



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day Easter 6 May 29, 2011

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

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: *Melody in Mauve* by R Purvis

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

*Hymn *"Immortal, Invisible"*

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession: *Creator God, we gather in stillness and quiet to praise you, our God who listens, who hears our prayer.*

You are the Known God: made known to us through Jesus, yet unseen and unfathomable, for whom "we grope and perhaps find" - not always aware of your constant sustaining presence.

Not always aware that in You we live and move and have our being.

You created all that surrounds us, from the nearest thing to the farthest; you are the God who keeps the stars burning, and who sustains our closest heartbeat. You are the infinite God so big and distant, yet who sits so small and close.

Forgive us when we mistake your all-surrounding Infinity for hidden nothingness, when we are blind to your worldly presence when we fail to reflect your presence in our lives hurting with words said, and words left unsaid

damaging with wrong action, and neglecting with inaction dwelling on thoughts and emotions which push you away from our hearts **Open our eyes to the nearness of your Light, and, as we shrink away from that Light, forgive us for making ourselves less than you made us to be.**

And so we pray that you'll make known your forgiveness; forgiveness given through the power of your love that always builds up, and never diminishes, This we ask in Jesus' name,

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)

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First Reading: *Acts 7: 55-60*

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 66:8-20**

Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place. I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for me. I cried aloud to him, and he was extolled with my tongue. If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has given heed to the words of my prayer. Blessed be God, because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me. Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn *"To God be the glory" vs 1-2*

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Conversation with the Young People **The Banner Train**

Hymn *"To God be the glory" (vs. 3)*


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

From the letters: *1 Peter 3:13-22*
Gospel: *John 14: 15-21*
One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ
*Hymn "O breath of life come sweeping through us" **384**
Sermon: "Making Connections"

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem  *My God, Accept My Heart* by Larry MacLean. (Music Note: This piece was composed back in 1980 by the former and long time Organist and Music Director of Saint David's the late Larry MacLean. The text was written back in 1848 by Matthew Bridges as a hymn in the Catholic Hymnary. Larry set this gorgeous text to such beautiful music that we are very happy to be able to share it with you this Sunday Morning.)

*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:

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: "Breathe on me breath of God" **389**
*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

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 Phyllis Morrison. The reader this morning is Johannah Roberts



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

The deadline for the **next newsletter** is June 2. Please send all materials to Carol Dobson at cjdobson@ca.inter.net.

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. Please note the change in date!

Upcoming Notice: Communion will be celebrated at the June 19th Traditional service (11 am). Communion is celebrated every Sunday at 9 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.

THIS WEEK - (May 29 – June 5)

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

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.

Bedford Singers (www.bedfordsingers.com) presents *Choral Collage* on Sunday, May 29 at Bethany United Church (7171 Clinton Avenue at the Armdale roundabout) at 7:30 p.m. under the direction of Wayne Rogers. There is a parking lot at the church as well as street parking and concertgoers can also park at the Bank of Nova Scotia for this occasion. The repertoire includes *Requiem* by John Rutter; *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word* by Dietrich Buxtehude; *Le Pont Mirabeau* by Lionel Daunais and pieces by Donald, Cook, David Ouchterlony and Rodgers and Hammerstein.

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

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.

Myth: People on welfare have it pretty good.

Fact: The money people receive through Income Assistance isn't enough to cover life's basic necessities, let alone the small extras that so many of us take for granted. And when individuals try to rise out of poverty by obtaining employment, they are punished by

a system that restricts how much they are able to earn before money is deducted from their monthly cheque. It is impossible to get ahead.

Next Sunday, June 5, will be the **last day of classes** for Saint David's Church School until September. We wish to thank all the teachers who have worked diligently with our pupils this year. Your contribution adds to the continued legacy of Christian education at Saint David's. And as always, thanks to our treasurer, Graeme Hicks, who faithfully oversees our financial matters.

We really appreciate the participation of our pupils, who always rise to whatever challenge the classes take. It has been a pleasure to welcome several new visitors this year. As we enter the summer months, let us not miss any opportunities that arise to invite families. Please continue to bring the children for the summer services. This is an excellent way to get them used to regular activities in the sanctuary. May each one have a blessed and fulfilling summer.

MISSION CAPSULES "The Land, Our Life"

Through *Presbyterians Sharing* we support Presbyterian participation in KAIROS' *The Land, Our Life* campaign. The campaign considers the impact the industry of extracting raw materials has on indigenous communities and why the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (recently endorsed by the Canadian government) is important to indigenous peoples in Canada, and around the world. Presbyterians attended KAIROS' fall 2010 regional meetings, organized "drumming for indigenous rights" events and will participate in the upcoming *The Land, Our Life* Blanket Train in June, 2011. Participating in *The Land, Our Life* is one way Presbyterians are standing in solidarity with indigenous peoples in Canada, and around the world.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Give thanks for local leaders who are working in their communities to build relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, based on mutual respect and love of neighbour.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS Stewardship is receiving God's gifts gratefully, cherishing and tending them in a responsible and accountable manner, sharing them in justice and love with others, and returning them with increase to the Lord.
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PASTORAL CARE

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



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