



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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WELCOME!

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - July 17, 2011

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

Though life is a gift from God, human life depends upon the created world. Our care for the world must reflect God's care. We are not owners, but stewards of God's good earth. Concerned with the well-being of all of life we welcome the truths and insights of all human skill and science about the world and the universe. (Living Faith)

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: *Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground. I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.*



*Hymn: For the beauty of the earth
Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

434

We Hear God's Word

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

442

First Reading: Leviticus. 25: 1-7, 18-24

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 95:** *O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice! Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways." Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."*

Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn: All things bright and beautiful (vs. 1-3)

435

Family Conversation God's bulldozer

Hymn: All things bright and beautiful (vs. 4)

435

From the Letters: Romans 8: 18-25

Gospel: Mark 4: 1-9

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

*Hymn: Who made the earth

339

Sermon: **"Down to Earth"** The redemption of the land

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Selection 

*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" **830**

The Apostles' Creed – inside back cover – Book of Praise

Offertory Prayer (together) **We raise our hands in praise**

We stretch out our hands in compassion

We hold out our hands in offering

We open our hands to receive

We touch the earth as pilgrims

We place our hands on our hearts

for God dwells within.

Joyce Rupp.

Announcements

"O Lord, hear my prayer" (sung unannounced) **446**

Prayers of the People:

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

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Teach me God to wonder **704**

*Commissioning

* Benediction:

Postlude:

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.

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is a breastfeeding friendly facility. If desired a **nursery room** is available with an audio link.

During the summer months activity kits have been prepared for our younger worshippers. If you did not receive one on entering, please ask one of the welcoming elders.

The **welcoming elder** this morning is John Wamboldt.

Refreshments await in the Church Hall where Phyllis Morrison is

our hostess. Johannah Roberts is our reader this morning. We

need folks for refreshments for July 31, August 21 and August

28. Greeters are required for July 31, August 7, 21 and 28.

Please consider volunteering and let Val know!

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

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

Please set aside next Sunday (July 24) for a special service to commemorate the **Korean War Veterans**. This service should prove to be an excellent experience!

SummerSounds@Barrington Concert Series 2011: St.

Matthew's United Church Barrington at Spring Garden, 12:15 –

1:00pm Thursdays: July 21: Angelina Davey – soprano

July 28: Pamela Rogers – mezzo soprano; Hannah Parks –

piano.

PWS&D is working in partnership with Canadian Foodgrains

Bank to support the people of **Eastern Africa** as they suffer from the worst drought to hit the region in 60 years.

The World Food Program estimates at least 10 million people in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Djibouti, Uganda and Sudan will now require food assistance following two years of prolonged drought.

Please pray for the people of East African countries during this time of great need. Your financial support will ensure vulnerable people in Ethiopia receive life-saving food in order to survive this difficult time.

GRENADA: Jim and Ann Young

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support The Rev. Jim and Ann Young as they minister with The Presbyterian Church of Grenada. One place Jim and Ann are seeing children's lives changed is through Belair Presbyterian Church's outreach to the primary school. Their Computer Assisted Literacy System (CALS) program helps children in the third grade who are having trouble learning to read. Volunteers from the church work one on one with these children. Jim writes, "The children continue to challenge and please us. The reports that the CALS program generates leave no doubt that the children involved are being taught at their own speed and to the extent of their ability. They are all on the right road. Ann, most days, has her life full of excited, smiling children." Let us pray for Jim and Ann as they minister to the children and the community in Grenada.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for our 21 KAIROS partners who have been impacted by the government decision to not fund KAIROS' global partnership program

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS When you give to God, you discover that God gives to you. *Anonymous*

PASTORAL CARE

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



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