



The Presbyterian
Church of
**Saint
David**



1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax, N.S. (by Memorial Library)

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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day December 04, 2011

Second Sunday of Advent

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

Christ, the **Prince of Peace**,
calls his followers to seek peace in the world.
(from Living Faith)

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: Lord Jesus, we long for your coming.

O come, O come Immanuel.

Jesus came into our world at Bethlehem bringing God's vision of peace and righteousness on earth.

O come, O come Immanuel.

Jesus is coming again into our world bringing the realization of peace and righteousness on earth.

Come, Lord Jesus. In our lives we turn to greet you.

Advent 2 Liturgy: Lisa Glennie and Rebecca

*Hymn: Oh come, oh come Emmanuel

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession: (Together)

God of faithfulness and truth, You sent your servant John the Baptist to preach in the desert and summon the people to repentance. Make us and all things new, that in the wilderness of our world and in our lives, we also may prepare a way for Jesus. *(We continue in prayer)*

Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy on us.

Assurance of God's pardon

We Hear God's Word

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

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First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-11

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 85: 1-2; 8-13** *Lord, you have been merciful to your land; you have made Israel prosperous again. You have forgiven your people's sins and pardoned all their wrongs. I am listening to what the Lord God is saying; he promises peace to us, his own people, if we do not go back to our foolish ways. Surely he is ready to*

save those who honour him, and his saving presence will remain in our land. Love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will embrace. Human loyalty will reach up from the earth, and God's righteousness will look down from heaven. The Lord will make us prosperous, and our land will produce rich harvests.

Righteousness will go before the Lord and prepare the path for him.

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: People in Darkness

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Conversation with the young people: **"Under Construction"**

Hymn: People in Darkness (verse 2)

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From the letters: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn: Silent Night

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Sermon: **SURPRISED BY... PEACE**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Mid Winter by Chilcott

*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")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Go tell it on the mountain **133**

*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: Wexford Carol

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 Johannah Roberts. **Our scripture reader** for this morning is Margaret Craig. **Our refreshment hostess** 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 flowers in the chancel this morning are in memory of Christine McDade, Ena MacFadyen, Dan and Jeanette Taper. and are placed there by the Sommerville and Taper families. Flowers have also been received from the Mayor's Office.

Christmas Families: This year we received 11 families to support with food and gifts. Please take a tag from the tree in the hall and return your unwrapped gift with the tag attached to the church by Dec. 16. Remember to sign out your tag on the list provided. If you prefer, you may donate money to help with the groceries. Please indicate on your envelope that you wish the money to be used for Christmas Families. In either case a tax receipt will be available, so long as you keep your receipt for any gifts you purchase. Wrapping Day will be December 21 from 10-12. Lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Macdonald at 455-1893..

THIS WEEK - (December 04- December 11)

Today 11:15 am Sunday School
Monday 7:00 pm Evening Study: join with us in exploring the foundations of faith. Held in the Minister's study
Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes
The **Mission and Outreach** committee will be meeting on **Tues Dec 6 at 7 PM** in the parlour. New members welcome to attend!
Wednesday 10:30 am Morning Study: join with us in exploring the foundations of faith (in the minister's study)
Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)
Saturday 5:00 pm Potluck and Decorating
Sunday 9:00 am Early service with communion: This ½ hour service consists of meditation, music and message. Please join us! The service this week will explore the Christian understanding of God the Holy Spirit (Living Faith section 4).
10:00 am Circle of Prayer.
11:00 am Traditional Service celebrating the third Sunday of Advent and the sacrament of Communion.
White gift Sunday (see announcement)

The monthly Food Drive to benefit David's Place clients will be held on **Dec 11** - protein is especially welcome! During this Advent season please remember those who need us the most.

A Child's Christmas in Wales Dec. 4 at 4 pm The Halifax Camerata Singers, featuring Camerata Xara Young Women's Choir, present a family concert of Christmas music and the reading of *A Child's Christmas in Wales* on Sunday, Dec. 4 at 4 pm at First Baptist Church, Halifax. This popular work will be read by John Hancock, a familiar voice from CBC Radio where he is national sports host and a member of the local Information Morning team.

Saturday: Dec. 10: 5 pm Potluck Supper and Decorating the Sanctuary. All are invited to share in this time of fellowship and help to make the sanctuary feel and look seasonal.

"Coping With The Holidays Following The Death Of A Loved One" Time: 7:00 pm Date: Monday, December 5th, 2011 Venue: Hospice Society House 9 Spring St. Bedford, N.S. Speakers: Jacque Bell, Nick Zwaagstra & Roy Ellis.

White Gift Sunday is December 11 It is not too early to plan our giving for White Gift Sunday. Each year the Sunday School collects money the second Sunday in December to help support local missions, especially those that help children and youth. Last year your generous donations broke the all time record for this outreach (\$351.00). Your gifts were distributed to Camp Geddie, Uniacke Square Hot Meals Program for children, the Out of the Cold Outreach, and Feed Nova Scotia.

Will you help break last year's record? Your gifts to the Sunday School are tax deductible if your church envelope number is on the White Gift Envelope. Children will receive an envelope in the mail. Adults may pick up theirs at the back of the church on December 4 and 11. If you are giving by cheque, please make it payable to "Saint David's Church School". Your generosity will greatly encourage the Sunday School and help less fortunate youth in these uncertain times.

AST Light of the World Christmas Tree Lighting & Carol Sing Tuesday, December 6, 6 p.m. Front Lawn 660 Francklyn St.

On December 18 at 7:00 pm our choir is putting on a Carol Service with special guests and music. Please come and support Tristan and the choir. **MISSION CAPSULES: TAIWAN: Serving our partner church**

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Louise Gamble as she teaches at Tam Kang High School in Taipei, Taiwan. In addition to teaching English and Biblical classes, Louise is working to transcribe the official documents of George Leslie MacKay, the first missionary to Taiwan. She writes, "The MacKay missionary story is an intriguing one. In some ways he was a man of his own times, but in other ways he was truly exceptional." Let us pray for Louise as she faithfully serves our partner church, The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *2nd Sunday in Advent*

Thank God for blessings of hope, peace, joy and love during this Advent season.

STEWARDSHIP God is the ultimate model for giving; the most generous of all givers. God's grace has blessed us with goods, skills, and opportunities to generate what we need in our lives and a rich and wonderful world in which to live out His calling. *Generousgiving.org*



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