



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David



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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day July 31, 2011

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

In the seasons and the harvests, in the rise and fall of nations, God's goodness and judgment are present. All events in this world are under the sovereign care of the eternal God. We hold in reverence the whole creation as the theatre of God's glory and action. (Living Faith)

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: *The voice of the Lord is over the waters; the God of Glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.*

*Hymn: As the deer

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

We Hear God's Word

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

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First Reading: Ezekiel 47: 1-12

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 42

As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?" As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?" Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: God who made the earth (vs. 1-3)

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Family Conversation Water!

Hymn: God who made the earth (vs. 4)

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From the Letters: Revelation 22: 1-5

Gospel: John 4: 7-15

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

*Hymn: Glorious things of thee are spoken

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Sermon: **Living Water for a Dying Earth**

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 give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things. Receive our offering and our pledge to protect the gifts of the earth.*

Announcements

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

Prayers of the People: *We thank You, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of Creation. Through it You led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it Your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank You for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in His death. By it we share in His resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Your Son, we bring into His fellowship those who come to Him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. (We continue in prayer)*

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

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Precious Lord, take my hand **675**

*Commissioning

*Benediction:

Choral 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 do not receive one on entering, please ask one of the welcoming elders.

The **welcoming elder** this morning is Johannah Roberts.
Refreshments await in the Church Hall. The reader today is Vanora Haldane

The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.
This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.

Photo Directories: The photo directories have arrived. They may be picked up after the service in the office. If you did not have your picture taken by Universal Photo, but would like to have a copy of the directory, we have a few extras which may be purchased for the cost of \$17.25. We can also order further directories if the demand is sufficient.

There is something very beautiful in work
which is well and precisely done.
It is a participation in the activity of God,
who makes all things well and wisely,
beautiful to the last detail. **Jean Vanier**



Countries in the Horn of Africa are facing the world's worst humanitarian disaster as drought and famine intensify across the region. More than 10 million people are struggling to cope with widespread crop failure, massive loss of livestock and skyrocketing food prices.

Presbyterian World Service & Development is responding

In Ethiopia's Goro district, PWS&D is working with Canadian Foodgrains Bank to provide over 18,000 people with nearly 2,000 tonnes of wheat, beans, oil and famix, a food supplement. PWS&D has already contributed \$250,000 to this program, including support from the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

In the Dadaab refugee camp in northern Kenya, PWS&D is working with the ACT Alliance to provide 300,000 Somali refugees with food, water, shelter, hygiene kits, psychosocial support and livelihood recovery. PWS&D made an initial contribution toward this program, which can be increased as donations come in.

Through your prayers and financial contributions, PWS&D will be able to expand relief programs in East Africa and provide lifesaving assistance in this time of great need. You can donate through your church, mail a cheque to the office, donate online or call PWS&D. Please mark all donations as "East Africa Relief."

Act Now! Government is matching funds until September 16!

The Canadian government will set aside funds to match donations from individuals into an East African Drought Relief Fund until September 16, which will be administered separately by CIDA. Please give now to double overall support for East Africa. Thank you for your generosity!

MALAWI: Mike and Debbie Burns Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support The Rev. Michael Burns and his wife Debbie as they serve the Church of Central Africa

Presbyterian in Malawi. Mike is an associate minister at St. James Church, while Debbie is finding different ways to use her gifts to help meet people's needs. Debbie writes about a recent visit by members of the *Mvano* (women's guild) from St. James: "When the women arrived at our home, they sang a welcome song. The Mvano secretary, Vera led the service which included prayer, hymns and a short sermon. The women expressed their appreciation for our presence, and presented us with gifts. Mike and I gave short speeches to thank them for the warm welcome we have continued to receive from the Mvano and the rest of the congregation, and to tell them how blessed we feel to be in Malawi with them." Let us pray for Mike and Debbie as they minister in Malawi.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Thank God for the intricate beauty of a Canadian summer – for sparkling lakes, majestic mountains and flowing wheat fields.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS Some people say, "Give till it hurts." But God recommends that we give until it feels good. God loves a cheerful giver! *Brian Kluth, author*

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