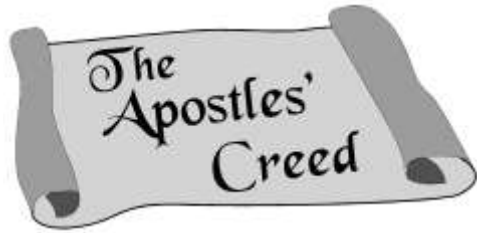


WELCOME TO...



**The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
Early Morning Service November 13, 2011**

In Search of Living Faith

Silent Preparation for Worship: Reflect on the Reformation doctrine: *Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda* – “The church reformed and always to be reformed”. How do we express ourselves in ways to new generations?

Let us worship God.

Welcome to this place of unity **Friend and stranger, saint and sinner all who gather here.**

Come with hope or hesitation come with joy or yearning all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness

Generous God and generous Saviour touch us through your Spirit.

Hymn: Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

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Prayer of Confession: We confess to you, Lord, what we are: we are not the people we like others to think we are; we are afraid to admit even to ourselves what lies in the depths of our souls. But we do not want to hide our true selves from you. We believe that you know us as we are, and yet you still love us.

**Help us not to shrink from self-knowledge;
teach us to respect ourselves for your sake;
give us the courage to put our trust in your guiding power.
Raise us out of the paralysis of guilt and fear
and take us into the freedom and energy of forgiven people.**

And for those who through long habit find forgiveness hard to accept,

we ask that you would break their bondage and set them free.

Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

Absolution: Christ hears our confession and forgives our sins. **Christ, have mercy on us and show us a new way.**

Sung response: Lord, have mercy

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Passing the Peace Let us share the peace of the Lord with one another. **The peace of the Lord be with you.**

Prayer for Understanding

Hymn: God be in my head

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Credo - I Believe!

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We affirm:

Scripture Readings: **From the Book of John (3:16)**

16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. *Silence for reflection*

Scripture Readings: **From the Book of Hebrews (1:1-3)**

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **2** Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. **3** By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. *Silence for reflection*

Hymn: This is the three-fold truth

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In the name of the Creator, the fountain of life, in the name of Christ, the pulse of life, and in the name of the Spirit, the breath of life. **Amen.** The Lord of life be with you. **And also with you.** God, we gather in your name to worship in this sanctuary called Earth, a planet filled with your presence, quivering in the forests, vibrating in the land, pulsating in the wilderness, shimmering in the rivers. God, reveal yourself to us in this place, and show us your face in all creation.

(All) **Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's presence.**

Reflection The purpose and place of a creed in a life of faith

We who live by sound and symbol, gather in the presence of God. **Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer which earth has given, and human hands have made. May we know your Presence in the sharing of this bread so that we may know your same touch in all of our lives.**

Hymn: One bread, one body

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We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one with Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them, ourselves as a single, holy and living sacrifice. **Amen**

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts **We lift them up to God**

Let us give thanks to God **It is right to give both thanks and praise** (we continue in prayer).

Praying The Nicene Creed *I believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thank you for being one and thank you for your love for one another. Please help me, help your people live in the reality of your unity and love. Thank you.* *the Father Almighty, Father, thank you for being a father to me. Thank you that by your might you have made your son Jesus known to us so that we can become your children.* *maker of heaven and earth, Thank you, Father, for your creation. Please help us by your Holy Spirit to be better stewards of your creation.* *and of all things visible and invisible ;Father, we know that we are surrounded by your angelic hosts and that whole company of heaven, that cloud of witnesses that has gone before us. Help us to be steady in you till we reach that place of rest. Thank you.* *And in one Lord Jesus Christ, Father, guide us by your Holy Spirit so that every other "lord" in our lives is brought under the sovereign rule of Jesus and he becomes our one Lord. Thank you.* *the only begotten Son of God, Father, thank you for sending your one and only son to us so that we might become your children.* *begotten of his Father before all worlds, Jesus, you have always been there; help us receive you into every part of our lives.* *God of God, Light of Light, Jesus, you are God and you are the light to take us through this time of darkness in the church. You are the word of God and are a lamp to our feet.* *very God of very God, Jesus, you and the Father are one; please help us come to know you and him better.* *begotten, not made, Father, thank you for choosing Mary to bring Jesus to us. Help us to respond as she did.* *being of one substance with the Father; Jesus, you came to us bearing the image of the Father so that we might know his love for us. You are one with him and there is no division between you. Please help us by your Holy Spirit to know the unity and character that you share with the Father.* *by whom all things were made; Jesus, everything we have was made by you, there is nothing that we can have that we can call our own except for your cross and resurrection. It is all a free gift of yours; thank you.* *who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, Jesus, thank you for being willing to give up the glory of heaven to come and live with us. Thank you that day by day your Holy Spirit is willing to live in us in the midst of all our sin.* *and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man ;Holy Spirit, thank you for Mary's willingness to receive your over-shadowing and her willingness to risk all to bear Jesus for us.* *and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; Thank you, Jesus, for what you endured on the cross for us.* *he suffered and was buried ;Jesus, thank you for dying for us while we were still sinners. You*

went to the cross and the grave for us because of your love for your father and for us. Thank you. *and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, Holy Spirit, thank you that you enabled Jesus to rise from the dead. Thank you for his victory over sin and death. Please bring us to new life in him. and ascended into heaven, Jesus, thank you for your ascension into heaven to sit at the right hand of your father. Thank you that you ever live to make intercession for us. and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; Father, thank you for giving Jesus such a place of honor; please help us honor him by our words and deeds and belief. and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; Jesus, you are Lord and you are judge; help us to fall into your hands and not the hands of men. whose kingdom shall have no end. Thank you, Jesus, for your endurance to the end on the cross. Thank you for establishing an eternal kingdom. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, Father, we desperately need the renewing power of your Holy Spirit in the life of the Episcopal Church who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Holy Spirit, thank you for helping us know both the Father and the Son! who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Holy Spirit, please help us know you, worship you, and glorify you. who spake by the Prophets. Thank you for your word in Scripture and your words to us today. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; Holy Spirit, I believe that apostolic teaching which has been taught in all places and in all times. Thank you for the faith that you delivered to the saints. Help us to keep steady in your teaching and grace. Thank you. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; Jesus, thank you for washing away my sins. Thank you for baptizing me with your Holy Spirit. Please help me to live day by day in the hope of the resurrection. Thank you. and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, please help us live in the hope of the resurrection and the life of the world to come. Thank you.*

Hymn: I come with joy (vs. 1-3)

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Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Open our eyes to the mystery of Christ's presence in these ordinary things in these our ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst. Through the broken bread . . . **we participate in the Body of Christ.** Through the cup of blessing . . . **we participate in the new life Christ gives.** These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!** Come, for all things are ready!

Communion

Hymn I come with joy (vs. 4-5)

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BLESSING

May the everlasting God shield you
East and west, wherever you go
And the blessing of God be upon you
The blessing of the God of all life
The blessing of Christ be upon you
The blessing of the Christ of all love
The blessing of the Spirit be upon you
The blessing of the Spirit of all grace
Let us go into the world rejoicing
It is Christ who goes before us.
Thanks be to God, Amen.

Hymn: Go now in peace

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