



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers,
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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day **Lent 5 April 10, 2011**

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

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Meditation by Forth

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: *The prophet asks: Can our soul-weary bones live again?*

O God, you know!

We ask: Can we dance again after mourning, loss and grief?

O God, you know!

The gift is sure and unmistakable.

God's breath poured out as new life for weary souls!

Let us celebrate the gift of God's new life,

And come to worship God in laughter and dancing!

Our Lenten Journey: Lenten Liturgy Maggie Campbell

*Hymn "Breath on me breath of God" **389**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Compassionate God, the wind of your Spirit is the very sign of life for all who long for you. One breath from you and we are rescued from the arid valley of dry bones, given muscles and sinews and joy with which to praise you, and filled with the holy hope you grant to all your faithful children. Let our whole lives be filled with the life-breath of the Spirit, that what has lain dormant may burst into bloom, and what looks to us to be death may be revealed as but sleep before the emergence of new life.

Revitalizing God, your power goes far beyond our own, and yet still we act as though the pains of this world have final claim upon us.

We give in to the despair and hopelessness of death, not trusting in your ability to call forth new life from the tombs of our lives. Forgive us for doubting your power to raise up new life in the midst of all the deaths we experience. Forgive us for not trusting you to move and act among us, within us, through us. Forgive us, and open our eyes to the wonder of new life sprouting into being in our very midst.

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

Assurance of Pardon

"Come out," Jesus calls, and his word unbinds us from the oppressive weight of our past and pushes away the rocks that close us off from love. We are made free in the spirit of God, and forgiven all our sins. **May God's name always be praised from our lips!**

We Hear God's Word

"Speak, Lord, in the stillness"

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First Reading: *Ezekiel 37: 1-14*

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 130** *Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications! If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered. I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem. It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn "Jesus loves me" vs. 1-2

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Conversation with the Young People **Hammer and Saw!**

Hymn "Jesus loves me" (vs. 3)

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

From the letters: *Romans 8:6-14*

Gospel: *John 11: 1-45*

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

Hymn "Revive your work O Lord" **284**
Sermon: "Hear the Word of the Lord!"

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem  *The Pasture by R Stroope*

*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: "O breath of life come sweeping through us" **384**

*Commissioning: Come out! Jesus commands, **And calls us from the tombs of our existence into the brightness of a new day.** Come out! Jesus cries, **And unbinds us from the chains of our past.** Come out! Jesus calls, **And entices us into a world filled with grace and possibility.** So: Go out! **Into a world that needs our life, our breath, our spirit!** Go out! **Into a world that needs the Spirit of God, carried on our lips and in our loving arms.** Go out! **Into the world to live as God's resurrected people!**

Go out: and go on the breath of God's holy wind!

*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: Requiem by C Johnson

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. Our Welcoming elders this morning are Barbara MacKeigan and Jamie Campbell. Our host for coffee hour this morning is Di Palmater. Our reader this morning is Laura Blaikie

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

(Credit: **Come Out! On the Breath of God, Service Prayers for the fifth Sunday of Lent** was written by the Rev. Elizabeth Dille, pastor of First Congregational United Church of Christ in Red Oak, Iowa.)

THIS WEEK (April 10-17)

Sunday 9:00 am Early service with communion:

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

10:00 am Circle of Prayer

11:00 am Traditional Service

Monday 7:00 pm Elders' workshop

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

Wednesday 7:00 pm Kirk Session

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice

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

Saturday 2:00 pm lecture series (see announcements)

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10:00 am Circle of Prayer

11:00 am Traditional service

Original Sin: An exhibition of artworks created by theology students at AST as an exploration of the doctrine "original sin." ... runs from now to June 30, 2011 in the Art Gallery, located in the AST Library.

On Thursday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. please join the Tupper Band for a spring concert at St. David's Presbyterian Church, 1537 Brunswick Street, under the direction of Dr. Bernard Badley. Admission is ten dollars regular and five dollars for students and seniors. Special guests include the male vocal group, the Testostertones and the female Vocal Chords of the Dalhousie Humanities Program. Tickets are available at the door and from the Dalhousie Medical Alumni Association

Under the distinguished patronage of both Nova Scotia's Lieutenant Governor and Premier, and with their participation, the **31st Annual Nova Scotia Leadership Prayer Breakfast** will take place on **Thursday April 14, 2011 from 7:30-9:15 a.m.** (Doors open at 7:15 a.m.) Our Featured speaker is Murray Taylor, the CEO and President of Investors Group who will speak about his faith journey. Heather Jansma will provide the music. Go to www.nslpb.ca for tickets and information.

Nova Sinfonia presents its spring concert on Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. at St. James Church, Joseph Howe Drive at the Armdale Rotary in Halifax. For more information, please call 456-7749.

The Dartmouth **Community Concert Association** presents the fourth and final concert in its 53rd season with mezzo-soprano Pamela MacDonald on Friday evening, April 15, at Woodlawn United Church at 8:00 p.m.

AST is pleased to present H. I. F. Biber's **Rosary Sonatas** A Holy Week concert celebrating the mysteries of the rosary **Monday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m.** St. Columba Chapel 634 Francklyn Street Halifax, NS

Get Down and Boogie at that 70's show ! Saturday April 16th 7:30 Admission \$10.00 St Matthew's United Church Barrington at Spring Garden A fund-raiser in support of outreach programs. Information: 423-9209

The last **Saturday lecture** of the season will be Saturday April 16 at 2 pm. Valerie and Roderick Macdonald will present a travelogue of California

ESL (English as Second Language) classes begin again on Monday April 25, from 4:30 – 6 pm here at St. David's. Can you help? Assistance is needed to set up, make coffee, assist in class or teach! Contact Kenn or Pastor Lee for more information.

Nova Voce the Nova Scotia's provincial men's choir, presents *Deep Harmonies II* in **Halifax** (Saturday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Anglican Church. Tickets are \$20 regular and \$15 for students and seniors, available at Bookmark (5685 Spring Garden Road, Halifax), Westphal Family Music (119 Main Street, Dartmouth) and the St. Mark's church office (454-0207 on Wednesday and Thursday mornings

The Helen M. Watson Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Saint David: Applications for financial assistance from the Helen M. Watson Fund will be received prior to April 30, 2011. The Helen M. Watson Fund of The Presbyterian Church of Saint David produces income to be used “exclusively for local missionary work in Nova Scotia”. If you have any questions, please contact either Mac Mackay- (902) 422-5481 or David Craig- (902) 477-8751. Application Form and Guidelines Document, may be obtained from the Church Office (902) 423-1944, by E-Mail stdavids.office@ns.sympaticoca or from the Web site, after April 1, 2011.

The annual **Geddie Spageddie** is fast approaching! Saturday, April 30th 4-6 p.m. the chefs will present the culinary delights of the feast at Camp Geddie. This year the money raised is for Smith House. The facility, part of the Camp Geddie property, is available to church leaders - ministers and laity - for study or retreat.

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to Vanora and Jim Haldane on the death on Monday of Vanora's nephew in Ottawa.

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to Mac and Davida Mackay on the death on Tuesday of Mac's cousin, Mary K. MacKintosh, in Lower Sackville

Holy Week Ecumenical Services (7:30 a.m.) (Service and Breakfast)

Monday, April 18: Cathedral Church of All Saints
Tuesday, April 19: Presbyterian Church of Saint David
Wednesday, April 20: St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica
Thursday, April 21: First Baptist Church Halifax
April 22nd Good Friday Ecumenical Service at
St. Andrew's United 10:30 am

Holy week services at the Presbyterian Church of St. David

April 17th Taize communion service on the Passion of Christ
April 17th Traditional service for Palm Sunday with the Palm
Sunday Sunday School Parade 11 am
April 21st Maundy Thursday communion service 7 pm (Hall)
April 24th Sunrise service at the Citadel 6 am. (brief service to
welcome the resurrection)
April 24th Taize Easter Communion service 9 am
April 24th Easter Breakfast 9:30 am
April 24th Combined Easter Communion service with the
Nova Scotia Korean Congregation 11 am

MISSION CAPSULES Theological Colleges: St. Andrew's

Hall Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support three Presbyterian Colleges in Canada: Presbyterian College in Montreal, Knox College in Toronto, and St. Andrew's Hall in Vancouver. Through its teaching charter with Vancouver School of Theology, St. Andrew's Hall teaches theology and prepares candidates within the Presbyterian Church of Canada for ministry. It offers several programs for people seeking ordination to ministry, desiring a deepening of faith, or pursuing a degree in theology. Through 93 housing units, it provides hospitality for full-

time students during the academic year. A team of five Chaplains offers advice, support, Bible studies and other programs to residents, including programs in Mandarin and Korean. Let us pray for St. Andrew's Hall as it seeks to be a welcoming presence on the campus of a secular university and actively works to strengthen its outreach to the wider community.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for the executive committee of the Atlantic Mission Society who met in Truro this past week to plan the annual meeting of the Society.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

He who is not liberal with what he has does but deceive himself when he thinks he would be liberal if he had more. William S. Plumer

PASTORAL CARE

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



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