



The Presbyterian Church of



Saint David

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Halifax, N.S. (by Memorial Library)
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Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day Pentecost 2 June 26, 2011

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

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

*Hymn "Joyful, joyful" 410

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: Lord of life and love we gather to worship and adore you this day.

We gather to celebrate your gift of love and its presence among us. We praise you, O God, for the ways you have touched our lives with a variety of loving relationships. We give thanks that we have experienced your love through the life-giving love of Jesus Christ and through the care and affection of other people. At the same time, we remember and confess to you, O God, that we often have failed to be loving, that we often have taken for granted the people for whom we care most. We selfishly neglect and strain the bonds that unite us with others. We hurt those who love us and withdraw from the community that encircles us. Forgive us, O God. Renew within us an affectionate spirit. Enrich our lives with the gracious gift of your love so that we may

embrace others with the same love. May our participation in this celebration of love and commitment give to us a new joy and responsiveness to the relationships we cherish; through Jesus Christ we pray.

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

Assurance of Pardon: Through the great depth and strength of God's love for us, God reaches out to us to forgive our sins and to restore us to life. Be assured, children of God, that God's love enfolds us and up builds us so that we may continue to love one another as God has loved us.

We Hear God's Word

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

First Reading: *Jeremiah 31: 31-34*

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 100** *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn "Jesus loves me" 373

From the letters: *1 Corinthians 13* Margaret Campbell

Family Conversation A time of Renewal

Gospel: *Matthew 22: 34-40*

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

*Hymn "When love is found" 600

Sermon: "Celebrating Life Together"

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

*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)*

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Prayers of the People (adapted from scripture): May it always be said that in our home: **We encourage one another, We build one another up, We are at peace with each other, We seek to do good, We rejoice, We give thanks, We pray constantly.**

Help us to live our lives with heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Help us to bear with one another; **forgive whatever grievances we have against one another.** Help us to forgive as the Lord has forgiven us. **Help us to put on love, which binds the rest together and makes us perfect.** We pray that Christ’s peace will reign in our hearts. **Help us to dedicate ourselves to thankfulness for all you’ve given us.** (we continue in prayer)

The Lord’s Prayer (“debts & debtors”)

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn:

“Now thank we all our God”

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*Commissioning

*Benediction:

Postlude:

Choral Amen: (Please be seated for the Amen)

Worship is now ended, let our service begin!

A Beautiful Garden Thanks to all who participated in a beautiful garden project, both gardeners and those who offered resources!

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. The

welcoming elders this morning are Davida and Mac MacKay.

Our hosts for the luncheon today are **John and Marie Wamboldt**,



Kathy Large and Abongnwen Abianui. The reader this morning is Mac Fyfe.

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

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

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

Come to St Andrew’s United Church, Coburg Rd at Robie St (Coburg entrance), Halifax, **Monday June 27th, 7 PM.**

The Fergusons are a Mission couple working with the World Council of Churches currently on a home assignment visiting community groups, churches and Canadians to share stories of Palestinians and how a solution for a lasting peace may be found. Find out what the World Council of Churches is doing in the Middle East. They will also share their support of the **Kairos Palestine** document entitled “A Moment of Truth: A word of faith, hope and love from the heart of the Palestinian suffering.” Come to learn, to ask questions, and to find what part we can play in making peace in the land that longs to be Holy. For more info contact Linda 425-0339 or lindakseven@gmail.com.

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

Kenn is on holiday (and preparing for his daughter’s wedding) from June 28 to July 10.

What we believe as Presbyterians

8.2 The Christian Family

8.2.1 All Christians are members both of a human family and of the church, the household of God. We honour our parents who gave us life, and also the church which has nurtured us in the faith.

8.2.2 God's purpose for us can be realized in both single and married life. Marriage is not God's will for everyone. Fullness of life is offered to all, both single and married. 8.2.6 The church is the family of God. Here all should be valued for themselves. We are one body in Christ: together rejoicing when things go well,

supporting one another in sorrow, celebrating the goodness of God and the wonder of our redemption.

Web site: www.saintdavids.ca

MISSION CAPSULES 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 students and teachers as another school year comes to an end. May the summer vacation be a time of rest and renewal

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. Ecclesiastes 5:10a

PASTORAL CARE

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