our needs.**

*We look to the hills which you have made and we marvel at the beauty of creation and our place in it.*

**But we recognize that we have often stumbled and fallen. In physical and emotional senses we come to you with our hurt, our pain, our confusion, and our remorse. We confess our frequent desire for the comfort of the valley and even our fear of the mountains, our frequent failings among family and**

**friends, our neglect of people and places far away, and our dissatisfaction with ourselves.**

*And when the clouds are low, we do not see the majesty of your mountains.*

**We forget about the beauty you made. We forget about the beauty of you our maker.**

*As we try to climb again to a sanctuary, we seek your forgiveness, invite your Spirit among us, and ask you to let us be born again in you today.*

**May the newness and life of Jesus Christ come again to us as welcome as a drink of clear spring water on a mountain hike.**

*May we know Christ's protection as one who is ever awake to guard us and keep us safe.*

**May we listen for your word which calls us on our spiritual journey and may we be taught sensitively and led wisely by your messengers of learning, love and hope. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, we pray. Amen.**

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

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**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"*

**442**

First Reading: *Genesis 12: 1-4*

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

Responsive Reading:                      (Psalm 121)

*I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come? My help comes from God, who made heaven and earth.*

*God will not let your foot be moved; God who keeps you will not slumber.*

**God who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.**

*God is your keeper; God is your shade at your side. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.*

*God will keep you from all evil; God will keep your life. God will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn                      "*One More Step*" (vs. 1-2)                      **641**

Conversation with the Young People      **Chains!**

Hymn                      "*One More Step*" (vs. 3)                      **641**

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

From the letters: Romans 4:1-5; 11-17

Gospel: John 3: 1-17

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

Hymn "The God of Abraham Praise" **331**

Sermon: **"The Road to Jerusalem – the Traveller's Psalm"**

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem  Ah, Holy Jesu (Herzliebster Jesu) by J. S. Bach

\*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" **330**

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

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: "Help us to Help each other" **489**

\*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: "Improvisation on *Nada de turbe*" by John Lindsay- Botten

### **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.

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to Melvin and Patricia Calkin and family on the death this week of Melvin's cousin Ruby Cruickshank of Sherbrooke, NS

We are quite excited. The time is drawing closer. As part of our 86th Anniversary celebrations we are producing **a new photo directory** for our church family. The first week in April, Tuesday-Saturday we will be doing the photography portion of our Church Directory. It has been several years since we had a photo directory done and there have been lots of changes. Universal Portraits will begin calling the congregation this week. If you have not already booked an appointment, we encourage you to respond positively to their call. Booking times are 20 minutes and you can view your photos and choose any you would like to buy all in the same visit to the church. If you cannot make it to the church, Rev. Kenn or Mac Mackay are willing to visit at your home so that your photo can be included in the directory. Submitted photos can be included free of charge, but to receive a directory itself there will be a small cost. Everyone who participates in the photo shoot sessions will receive a directory free of charge.

The dates and times of the photo shoots are as follows:

Tuesday	April 5	3-9
Wednesday	April 6	1-9
Thursday	April 7	1-9
Friday	April 8	1-9
Saturday	April 9	11-6.

A pilgrimage of a thousand

kilometres

begins with

a single step.



The **welcoming elder** this morning is Murray Alary. **The reader** is Marie Wamboldt. Our host for coffee hour this morning is Johannah Roberts. A warm **welcome** to John Lindsey-Botten filling in this morning for Tristen. John Borgardus is conducting the choir.

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

**THIS WEEK**  
**(March 20 – March 27)**

**Sunday 9:00 am Early service with communion:**

This ½ hour service follows throughout Lent the Taize 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 continue on**

**Wednesdays until April 20<sup>th</sup>.** For more than 20 years the chowder luncheons have been a major fundraiser for St. David's. Can you bake gingerbread?( recipe in the hall) 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! Don Knox (423-2067) or Colin MacPherson (434-1674).

**Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice**

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

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Next week Lent 3 is observed with the following: Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-5, John 4:5-42. Message: **The Well is Deep.**

The **King's College Orchestra** presents Tchaikovsky's *Fifth* on Monday March 28th, 2011 at 8:00 p.m. at The Presbyterian Church of Saint David (1544 Grafton St. at Blowers).

The program includes: von Weber's *Die Freishutz Overture*, Mozart's *Flute Concerto in D Major*, and Tchaikovsky's *Fifth Symphony*.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission/\$30 for patron seating, and can be purchased at the King's Co-op Bookstore. For reservations, call (902) 422 - 1271 ext. 261 Doors will open at 7:30 p.m.

Every April, Saint David's contributes **snacks to Phoenix House**. In past years, this was a joint project between the Guild and the Auxiliary. The cost of providing these snacks for a week is \$170. Last year, we asked the congregation and the members responded generously to this appeal. So I'm coming, hat in hand, to ask for assistance for this year's contribution. We have been asked to contribute the snacks for the first week in April. If anyone wants to contribute, see me after church over the next 2 Sundays. I know that last year, it was possible for those giving cheques above \$10 to get a tax receipt. Thank you in advance for your support. Carol Dobson, 429-5885/cjdobson@ca.inter.net.

**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](http://www.halifaxcamerata.org)**

**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).

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

**The Japanese government** has requested international assistance to respond to this massive disaster. **PWS&D** partners are currently assessing the extent of humanitarian needs, especially at evacuation sites where food, water, health and sanitation kits and blankets are in short supply. Updates will be posted on our website as available. Please pray for the hundreds of thousands of people affected by this disaster in Japan. For those who would like to make financial contributions, Presbyterian World Service & Development is currently accepting donations. Funds will be sent through our international church networks to meet the needs of those who are affected. Donations to PWS&D can be made through your church, by mailing a cheque to the office, donating online ([www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/donate](http://www.presbyterian.ca/pwsd/donate)) or calling PWS&D at 1-800-619-7301 ext. 291. Please mark all donations “Japan Earthquake.”

Lord, we pray not only for those whose lives have been darkened by disaster over recent days, but also for those whose faith has been shaken; for those who stand bewildered and fearful in the midst of tragedy; for the injured, the bereaved, and the destitute. We commend to your grace all who are seeking to help and heal the injured, and to comfort and calm the bereaved. From you alone can come the word that will lift them above their darkness. Answer, O Lord, the questions in their minds; and assure them that though disaster is not of your will, you are present with them in their suffering and sorrow, and can enable them to find purpose, hope and peace again. Amen.

**Total Offerings**

Giving Goal for February:	\$10,672
Amount given in February:	\$ 9,114

Thank you for your generosity. The money you give helps Saint David's move on into 2011, with our programs.

**Presbyterians Sharing**

Giving goal for 2011:	\$25,000
Given up to February 28th:	\$ 7,195

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.

**MISSION CAPSULES**

**MALAWI: Elleana Hoekstra**

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Elleana Hoekstra, a young adult intern who is working as a midwife with the Mulanje Mission Hospital in southern Malawi. She is using the experience she developed during a six week placement at an urban hospital in Tanzania and providing crisis response care to women in Jamel, Haiti following last year's devastating earthquake. Both of these experiences gave her an intimate perspective on the immense need for excellent maternity care in developing countries. Elleana writes, "I am very excited about this privilege to live and work with the people of Malawi as well as to help bring the newest generation of Malawians into this amazing world."

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP**  
 Pray for Flemingdon Gateway Mission in Toronto where church and community work in partnership to enhance the quality of life for families living in the area.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS**

Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.  
 Romans 12:13

**PASTORAL CARE**

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



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