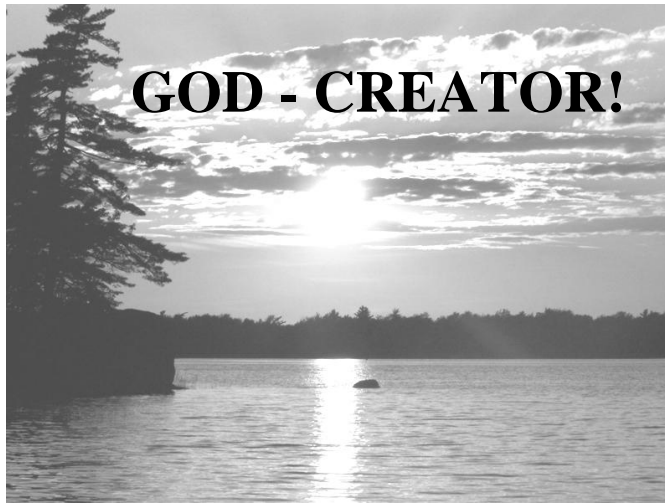


WELCOME TO...



**The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
Early Morning Service November 27, 2011
In Search of Living Faith**

Silent Preparation for Worship: Reflect on the Reformation doctrine:
Soli Deo gloria: the teaching that all glory is to be due to God alone, since salvation is accomplished solely through God's will and action.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who marches the army of stars out each night, who counts them off, who calls each by name - so magnificent – so powerful - and never overlooks a single one.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who created all we can see or imagine.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who knows everything, inside and out.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who energizes those who get tired.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who gives fresh strength to dropouts.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,

who gives those who wait on Him, fresh strength to spread their wings and soar like eagles. (based on Isaiah 41:26-31)

Hymn: You are Author

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Prayer of Confession:

O God, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen: You place us in your creation, commanding us to care for it. Your works declare glory and splendor, and you call us to praise and reverence. Where we have degraded or destroyed earth's bounty, forgive us. Where we have taken beauty and majesty for granted, have mercy upon us. Where we have become estranged from the creatures with whom we share this planet, grant us your peace. Renew us in the waters of baptism, refresh us with the winds of your spirit, and sustain us with the bread of life. In the name of Jesus Christ, and for the sake of the new creation, we pray.

Amen. 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.**

Our journey to understanding: Genesis 1 (selected)

God Creator

The living God is Lord, Creator of all, Sustainer and Ruler of the universe. 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. (Silent Reflection)

Creator God, we thank you for your gift of life. May we always remember our roles as stewards of your creation and sisters and brothers to each other. We repent the sins we have committed against all of your creations. And we now ask for your guidance in restoring the face of the earth.

Hymn: All things I see

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Our Creation

The mystery of human existence is that we belong to God and have been made in the divine image. In God we live and move and have our being. Therefore, we know ourselves only when we know God. Our lives must reflect the Creator's love and purpose for all creation. We acknowledge God as Creator and Lord. (Silent Reflection)

“We, representatives of Canadian faith communities, are united in our conviction that the growing crisis of climate change needs to be met by solutions that draw upon the moral and spiritual resources of the world’s religious traditions. We recognize that at its root the unprecedented human contribution to climate change is symptomatic of a spiritual deficit: excessive self-interest, destructive competition, and greed have given rise to unsustainable patterns of production and consumption. Humanity’s relationship with the environment has become distorted by actions that compromise the welfare of future generations of life. Our faith traditions and sacred texts call upon us all – individuals, civil society, businesses, industry, and governments – to consider the spiritual dimensions of the crisis of ocean and climate change; to take stock of our collective behaviour; to transform cultures of consumerism and waste into cultures of sustainability; and to respect the balance between economic activity and environmental stewardship.” (Canadian Council of Churches, October 2011)

Sin separates us from God

We confess that we are sinners. We do not care for the world as we should. We do not fulfill our calling to serve God. Our lives do not reflect the Creator's love. Our failure is sin, a rebellion against God, an insistence that we be god in our own lives.

(Silent Reflection)

- Lausanne Congress, held in Cape Town, South Africa: “...love for God's creation demands that we repent for our part in the destruction, waste, and pollution of the earth's resources and our collusion in the toxic idolatry of consumerism. Instead, we commit ourselves to urgent and prophetic ecological responsibility. We support Christians whose particular missional calling it is to environmental advocacy and action, and those committed to godly fulfillment of the mandate to provide for human needs from the abundance of God's creation. We remind ourselves that the Bible declares God's redemptive purpose for creation itself. Integral mission means discerning, proclaiming, and living out the biblical truth that the gospel is God's good news, through the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ, for individual persons, and for society,

and for creation. All three are broken and suffering because of sin; all three are included in the redeeming love and mission of God; all three must be part of the comprehensive mission of God's people.”

Hymn: Be present at our table

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*In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. **This is the Lord's supper of love. This is the love that God has ordained for all, The love that unites us because it is the essence of God.***

*We come by Jesus' invitation to this holy supper so full of mystery. **We come to be one with each other, to taste the essence of heaven in community.***

*Lord Jesus Christ you give us contentment and life. **You are the One who gives us nourishment. We open our hearts to taste the offering of life you bring. God be with us!***

*Let us lift up our hearts. **We lift our hearts to God.***

Let us give God thanks and praise.

Thanksgiving (concluding with)

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Bless our food, and bless our drink.

Bless all of us in our eating and drink at this table that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize the risen Christ in our midst, and in each other, Communion

Hymn For the bread

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Dismissal Blessing Go, knowing that your life has been touched by grace. Go, convinced that you are connected to a larger world. Go, filled with the love of the Gospel of Christ. May the blessing of God who loves you, be yours; the blessing of Jesus, the crucified, be yours; the blessing of the Spirit, who resides in you, be yours, now and forever. The Rev. Dr. Art Van Seters,

Hymn: Now thank we all our God

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