



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day **Lent 3 March 27, 2011**

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

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Est ist ein Rose by Brahms

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

Our Lenten Journey: Lenten Liturgy

*Hymn *"Come let us sing to the Lord"*

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

*God of all places, all times, and all people. we gather here today,
glad of this chance to come together in worship.*

**For you are our God, the one in whose presence we find the
answer to the deepest longings of our hearts.**

In you is all that we hope for, Living God:

**knowing acceptance, faithful love, patient forgiveness
and the soul's renewal.**

So take these moments and make them a time of blessing.

**Take our lives, in all their beauty and brokenness, and make
them whole and holy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

*Forgive us, and teach us to be mindful of you in all things. Eternal God, you
are Lord of the pivotal moments in our lives.*

**The occasions when we need to choose our words carefully,
because we recognize the power they hold. The days when
we need to screw up our courage and take a risk for the sake
of some greater good.**

*Forgive us when in haste we make poor choices,
in weakness we make cowardly choices, or in greed we make
choices that benefit only ourselves.*

*Forgive us, and teach us to be mindful of you in all things. God of all places,
all times, and all people You are Lord even of the desert spaces in our lives.*

**Forgive us when we lose heart, or stifle your still small voice
by our complaining. Forgive us when in the heat of the
moment we forget your faithfulness in the past, and your
promises for the present and the future. Forgive us, and teach
us to be mindful of you in all things.**

*God of all places, all times, and all people, Hear these, our prayers, spoken
and unspoken; Forgive what is past, and prepare us for what lies ahead
because we ask it all in the name of our friend and saviour, Jesus Christ.*

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"

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First Reading: *Exodus 17:1-7*

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

Responsive Reading: (Psalm 95)

*O come, let us sing to God; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our
salvation! Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise! For God
is a great God, and a great Ruler above all gods. In God's hand are the
depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are also
God's. The sea is God's, for God made it, and the dry land, which God's
hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before God, our Maker! For God is our God, and we are
the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand. O that today
you would listen to God's voice! Do not harden your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when
your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my
work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said,
"They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not*

regard my ways." *Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."*

Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn "As the deer" 27

Conversation with the Young People **Crowns!**

Hymn "As the deer" (vs. 3) 27

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

From the letters: *Romans 5:1-5*

Gospel: *John 4: 5-42*

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

Hymn "I hunger and I thirst" 198

Sermon: **"The Well is Deep"**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem  *Verlich Uns Frieden* by Mendelssohn

*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" 446

Prayers of the People

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

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: "I heard the voice of Jesus" 671

*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: *Meditation on Hear My Prayer* by Purcell

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. Our host for coffee hour this morning is Carol Dobson.

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

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. 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.	

THIS WEEK

(March 27 – April 3)

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 20th. 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). We now have frozen single serving containers available for purchase at \$5.00

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice

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

Saturday 10:00 am – 3:00 pm Kairos workshops

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

10:00 am Circle of Prayer

11:00 am 86th Anniversary Service

The deadline for the **Easter newsletter** is April 8. Please submit your articles to Carol Dobson at cjdobson@ca.inter.net by that date. The newsletter will be available on Palm Sunday.

Next Sunday we celebrate our 86th Anniversary and will closely follow the original service including the preaching of the word from Number 10:29 **“Come with us and Share the Journey”**. 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 **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. 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.

The Capella Regalis Men and Boys Choir will sing choral evensong at King's College Chapel, Coburg Road on Tuesday, 5 April at

5.00PM. Nick Halley is directing and Paul Halley is on organ. All are invited to attend this beautiful, contemplative service. www.capellaregalis.com.

UNDRIP: United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. What is our commitment as Christians who desire right relations with all our neighbours? Discover some answers at a workshop on Saturday April 2 at St. David's. Starts at 10:00, end at 3:00 p.m. Facilitator: Ed Bianchi, Indigenous Rights Coordinator with KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives Lunch provided for free will offering. Fun and engaging learning activities with people who, like you, care about justice, human rights and Earth!

Presbyterian World Service & Development is currently accepting donations for the disasters in Japan. 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) or calling PWS&D at 1-800-619-7301 ext. 291. Please mark all donations “Japan Earthquake.”

Spring Tea & Sale St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Ladies Guild 216 School St. (across from Brightwood Golf club) Saturday, April 9, 2011 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Bake & Craft Tables Adults \$5.00 Children under 12 \$1.00

Original Sin: An exhibition of artworks created by theology students at AST as an exploration of the doctrine "original sin." Art works by various artists with AST Artist in Residence Regina Coupar. Opening Reception, with artists in attendance Tuesday, March 29, from 5 to 7 pm Show runs from March 30 to June 30, 2011 in the Art Gallery, located in the AST Library.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Carman McCormick and Elizabeth on the death of his brother, Dr. Bill McCormick, on March 18. The funeral was held Thursday at Snow's Funeral Home in Halifax.

MISSION CAPSULES

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Brian Johnston, an English and music teacher working at the Theological Seminary of the Hungarian Reformed Church in Cluj, Romania. In addition to teaching English to first and second year Lutheran and Reformed students, Brian directs a choir of seminary students which ministers to communities through music. During his time in Romania Brian has also become an active photographer, holding successful exhibitions in Hungary and Romania. He encourages students to enhance their various mission projects through photography whenever possible, and recently shared an exhibit with four former students. Let us pray for Brian and the seminary students as they work together to share the good news of Christ.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Pray for the Canada Youth Planning Team as it meets over the next few days at Brock University to plan this national youth event for 2012.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

The gifts of this world will not last past our lifetimes, but God's gifts to us—and our gifts to God—will last through this life and beyond.
Kathie Murphy

PASTORAL CARE

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



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