



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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Clerk of Session: Murray Alary

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day **Easter 2** **May 08, 2011**
Christian Family Sunday **Mother's Day**
**All who are able are asked to stand.*

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: *Dialogues Sur le Vox Humane* by Couperin

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

*Hymn "Come to us beloved Stranger" **262**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

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

Assurance of Pardon

We Hear God's Word

"Speak, Lord, in the stillness" **442**

First Reading: *Acts 2: 14a, 36-41*

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 116**

Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips. *The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage. I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure. For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit. You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn "I am the church" vs 1-4 **475**

Conversation with the Young People *On the Road to Emmaus*

Hymn "I am the church" (vs. 5) **475**

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

From the letters: *1 Peter 1:17-23*

Gospel: *Luke 24:13-35*

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

Hymn "I hunger and I thirst" **198**

Sermon: **"The Human Journey:
From loneliness to companionship"**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem  *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

*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: Risen One, like those disciples on the road to Emmaus, we struggle to recognize you in the everyday journey of our lives. We seek your wisdom in the midst of the questions we have about the circumstances we find ourselves in—circumstances sometimes beyond our control, but often of our own making.

Open our eyes, Light of the World, to your work of transformation in and around us. As we walk with you day by day, may your new life be made manifest in what we say to others. Help us to understand the power of our words to hurt or to heal; give us the graciousness to make all our conversations holy.

Just as we desire that our speaking be holy, may our seeing be holy as well. We are bombarded with images everyday O Christ, that shape our attitudes and behaviours. As you opened the scriptures to the disciples and taught them everything, open our eyes to behold you in your Word, in the beauty of nature, the beauty of another human being and the beauty of sacred art.

And in our seeing, help us to recognize and welcome the stranger in our midst. May our welcome be a celebration of the gifts and graces of persons who are different from us and not merely some token tolerance of an outsider.

You were known to the disciples in the breaking of the bread. May your resurrection presence guide us in the decisions we make about what we take into our bodies—especially what we eat and what we drink. Help us to understand our eating and drinking as sacred events, not to be abused or approached mindlessly.

So often we forget, Holy One, that you invite us to abide with you; to have our lives hidden in you. We thank you that you travel with us in our joys and our concerns. (Silence)

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

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: "Unless the Lord builds the house" **88**

*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: Alleluyas by Simon Preston

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 Jamie Campbell. Our hosts for coffee hour this morning are Reg and Joyce Clark. The reader this morning is Carol Dobson. Leading the children's conversation this morning is Davida MacKay (welcome back!)

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

The Truest Friend: A mother is the truest friend we have, when trials, heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine, desert us when troubles thicken around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts. (Washington Irving (1783-1859))

THIS WEEK - (May 08 – May 15)

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

Wednesday Session meets at 7 pm.

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice

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

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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.

First Baptist Church, 1300 Oxford Street, Halifax, is sponsoring a PERENNIAL PLANT SALE (rain or shine) on Saturday, May 21, 2011, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. A large variety of home-grown, hardy stock will be available at reasonable prices.

A 25th Anniversary Public Concert of the Halifax Elementary Girls' Honour Choir and the Halifax Boys' Honour Choir will take place at Edgewood/Oxford United Church, Connaught Avenue, Halifax on Wednesday, May 11th at 7 pm. Free Admission. Former members of both choirs are encouraged to attend and/or send greetings or sing in an Alumni Choir. Information: pecknold@staff.ednet.ns.ca or hfxboyschoir@staff.ednet.ns.ca Everyone welcome!

Toni Dolfo-Smith, the head of Living Waters Canada will be in Halifax on May 15, presenting an afternoon seminar at Grace Chapel titled 'Healing our hurts/Helping the hurting' starting at 1:30. Grace Chapel is located at 225 Ross St in Clayton Park.

Halifax Community Chaplaincy is seeking volunteers to work with their Core Chaplaincy program and with a new program called Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA). Volunteers are trained and supported in their work with offenders, victims, ex-offenders and their families. CoSA trains volunteers to provide support and friendship as ex-offenders work to live a pro-social, crime free lifestyle. Orientation evening at **All Nations Church (Robie and Charles) on May 17 or May 19, 7 to 9pm. Training will be held May 28th from 10-3.** Please contact **Shirley Dixon 492.0569.**

'**Bringing Harmony to Homelessness**' The Nova Voce Men's Choir, in partnership with Community Action on Homelessness,

present an evening with the Choir and special guests, Ardyth and Jennifer. MC'd by Olga Milosevich, host of the CBC show, 'Connections'. May 15, 7 pm at St. Matthew's Church

Halifax Camerata Singers — May 28 at 7:30 pm, St. Patrick's Church, 2267 Brunswick Street. Intimate choral music from great mystical writers and contemporary composers. Also "A Mass Through the Ages" with Symphony Nova Scotia Chorus, and the premiere of the 2010 Young Composers Competition winning entry. Tickets \$20/\$10 at the door.

Mother's Prayer: If I live in a house of spotless beauty with everything in its place, but have not love, I am a housekeeper--not a homemaker. If I have time for waxing, polishing, and decorative achievements, but have not love, my children learn cleanliness - not godliness. Love leaves the dust in search of a child's laugh. Love smiles at the tiny fingerprints on a newly cleaned window. Love wipes away the tears before it wipes up the spilled milk. Love picks up the child before it picks up the toys. Love is present through the trials. Love reprimands, reproves, and is responsive. Love crawls with the baby, walks with the toddler, runs with the child, then stands aside to let the youth walk into adulthood. Love is the key that opens salvation's message to a child's heart. Before I became a mother I took glory in my house of perfection. Now I glory in God's perfection of my child. As a mother, there is much I must teach my child, but the greatest of all is love. (Author Unknown)

Camp Geddie Updates

To **register** for the upcoming summer, go to www.campgeddie.ca and follow the links to the summer registration. Camps are beginning to fill so do not delay!

Camp Geddie Clean Up will be held on **May 28th**, beginning at 9 am. There are big and little projects with everything from cleaning to painting to minor building and repair work. Lunch is

provided. If your congregation (or group) would like to take on A specific project, please contact Audrey at director@campgeddie.ca for the list.

Prayer Partners: Each year staff are given the name of someone from within the Church family who has offered to remember them in prayer daily, and, perhaps, send them a note or two of encouragement throughout the summer. This prayer support is a vital part of our summer ministry. If you would like to be a Prayer Partner, please contact Audrey at director@campgeddie.ca or 902.922.2425.

Mark June 4th on your calendars for a **Camp Geddie Open House**. We will begin with BBQ from 4-6, and a Vesper service with commissioning of staff and an opportunity to enjoy a glorious sunset and campfire at Geddie will follow. We will be celebrating the generosity of congregations who contributed to our "Adopt a Cabin" initiative and Coudrey Trail development.

Sunday May 15th annual **'Walk for Memories'** to support Alzheimer Nova Scotia and the many important programs and services that it offers.

St David's has put together a team to participate and we encourage you to support our team with denations and pledges. Please see Phyllis Morrison or any team member for more details or check the bulletin board.

Thought for the week: "I mourn the loss of thousands of precious lives, but I will not rejoice in the death of one, not even an enemy. Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that." **Martin Luther King Jr.**

MISSION CAPSULES

Cariboo Ministry: A space for kids Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* introduce the love of Christ to children in Ndazkoh, British Columbia. As part of their outreach to people living in and around Ndazkoh, The Reverends Jon Wyminga and Shannon Bell Wyminga run a Kids Space program in the Ndazkoh school. Through songs, activities and discussions, the children – 90% of whom come from the Ndazkoh reserve – learn about the love of God. This program not only ministers to the children, but is a witness of Christ's love for parents and the whole community who see the love and care John and Shannon share with their children. This is an important ministry for a community still struggling with the consequences of the residential schools. Pray for the children attending the kids space program and for the ongoing ministry of Jon and Shannon.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Pray that families will open their hearts and homes to others in their communities in the spirit of Christian hospitality.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS Unlike many clergy, the Bible just won't shut up when it comes to money. Philip D. Jamieson

PASTORAL CARE

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



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