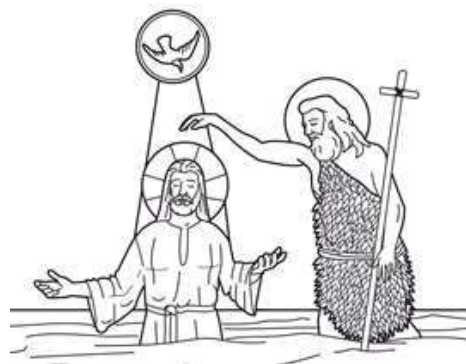


The Presbyterian Church of



Saint David

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

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WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day January 08, 2012

Covenant Renewal Sunday Baptism of our Lord Sunday

**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: Elevation by Couperin

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name;
Worship the lord in holy splendour. The voice of the lord is over the waters; **The God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.** The voice of the Lord is powerful. **The voice of the lord is full of majesty.** Let us worship God

*Hymn: Jesus shall reign

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession: O God of heaven and earth;
by your power and might you create something out of nothing.

When you speak the waters move and the heavens open. You sit enthroned as King forever. You are the God of light and the God of truth. **We your people come before you today in awe and wonder, you are the Creator, giving the earth its form and bringing all things to life.** We praise you that, like Jesus, your Spirit descended upon us, stirring us to a new level of faith; naming us yours; and equipping us with spiritual power. **We come to you today, O God, as your baptized believers confessing our sins. We often fail to accept the gifts you offer; we don't see the grace of your presence within us and we ignore the love we receive from you that passes all understanding.** Forgive us our sins O God, and help us to open ourselves to receive a fresh outpouring of your Spirit. **We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ.**

Assurance of Pardon: Hear the Good News! God said to Jesus, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." God is love. Through Christ our sins are forgiven. Take hold of this forgiveness and live life in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We Hear God's Word

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

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First Reading: *Genesis 1: 1-5*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29

Ascribe to God, O heavenly beings, ascribe to God glory and strength.

Ascribe to God the glory of God's name; worship God in holy splendour. *The voice of God is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, God, over mighty waters. The voice of God is powerful; the voice of God is full of majesty. The voice of God breaks the cedars; God breaks the cedars of Lebanon. God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of God flashes forth in flames of fire. The voice of God shakes the wilderness; God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of God causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all say, "Glory!" God sits enthroned over the flood; God sits enthroned as ruler forever. May God give strength to the people! May God bless the people with peace!*

Gloria Patri (sung)

Covenant Renewal Ceremony: Minister: Christ has many services to be done. Some are easy, others are difficult. Some bring honour, others bring reproach. Some are suitable to our natural inclinations and temporal interests, others are contrary to both... Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ, who strengthens us.

Response: I am no longer my own, but yours. Use me in your service in whatever way you will. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by you or laid aside by you, exalted for you or brought low for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine, and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant which I have made today, guide me throughout the year. Amen.

*Hymn: Jesus' hands were kind hands **631**

Conversation with the young people: **Where do you begin?**

Hymn: Jesus' hands were kind hands (repeat last verse)

From the Acts of the Apostles: *Acts 19: 1-7*

Gospel: *Mark 1: 4-11*

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

Hymn: Christ, when for us you were baptized **183**

Sermon: **Back to the Beginning**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Three Kings

*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" **830**

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: At the name of Jesus **340**

*Benediction:

"Irish Blessing" by L. MacLean

Choral Amen: (Please be seated for the Amen)

Postlude: The Parting Glass

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 Don Knox. Our scripture reader for this morning is _____. Our refreshment host today is Rod and Valerie MacDonald.

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.

Good Work, Saint David's! Once again, the pupils and congregation of Saint David's have shown their generosity in a big way. Your White Gifts broke the 2010 record of \$351.00. The 2011 total donated for local missions was \$637.00. This is another example of how the people of Saint David's get behind the mission of the church. Cheques will go out this week to Camp Geddie, Feed Nova Scotia, The Out of the Cold Program, and the Uniacke Square Parent Resource Centre. From all of us in the Sunday School, a hearty "THANK YOU." God bless you.

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.

THIS WEEK - (January 08-January 15)

Today 11:15 Sunday School resumes.
This is Food Bank Sunday

Monday 7:00 pm **Notice!** Evening Study begins again
January 16: 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 Starting January 18. Morning Study: join with us in exploring the foundations of faith (in minister's study)
Session meets at 7 pm

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 Bible as our 'only rule for faith and life'.
10:00 am Circle of Prayer.
11:00 am Traditional Service.

A new year has dawned! That probably means finding new homes for some of your older items. The Worship and Church Life Committee is giving you a chance to do this, while at the same time helping Saint David's. On Saturday, January 21 from 10-noon, we will be hosting a new-to-you sale. We will not be trying to handle clothing, so please find another home for those items. Any other donations may be left at the church. We will need some assistance with set-up on Friday after 2:30 pm and also the day of the sale. If you are able to help out in this way or have any questions, please contact a member of the committee: Val Macdonald-455-1893, Phyllis Morrison- 429-4353, Carol Dobson-429-5885, Anne Sommerville-422-9494 or Colin MacPherson-434-1674.

PASTORAL CARE

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

Kenn Stright office: 423-2660 home: 477-2870
Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893

Baptism is a sign and seal of our union with Christ and with his church. Through it we share in the death and resurrection of Christ and are commissioned to his service. (from Living Faith)

MISSION CAPSULES: CANADA: Nurturing Christian community Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help Toronto's Boarding Homes Ministry connect teams of congregational visitors with residents of local, privately-owned boarding homes. Team members enter the boarding home humbly as part of the body of Christ, setting aside their own agendas and expectations of "fixing" things. One team member shares, "Through the years, our friendships have strengthened and we have built traditions together. Trust has grown, as we share joys and sorrows in the way that good friends do. My life is richer for having made these new friends." Let us pray for Boarding Homes Ministry as they help nurture these Christian communities.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Epiphany Sunday/Baptism of the Lord Sunday* Pray for the congregations across Canada that are without a minister. May they find creative ways to serve their communities.

STEWARDSHIP Each of us makes one of two choices in life. We either become emotionally attached to our money or we become emotionally attached to the God who gives us our money.
Herb Miller, TheParishPaper.com