



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day Easter 5 May 22, 2011
World Sunday for Peace

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

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: A Prayer by Forth

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

*Hymn "Prayer is the soul's sincere desire" **660**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: *Dear Lord, the risen Christ- today we greet you joyfully with our hearts alive with the Easter faith.*

Great God – we love you!

Our Lord Jesus – we adore you!

Holy Spirit – what happiness you bring to us and all people!

We come here out of our separate lives, with our worries and woes and anxieties. And we know that you care for us and live for us and are for us.

Our Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit we worship you!

We know what it is like to face trials and tribulation and now turn to you in our need and anxiety.

And we seek your forgiveness of our many failings, and ask you to forgive those who have wronged us.

Be with us! Lord God! As you have been with so many people down the long centuries!

Be with us! With the love and laughter, with your understanding and gentleness. Be with our worship today – and send us out into your beautiful but fragile world.

Glorious Lord God! A Friend, a Saviour! For eternity our Lord, 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" (unannounced) **442**

First Reading: *Acts 7: 55-60*

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 31**

In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.

You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn "What a friend we have in Jesus" vs 1-2 **746**

Conversation with the Young People *What a HAND!*

Hymn "What a friend we have in Jesus" (vs. 3) **746**

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

From the letters: *1 Peter 2:2-10*

Gospel: *John 14: 1-14*


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

Hymn "Nothing can Trouble" repeat **617**

Sermon: **"My times are in your hand"**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem  Psalm 42 in Afrikaans and English

*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: Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life for all creation; grant us grace to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever.

Dona nobis pacem 735 (choir)

God of peace and possibility, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier: We approach you to ask once again for your mercy, forgiveness and a fresh start. We ask you to help us give peace a chance in this world. We want to give peace a chance, yet we have already missed so many opportunities. We have sabotaged so many initiatives; instead of overcoming evil with good, we have stood by while good was overpowered. Forgive us, Lord.

Give us peace, we pray.

Just as we claim your forgiveness, we also claim this moment in the name of peace. We accept anew our responsibility as peacemakers and creators of justice. We give thanks for the Decade to Overcome Violence, for its work in raising our awareness and our yearning for peace. And yet, we admit that there is much more required if we are truly to give peace a chance.

Give us peace, we pray.

By the moving of your Spirit, commit our hearts and minds to peace, and help us dedicate our lives to becoming the starting-points of peace. "Let this be the moment, now."

Help us cooperate with you, giving peace a chance, creating a world where peace may be our ethos and our essence. Give us peace, we pray. Grant us wisdom and courage to seize the initiative: wisdom to discern the things that make for peace, and courage to be faithful and obedient to you.

Give us peace, we pray.

God of peace and possibility, make us instruments of your peace at the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation and in all places so that we may fulfill your will, and so that we may give peace a chance. In the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, who taught us to pray saying. The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: "O Jesus I have promised" **569**

*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: Postlude: Ubi Caritas

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 Jamie Campbell and Barbara MacKeigan. Our host for coffee hour this morning is Olive Clark. The reader this morning is Mac Fyfe.

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

THIS WEEK - (May 22 – May 29)

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

Monday 7:00 pm Eldership workshops continue

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes

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.

John Wamboldt would like to thank all those who were supportive of his recent program (the OWL project). John was given the honour of presenting the address to graduates last week!

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.

Responding with Hope to Climate and Ocean Change – A Town Hall Meeting with the Moderator of the United Church of Canada Wednesday, May 25, 6:30-9:00 pm St. Andrew's United Church (corner of Cobourg Rd. and Robie St.).

John and Margaret Pace will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on June 2. If you would like to help them mark this happy occasion, a card would be most appreciated. Their address is 922-2615 Northwood Terrace Halifax B3K 3S5.

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 to go in the blue bins) Your help **will** make a difference!

Ottawa Carleton Male Choir will be on a Maritime Concert Tour. The choir enjoys singing a varied repertoire: classical, opera, spiritual and folk pieces from around the world. They will be performing at All Nations Christian Reformed Church on Wednesday June 1 at 7:30 pm. There will be a free will offering at the door and the proceeds will go to the All Nations Church building fund.

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.

Food Drive: Hunger Awareness Day across Canada is May 31st. Please join the Mission and Outreach committee in participating in a food drive to benefit Feed NS, an important partner of David's Place and the Out of the Cold Shelter. On

Sunday May 22nd and Sunday May 31st we invite everyone to bring grocery items or a financial contribution for Feed NS. The items most in need are canned vegetables, fruit, meat and fish; flour and sugar, pasta, peanut butter, canned or powdered milk, soups and stews, breakfast cereal. Feed NS is also able to accept fresh produce, fresh or frozen vegetables and meats. Look for our bins as you come in to church and in the church hall near the Mission and Outreach posters.

Myth: Poverty isn't a big problem in Nova Scotia.

Fact: Over 40,000 Nova Scotians rely on food assistance in an average month, indicating they lack the financial resources to meet their basic daily needs. At least 75,000 Nova Scotians are living below the Low Income Cut Off, and one in 10 Canadians are in the same situation. Poverty is a huge problem in our province and across the country.

Capella Regalis Men and Boys Choir will be on tour, May 27-31, performing a blend of sacred and secular music under the direction of Nick Halley. May 31, Halifax, 7.00 pm First Baptist Church

MISSION CAPSULES Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Michelle Verwey as she works at the MIBE Graduate School for Nurses in Indore, India. Michelle is teaching community health nursing, supervising and guiding students during their clinical postings, and assisting in maintaining students' records. She is also part of a team tasked with setting up a health professional's learning center which promotes continuing education and life-long learning. This is proving to be a daunting task. Books dating back to the 1890's need to be sold or disposed of, and the newer books need to be assessed by faculty members to determine if the material is outdated. Library software has now been installed, and Michelle has begun the enormous task of cataloguing the books. Please pray for Michelle, the novice librarian!

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for the National Women's Gathering, *Look In – Shout Out*, as they meet this weekend. May participants be transformed as they listen to God's voice,

contemplate change and renewal, and reach out to share the message they have received.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS Giving is central to what it means to be a transformed person. Philip D. Jamieson

PASTORAL CARE

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



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