



The Presbyterian
Church of
**Saint
David**



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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day November 13, 2011

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

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

Our stewardship...

calls us to explore ways of love and justice in respecting
God's creation and in seeking its responsible use for the
common good. (from Living Faith)

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Prelude in G by Vierne

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship:

*Hymn: Let us talents and tongues employ **563**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

We Hear God's Word

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

First Reading: *Judges 4:1-7*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 123**

*To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid
to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he has mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy
upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Our soul has
had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of
the contempt of the proud.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: The wise may bring their learning **344**

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

Hymn: The wise may bring their learning **344**

Gospel: *Matthew 25: 14-30*

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

"Live in charity" **501**

Focus on Stewardship

Hymn: We give thee but thine own **661**

Sermon: **Talents of Hope**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: "If Ye Love Me" by James Coleman.

*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: With the Lord as my guide **574**

*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: **Dormi Jesu** by Daley

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 Laura Blaikie.

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.

THIS WEEK - (November 13-November 20)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am.

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

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)

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.

10:00 am Circle of Prayer.

11:00 am Traditional Service celebrating the Reign of Christ Sunday.

The Mission and Outreach committee is thrilled to announce that the Nov 6th fundraising luncheon in support of the Halifax Refugee Clinic was very successful. Due to the generosity of our congregation, we raised \$ 641.00! It was another wonderful example of how St David's comes together to help those in need in our community. A well deserved "Thank you" to everyone who helped make this luncheon happen. The soup makers were

inspired and the war cake (courtesy of the Worship and Church life committee) was a big hit. God bless. Shelley MacDonald-Parsons

The deadline for the **next newsletter** will be November 20. Please have items to Carol Dobson by then.

Christmas Chowder Luncheon and Sale, 12 – 2 p.m. Saturday December 3rd, 2011 Phyllis is 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- Questions?

Today, Saint David's members and friends are preparing and delivering 16 casseroles to the Sunday Suppers program. We provide hot meals for about 250 and 300 people. More than that, we demonstrate our love for our neighbour whether we cook, or serve or support in other ways. Thanks to our volunteers, who have helped Saint David's reach out through Sunday suppers for nearly 25 years.

PLUM PUDDINGS . 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.

The Halifax Schools Music Program will present a concert at St. Andrew's United Church, Halifax on Friday, November 18th at 7.p.m. It is being sponsored by the Halifax Club, Canadian Federation of University Women in celebration of its 75th Anniversary.. The concert will feature the Halifax Boy's Honour Choir, the Halifax Schools Symphony Orchestra, Fiddle Fax, the Senior Jazz Band, and Soundtrax. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available at the door. Proceeds from the concert will provide

funding for a scholarship for a graduating student who wishes to continue studying music.

The Ladies Guild of Calvin Presbyterian Church will hold their Christmas Coffee Party, Craft and Bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 26th between 10:30 and Noon. A variety of small hot items will be served as well as Sweet breads and squares. Admission \$7.00

The annual service to mark St. Andrew's Day will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Dartmouth on Sunday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. with music led by the Kilted choir and refreshments after the service. Preacher: Rev. Sarah Raeburn.

MISION CAPSULES: CANADA: Serving with a smile

Presbyterians Sharing supports The Rev. Katherine McCloskey as she serves as chaplain at Evangel Hall Mission in Toronto. For almost 100 years, Toronto's Evangel Hall Mission (EHM) has worked hard to break the bonds of loneliness, isolation and despair in Toronto's downtown core. Everyone is welcomed with a warm smile and a kind heart as they take part in the various programs offered by the mission - youth programs, a daily drop-in, men's and women's groups, medical and dental clinics, community dinners, and a Sunday worship service. As part of a dynamic EHM team, Katherine helps people through transitions and difficulties in their lives, letting them know that God is with them and loves them. Let us pray for EHM, and for Katherine, as she witnesses the gospel through her compassion and love.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Restorative Justice Week*

Pray for compassion and understanding for prison chaplains; for the healing of crime victims; and for offenders, that they will take responsibility for their actions and commit to their own healing journey.

STEWARDSHIP Stewardship comes from understanding that all that we are and all that we have is a gift from God. The stewardship program helps congregations and individuals discern how to use the gifts they have been given: time, talent and money, to do God's mission.

PASTORAL CARE

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

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