



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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

Minister: Rev. Kenn Stright

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Dr. John Pace

Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

Clerk of Session: Murray Alary

WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day February 12, 2012

6th 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: Antiphony by Lind

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *You are medicine to me when I am sick. You are my strength when I need help. You are life itself when I fear death. You are the way when I long for heaven. You are the light when all is dark. You are my food when I need nourishment. Let us worship the God who is medicine for us!* (see 419 in B of P)

*Hymn: I worship you O Lord

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

Assurance of Pardon:

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading:

2 Kings 5: 1-14

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 30

I will extol you, O God, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me. O God my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me. O God, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit. Sing praises to God, O you God's faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name. For God's anger is but for a moment; God's favour is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning. *As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved." By your favour, O God, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed. To you, O God, I cried, and to you I made supplication: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? "Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness? "Hear, O God, and be gracious to me! O God, be my helper!" You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O God my God, I will give thanks to you forever.* Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds (1-4) **357**
 Conversation with the young people: **Stop the itch**
 Hymn: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds (5-6) **357**
 From the letters: *1 Corinthians 9:24-27*
 Gospel: *Mark 1: 40-45*
One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ
 Hymn: We lay our broken world **202**
 Sermon: **Where have all the lepers gone?**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Goin' Home by Dvorak

*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**

Invitation toward Healing: Jesus said: Ask, and it will be given; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. **For everyone who asks receives, and those who seek find, and to each who knocks, it will be opened.** Friends in Christ, God knows our needs before we ask and in our asking prepares us to receive the gift of grace. God ministers to us not as one who is absent but as one who is present in human hands, voices and lives full of the Holy Spirit. Let us open our lives to God's healing presence among us, working through us, even though we might not understand it. Let us resound with the leper's faith: **If you choose, you can make me whole.** Christ responds: "I do choose!". **(Shared Silence and prayers of the people)**
 The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Lord speak to me that I may speak **767**

*Benediction: May the Road by Bev Foster:

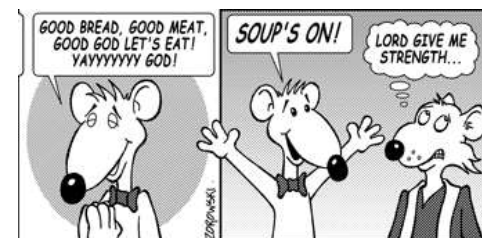
Choral Amen: (Please be seated for the Amen)

Postlude: Fanfare by Bedard

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 John Wamboldt.

Please stay for the fabulous men's soup contest!



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.

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in loving memory of Dr. C. Bruce Fergusson placed by his wife Evelyn.

Annual Meeting: February 26 after service – please plan to attend!

The Book Club will be discussing the book *The Shack* by William P. Young on Thursday, March 1st at 10:40 a.m. in the Ladies Parlour (please note the change in date). Widely read, *The Shack* has attracted a wide range of opinions. Some copies are available. 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.

THIS WEEK - (February 12 - 19)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am.

Lunch today with tasty treats from the Men's Soup Contest!

This is food bank Sunday which is used for David's Place

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

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

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.

Upcoming: Come and listen to "Occupy Nova Scotia" as the topic of our next Coffee and Conversation to be held at 7 pm, February 26.

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

Total Offerings

Giving Goal for January: \$12,688

Amount given in January: \$12,941

Thank you for your generosity. The money you give helps Saint David's move on into 2012. Make a point of attending the Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday Feb 26th to discover what your church will be doing in 2012.

Presbyterians Sharing Giving Goal for 2012: \$25,000

Given up to January 31st: \$4,710

Thank you for your generosity to Presbyterians Sharing. Presbyterians Sharing supports many activities. Did you know Saint David's web site is provided by the "Communications Office" which is funded by gifts to Presbyterians Sharing?

MISSION CAPSULES: CANADA: Supporting university

students Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help chaplaincies across Canada to support and reach out to students. McMaster University's Ecumenical chaplaincy provides counseling, advocates for students in difficulty, and offers Christian worship. It also provides opportunities for students to get involved in social justice, anti-violence, poverty and prayer groups. McMaster's Ecumenical Chaplain, The Rev. Dr. Carol Wood, is a Presbyterian minister. She enjoys the diversity of the McMaster community and the opportunity to walk with students through the challenges of their university experience. Let us pray for McMaster's ecumenical chaplaincy as it provides a Christian presence on campus.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for local congregational leaders. Encourage, embolden and sustain them for the tasks to be done.

STEWARDSHIP The riches of life are to be shared. Life at its best is lived through giving, not getting; helping not hoarding. *Kennon Callahan, author*