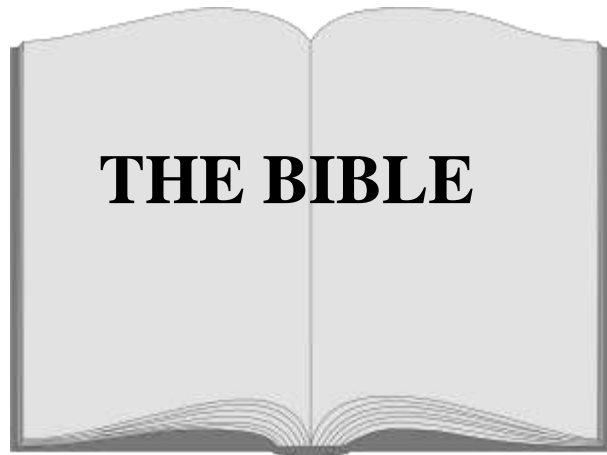


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The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
Early Morning Service January 15, 2012
In Search of Living Faith

Silent Preparation for Worship: Reflect on the statement from Living Faith:

*The Bible has been given to us
by the inspiration of God
to be the rule of faith and life.
It is the standard of all doctrine
by which we must test any word that comes to us
from church, world, or inner experience.
We subject to its judgment
all we believe and do.*

Gathering hymn: Thy word is a lamp

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With all my heart I seek you, God. **With all our hearts we seek you.** Blessed are you, God and **blessed are those who learn your ways.**

I shall not forget your Word. **We will treasure your truth in our hearts.** I do your will with great delight. **We rejoice in your wisdom.** With all my heart I seek you, God. **With all our hearts we seek you.**

Hymn: Lord, be thy word

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Let us pray: *Forgive us our sin and enter in, be born in us today. Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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: 2 Timothy 3: 14-17

Prayer of thanks for the word:

Giving God, Living Word,
we thank you for the signs of your presence
in the world around us; every day
your creation opens like a great book,
telling of your creative power, there from the beginning,
and your abundant love, here and now:

Giving God, We give thanks.

Giving God, Living Word,
we thank you for time to read and reflect on the Scriptures:
words rooted in tradition but fresh for today,
riddles, parables, questions, hidden meanings,
songs welling up from the heart, laws to live by,
the story of your love embodied in Jesus;
set down in different languages but now speaking to us in our own
tongue:

Giving God, We give thanks.

Reflection: Exploring the place of the Bible in our lives

Basic **I**nstructions **B**efore **L**eaving **E**arth

Hymn: Open my eyes that I may see

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Affirmation of Faith: **The Bible**

The Bible is to be understood in the light
of the revelation of God's work in Christ.
The writing of the Bible was conditioned
by the language, thought,
and setting of its time.

The Bible must be read in its historical context.
We interpret Scripture as we compare passages,
seeing the two Testaments in light of each other,
and listening to commentators past and present.
Relying on the Holy Spirit,
we seek the application of God's word for our time.

Hymn: Break now the bread of life

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*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)

*Move once more, O Holy Spirit, across us, the face of your new creation in
Christ, that with the cup of salvation your blood may course through our lives
and with the bread of life we may be your body in ministry to the world.*

**Use us as instruments of your work of salvation that others
may join our song of praise thanksgiving, not just this day at
this season but at all times in all seasons and all
circumstances.**

Hymn: Broken for me

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Presentation of the Bread and Wine (*the bread is lifted up*)

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

Have mercy on us

(*the wine is lifted up*) Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the
world **Have mercy on us**

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

Grant us peace

Together, let us proclaim the mystery of our faith

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Communion: (the bread and wine are taken)

Hymn: May the Lord bless

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Dismissal: The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

*May this eternal truth be always on our hearts that the God who breathed this
world into being placed stars into the heavens and designed a butterfly's wing
Is the God who entrusted his life to the care of ordinary people became
vulnerable that we might know how strong is the power of Love... a mystery so
deep it is impossible to grasp... a mystery so beautiful it is impossible to ignore.*
