

The Presbyterian Church of Saint David



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

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Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

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WELCOME!

We are so glad you have chosen
to worship with us this morning!

Service for the Lord's Day February 05, 2012

5th Sunday after Epiphany

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

Our Vision:

A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Psalm 104 Kreek

*The Entry of the Scriptures



Call to Worship: *How good it is to sing praises to our God; for God is gracious, God takes pleasure in those who fear him, those who hope in God's steadfast love.*

*Hymn: God of mercy, God of grace **39**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: *Let us confess our sin and faithlessness to God and to each other:*

All: God, our creator and redeemer, you never grow weary or faint but we have doubted your will or ability to care for us. We have said, "My way is hidden from the LORD,

and my right is disregarded by my God"? We have allowed anxiety to consume us and we have let fear paralyze love for the poor and lonely. Forgive us for holding to our doubt. Free us to walk in faith following the footsteps of Jesus and embracing the strength of your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *(silent reflection)*

Assurance of Pardon: *Hear the good news: "Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" *(sung unannounced)* **445**

First Reading: *Isaiah 40: 21-31*

One: The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 147:1-11, 20c**

Praise God! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. God builds up Jerusalem; God gathers the outcasts of Israel. God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. God determines the number of the stars;

God gives to all of them their names.

Great is our God, and abundant in power; whose understanding is beyond measure. God lifts up the downtrodden; God casts the wicked to the ground. Sing to God with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. God covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills. God gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. God has no delight in the strength of the horse, nor pleasure in the speed of a runner; but God takes pleasure in those who fear God, in those who hope in God's steadfast love. Praise be to God!
Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Follow me the Master said (all verses) **656**

Conversation with the young people: **Where's Jesus?**

Hymn: Jesus friend of all the children (3) **656**

From the letters: *1 Corinthians 9:16-23*

Gospel: *Mark 1: 29-39*

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

Hymn: Christ whose glory fills the skies **177**

Sermon: **A day in the life of... Jesus**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem This Still Room by Jonathan Adams

*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:

"Lord, listen to your children praying" (sung unannounced) **449**

Prayers of the People: The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Lord Jesus, you shall be my song

665

*Benediction:

Choral Amen: (Please be seated for the Amen)

Postlude Voluntary in D

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 Elders this morning are David and Margaret Craig.

Our scripture reader for this morning is Johannah Roberts.

Our host for refreshment time is Kathy Large.

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.

Capella Regalis Men and Boys' choir will be singing the latest in a series of monthly Choral Evensongs Tuesday February 7th 5:00 at King's College Chapel On Tuesday February 7th 5:30pm. Come hear the heavenly voices of the Capella Regalis boys alongside the men of the King's College Chapel Choir in a short but transcendent evening service.

Men's Soup Contest is scheduled for February 12. Please set aside the date and plan to be part of this great event! We will need 3 judges, and the congregation is invited to bring sandwiches and sweets to add round out the meal.

Annual Meeting: Please insure your reports are in by February 5 to facilitate compilation and distribution by the 19th. Annual meeting February 26.

Ecumenical Worship Service in honour of **AST's 40th Anniversary**. Friday, February 10 at 7:30 pm Cathedral Church of All Saints.

The Book Club will be discussing the book *The Shack* by William P. Young on Tuesday, February 21st (approximately 10:30 a.m.) in the Ladies Parlour. Widely read in recent years, *The Shack* has attracted a wide range of opinions from readers. Anne Sommerville: Worship and Church Life Committee.

You are invited to attend an **"Open House"** on Sunday, **February 19th, 2-4 PM** at the **Smith House, Camp Geddie**.

Lenten Chowder Luncheons will once again be served starting Wednesday, February 22nd. For more than 25 years the chowder luncheons have been a major fundraiser for St. David's. Helpers are needed on Tuesday mornings (in the kitchen) and Wednesdays at any time (in the hall and kitchen). All who can help are asked to give your name and interest to Don Knox (423-2067) or Colin MacPherson (434-1674). Can you bake gingerbread?(recipe in the hall) Can you spare a pound of butter? Can you provide bake goods or jams for the bake/craft table? Help provided in any of these ways will be invaluable to the success of the enterprise.

Ceilidh being held at St. Andrew's, 216 School St, Dartmouth on Thursday, February 9th at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. Admission is a donation for Feed Nova Scotia.

St. John's United Church, Halifax, is hosting it's monthly **Taize Prayer** this Sunday, Feb. 5th - 7 p.m. in Studio 3 in the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, Chebucto Rd.

The Music Committee of St. John's Anglican Church in Lunenburg will be holding a **"Souper-Market"** in the Parish Hall on Saturday, February 11 from 11 am to 2 pm to raise funds for the music ministry. Come by to enjoy a hearty bowl of homemade soup with fresh rolls, delicious desserts, tea and coffee; our market also includes a wonderful assortment of household goods, books, treats, and treasures available for sale.

Pilgrimage 2012: Exploring the Reformed Heritage

France, Switzerland and Scotland: July 6 to 22, 2012

Join the Elders' Institute (Presbyterian Church in Canada) and other Christians through Peregrinatio Studies for a spiritual journey with specialists in church history, music, education and Christian spirituality. To receive a brochure/registration form, phone the Elders' Institute (St. Andrew's Hall) at 604-822-0071 (Vancouver) or toll-free at 1-866-794-8888, or email elders@standrews.edu. Bursaries are available for ruling elders. Bursary deadline is February 15. Everyone welcome.

Saturday, Feb. 11th. The Bedford United Church (1200 Bedford Highway) men will be hosting their annual Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction on this date. The \$25 cost of the meal includes a 7:30pm *Dave Carroll concert*. Dinner sittings are 5:30pm and 6:30pm. Dave "United Breaks Guitars" Carroll & Friends concert only are available for the unbelievable price of \$15. For reservations and/or concert tickets, please send email to peter@purpose.ca or call Peter at 492-4104.

THIS WEEK - (February 05 - 12)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am.

Refreshments follow the 11 am service each Sunday

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

Tuesday 2:00 pm Worship and Church Life

7:00 pm Mission and Outreach

Wednesday 10:30 am Morning Study: join with us in exploring the foundations of faith (in the minister's study)

7:00 pm Session

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!

10:00 am Circle of Prayer.

11:00 am Traditional Service.

PASTORAL CARE

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

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Neither temptation nor threat prevented (Jesus) from loving God and his neighbour as himself. He showed us what it means to be a child of God. (from Living Faith)

MISSION CAPSULES: YOUTH IN MISSION:

Transforming lives Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Youth in Mission. YIM allows youth to accompany Presbyterian mission partners in Canada and internationally through short-term mission experiences. As these young people share in the mission of the church, they enhance their personal growth, learn skills and grow in their faith. In 2012, YIM is offering mission experiences in Taiwan, Israel/Palestine, the mission track at the Canada Youth conference, and the International AIDS Conference in Washington, DC. Let us pray for our youth who are leading in mission!

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *PWS&D Sunday*

Pray for the work of Presbyterian World Service & Development as it works with communities in developing countries to overcome poverty and build futures of hope.

STEWARDSHIP We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give. *Winston Churchill.*