

**The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David**

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**WELCOME TO
BETHLEHEM!**



Welcome: This morning we come to sing our carols and rehearse our story of how God came to us at Christmas. It is a story as old as Christmas and as new as this morning when we woke. Come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King!

Did we miss your favourite carol this Christmas season? Please call out a carol not being sung this morning

Angels from the realms of glory 146

A Prayer to gather us:

O God, whose mighty Son was born in Bethlehem those days long ago, lead us to that same poor place, where Mary laid her tiny Child. And as we look on in wonder and praise, help us welcome him in all new life, see him in the poor, and care for his handiwork the earth, the sky and the sea. O God, bless us again in your great love. We pray for this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Re-Lighting the Christ Candle



Carol Sing for

Christmas morning

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The Christmas story in scripture:

Psalm 96: O sing to the Lord a new song; **sing to the Lord, all the earth.** Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. **Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous works among all the peoples.** For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods. **For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Honour and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts. Worship the Lord in holy

splendour; tremble before him, all the earth. *Say among the nations, 'The Lord is king! The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved. He will judge the peoples with equity.'* **Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it.** *Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord; for he is coming, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with his truth.*

Titus 2: 11-14 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Carol: What child is this **161**

Luke 2: 1-14

Christmas Sharing: Any who would like to share a Christmas gift or a Christmas story are welcome to do so.

What I want for Christmas by Anne Weems

Carol Sing: That boy child of Mary **155**
The snow lay on the ground **157**

A Prayer to send us:

Let the love that shaped earth and heaven

Dwell within us this Christmas.

Let the love that created humanity

Dwell within us this Christmas.

Let the love that overcomes suffering and hatred

Dwell within us this Christmas.

Let the love that causes us to rejoice with loved ones



Dwell within us this Christmas.

Let the love that forgives and renews

Dwell within us this Christmas.

Let the love that brings reconciliation after separation

Dwell within us this Christmas.

Let the love that brings the blessing of peace

Dwell within us this Christmas.

May we share that peace with all people near and far. Amen

Joy to the World **153**

Benediction

Our hosts for this Christmas after church refreshment time are Margo and Don Knox

May this Christmas and the dawning New Year bless you and your family. Love and prayers from Kenn and family

Service Next Sunday is at 11 am and will follow the format of the early morning service with communion

Year End

If you are making a donation and you want it to be credited for the 2011 tax year, please have your donation in to the church office by 1 pm on Friday December 30th. Thank you!