



The Presbyterian Church of

Saint David

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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day Easter 7 Ascension June 5, 2011

* All who are able are asked to stand.

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: *Jesus Priceless Treasure* by R Lind

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

*Hymn "People, clap your hands" 31

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: *Gracious God, Forgive us for so often failing to grasp the wonder of Ascension, for living each day as though it had never been. Forgive the smallness of our vision, the narrowness of our outlook, the weakness of our love, the nervousness of our witness, our repeated failure to recognize the fullness of your revelation in Christ.*

Give us a deeper sense of wonder, a stronger faith, and a greater understanding of all you have done. We believe, yet we have many questions.

Help us, despite our uncertainty, to hold firm to the great truth that the wonder of Christ Jesus goes far beyond anything we can ever imagine, and in that faith may we live each day to his glory and honour: Amen

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



Assurance of Pardon

We Hear God's Word

"Speak, Lord, in the stillness" (sung unannounced) 442

First Reading: Acts : 1-11

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 47** *Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.*

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. *For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm. God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn "Lead me Jesus" 646

Conversation with the Young People **Sticks**

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

From the letters: Ephesians 1: 15-23

Gospel: Luke 24: 44-53


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

*Hymn "He leadeth me" 650

Sermon: **"Feet on the Ground"**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem  *O Jesus, I have Promised* by B Cabena

*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” (sung unannounced) **446**

Prayers of the People: Across all our barriers of language, race, and nationality: **Unite us, Jesus.**

Across all our mutual ignorance, prejudice and hostility: **Unite us, Jesus.**

Across all our differences of thought, outlook, and religious allegiance: **Unite us, Jesus.**

O God, for your greater glory:

Gather together your separated people.

O God, for the triumph of goodness and truth:

Gather together your separated people.

O God, that there may be one flock and one shepherd:

Gather together your separated people.

O God, to confound the pride of Satan and his assaults:

Gather together your separated people.

O God, that peace may reign in the world at last:

Gather together your separated people.

O God, for the greater joy of the heart of your Son:

Gather together your separated people.

(we continue in prayer)

The Lord's Prayer (“debts & debtors”)

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: “Jesus shall reign” **275**

*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: *Love Divine* by R Lind

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 elders** this morning are Mac and Davida MacKay. Our hosts for coffee hour this morning are Roderick & Val MacDonald. The reader this morning is Barry Cahill.



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

THIS WEEK - (June 5 – June 12)

Sunday	9:00 am	Early service with communion:
This ½ hour service of meditation, music and message will explore the Celtic style of worship. Please join us!		
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional Service
Tuesday & Thursday	9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes	
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Special Session meeting
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Hospitality Workshop
Thursday	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	10:00 am – 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)	
Sunday	9:00 am	Early service with communion:
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional Service
	12:00 noon: Luncheon in support of the Halifax Refugee clinic	

It is that time of year again: **Graduation.** We want to remember all our graduates and help them mark this special time in their lives. If you have a member of your family graduating, please let Valerie Macdonald (455-1893) know who, from where, and when the graduation will take place.

The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

To become a more environmentally friendly and "greener" church let's begin by **recycling** Blue Bag items such as glass bottles, tin cans, plastic containers and milk cartons. Please rinse these items and put them into the **blue bins** provided in the kitchen. (No garbage or food in the blue bins) Your help **will** make a difference!

Directory Updates: The photos that you ordered have arrived and may be picked up from the office after the service or mornings during the week. Over the next couple of weeks we will be putting the finishing touches on the roster portion of the directory. This will include names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Some folks have indicated they do not want some of this information published. If this is the case for you, please let Valerie Macdonald know as soon as possible at 455-1893.

Session will be conducting a Hospitality Workshop on June 8th at 7pm. **Hospitality: The Ministry of Welcoming.** You are most welcome and encouraged to attend!

Session will meet on June 7th at 7 p.m. in a special meeting led by the Policy and Planning Committee.

Upcoming Notice: Communion will be celebrated at the June 19th Traditional service (11 am).

The Mission and Outreach Committee will host a **fundraising luncheon** after church on Sunday June 12th (Chilli and soup and dessert) in support of the Halifax Refugee Centre.

Today is the **last day for regular Church School** classes until the fall. We certainly appreciate the work of all the teachers and pupils, and it has been encouraging to have several new visitors attend. Summer at Saint David's is always a blessing. We encourage you to continue bringing the whole family. It is a great time for the children to get used to Saint David's worship in the Sanctuary. Regular classes will resume on September 11.

MISSION CAPSULES **The Upper Room: Worship in a former dance hall** Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help create new ministries, like The Upper Room, an extension ministry of Grace Presbyterian Church in Orleans, Ontario. This ministry, which meets in a former bar/dance hall in Rockland, Ontario, is developing good relationships with young people and their parents through a youth drop-in program, which ministers to 35 kids and has a contact list of over 100. So far, about 20 people are worshipping weekly in The Upper Room, but the community is learning about the ministry through various outreach programs, and new families have been joining. There are many young families in this area and many are seeking a church connection. Let us pray for The Upper Room as it reaches out to the Rockland community to share the good news of the gospel.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Ascension Sunday/General Assembly Sunday* Pray that commissioners, resource people and staff will be open to God's guidance at this General Assembly.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS Stewardship is not something we can put on or take off as the seasons change. Stewardship, like faith, must be woven into the fabric of our lives. Gregory Coulter

PASTORAL CARE

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



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