



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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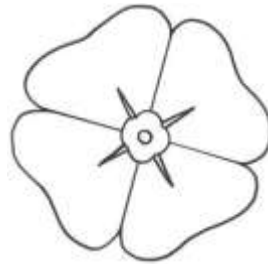
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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day November 06, 2011

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

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

Christ, the Prince of Peace,

calls his followers to seek peace in the world. We know that nations have fought in self-defense and that war, at times, may be unavoidable. But the tragic evil that comes with war, the slaughter of men, women, and children must rouse us to work for peace. (from Living Faith)

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Dialogue by Couperin

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

*Hymn: O day of Peace that dimly shines **732**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

GOD CALL US TO REMEMBER

* *God save our gracious Queen* **834**

* Introduction: We meet in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice

and peace. We pray for all who, in bereavement, disability and pain, continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away.

*Laying of the wreath: LCdr(RCN) Alex Barlow and Cdr (RCN-Ret'd) Jim Barlow

*The Prayer of remembrance *(together)* **Ever-living God we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

"Dona nobis pacem"* **735

Voice 1: They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

Voice 2: At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them. *All affirm:* **We will remember them.**

*The Piper's lament

Barry Shears

*Last Post

Silence

Reveille

The act of commitment is made:* Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service. Will you strive for all that makes for peace? **We will

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? **We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity? **We will**

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, And live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer. **Amen**

* O Canada

800

We Hear God's Word

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

First Reading: *Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-28*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 78:1-7*

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the

LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. *He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: May the God of Peace **726**

Conversation with the young people: **How do you remember?**

Hymn: May the God of Peace **726**

Gospel: *Matthew 25: 1-13*

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

Hymn: Jesus, remember me (please remain seated) **206**

Sermon: **The Stones are Listening!**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: "After the War", P. Gross and D. Keeley arr. Joel Forth.

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

Affirmation of Faith : The Apostles' Creed (inside back cover of the Book of Praise)

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

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

Prayers of the People: The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; May God give peace. **God give peace**

for those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss; May God give peace

God give peace

for all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; May God give peace. **God give peace**

for civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity; May God give peace **God give peace**

for peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; May God give peace **God give peace**

for all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace. May God give peace. **God give peace**

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Our Father...

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: O for a world **730**

*Benediction:

"Irish Blessing" by L. MacLean

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: Danny Boy

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.

Our Welcoming Elder this morning is **Colin MacPherson**

Our scripture reader for this morning is **Carol Dobson**.

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

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

The church parking lot is to be used for church business. Please ensure that people meeting here have a place to park!

THIS WEEK - (November 06-November 13)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am. Please stay for the Mission and Outreach Luncheon in support of the Halifax Refugee clinic

Monday 7:00 pm Evening Study. This is the first in the series and you are invited to join with us in exploring the foundations of faith. Held in the Minister's study

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

Wednesday 10:30 am Morning Study. This is the first in the series and you are invited to join with us in exploring the foundations of faith. Held in the minister's study.

7:00 pm Session meeting in the Parlour

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)

Saturday 9:30 – 2 pm Workday!

Sunday 9:00 am Early service with communion:

This ½ hour service consists of meditation, music and message. Please join us! The services will follow the ten chapter outline of Living Faith

10:00 am Circle of Prayer.

11:00 am Traditional Service celebrating

Stewardship Sunday. This is also food bank Sunday and you are invited to give generously to the food bank that distributes at David's Place.

Welcome to Four Weeks of Awareness and Hope! November is **Addictions Awareness Month** in Capital Health district. Four Weeks of Awareness and Hope is a positive campaign to share information and resources about addiction. We all want to live in healthy communities! Contributing to healthier attitudes and behaviours related to the use of alcohol, other drugs and gambling is an important part of improving the health of Nova Scotians.

Upcoming: The Christmas Chowder Luncheon and Sale will be held Saturday December 3rd, 12 - 2 p.m.

Note from Phyllis: As most of you know our Christmas Chowder and Sale will be Dec. 3 this year. I am looking after the Bake Table and would ask that you pull out your favourite

recipe and help us with this fund raising event. We accept bread, rolls, muffins, cookies, cakes, squares, fudge or other kind of candy, jams, pickles, etc. We ask that you put your name on the item and maybe add what price you might expect. If you have any questions please speak to me or call 429-4353 or e-mail pmorrison@eastlink.ca.

On Sunday, November 13, volunteers from St David's and friends will prepare a casserole for Sunday suppers. Volunteers cook a casserole and deliver it hot or warm to St Andrews Church, Robie Street, between 3:30 and 4:30. They also sometimes stay and serve the meal, or help out in the kitchen. A tax receipt is available for the cost of the groceries. If you are interested in taking part, contact Nicole Watkins Campbell at 422-5878 or at jncampbell@eastlink.ca.

PLUM PUDDINGS Volunteers are urgently needed to continue the tradition of St David's Plum Puddings. This tradition has been a part of St David's Christmas celebration for many years. Perhaps you have 2 to 2 ½ hours, once a week for the month of November to help with this tasty treat. St David's Annual Plum Pudding Fund Raiser is taking place for the month of November. Please consider ordering a pudding for a friend or neighbor and don't forget yourself. November 29th is the last day of production, so please order well in advance. Prices: 1 lb - \$10; 1 ½ lb - \$15; 2 lb - \$20. Call Diane McClintock 832-3913

The next **Coffee and Conversation** will be on November 20 at 7 pm when Rabbi Ellis will give a talk on **Introduction to Judaism**. This will be the first in a series of conversations throughout the year on World Religions.

MORE ABOUT THE REFUGEE CLINIC

The Halifax Refugee Clinic is the focus of our Mission and Outreach luncheon today. The Clinic is located on Grafton Street near Saint David's. It provides legal and settlement services to people who are claiming refugee status in Nova Scotia who can't afford to hire a lawyer. The Clinic is a registered charity and is registered with the province as a non-profit association.

In May, the Clinic received an award named in honor of a distinguished member of the congregation at Saint David's. The Legal Information Society's *Honourable Lorne Clarke, Q.C. Access to Justice Award* was given to the Clinic for its "outstanding work in promoting access to justice for refugees". The award recognizes the dedication of a small staff and committed group of volunteers whose work has resulted in an 83% success rate compared to the national average of 47%. The Clinic also helps refugees deal with work permits, housing, budgeting, English language skills and access to health care and psychological support.

The law is a powerful and often frightening instrument even for people born in Canada," says Maria Franks, LISNS Executive Director, "For refugee claimants fleeing strife and often in fear for their and their family's lives, the law and the legal system is even more frightening and alien. The Refugee Clinic is a shining example of an organization working to improve access to justice for this vulnerable population and embodies the spirit behind the LISNS Access to Justice Award."

MISSION CAPSULES: MISSION TRIPS: Being present in Malawi Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help people in Canada connect with long-term mission partners around the world through short-term mission visits. Karen Lye travelled to Malawi with St. Andrew's Coldwater in 2010. In the village of Sakata, a woman whose son is disabled sought Karen out. The woman had heard that Karen works with people who have disabilities and wanted to spend time with her. Speaking different languages, they spent a lot of time just sitting together. Karen writes, "In these moments of silence, I truly felt what it meant to be "present", and a feeling of peace washed over me like I had never experienced before. The song rang in my ears, "Be still for the presence of the Lord is moving in this place." Let us pray for the people whose lives these mission trips continue to transform.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for new immigrant families as they seek economical and social stability as well as unsponsored Refugees seeking a haven in this country of Canada.
STEWARDSHIP When we give to God, we are just taking our hands off what already belongs to Him. *Anonymous*

PASTORAL CARE

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



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