



# The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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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 19, 2012**

**Transfiguration 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: Chorale by Howell

\*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: We have come at Christ's own bidding **187**

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

**God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name we pray. (silent reflection)**

Assurance of Pardon: *On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves. By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole; by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God. Amen*

### We Hear God's Word

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

First Reading: **2 Kings 2: 1-12**

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 50:1-6**

*The mighty one, God the Sovereign, speaks and summons the earth: from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and does not keep silence, before God is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around. God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that God may judge God's people: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who*

*made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"* **The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God indeed is judge.** Gloria Patri (sung)

\*Hymn: Open my eyes that I may see **500**

Conversation with the young people: **Can you see Jesus?**

Sunday school leaves for classes

From the letters: *2 Corinthians 4: 3-6*

Gospel: *Mark 9:2-9*

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

Hymn: O Lord my God **332**

Sermon: **Once you've seen it...**

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

**Anthem: Give us the wings of faith** by M Larkin

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

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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: Swiftly pass the clouds of glory **186**

\*Benediction:

Choral Amen: (Please be seated for the Amen)

Postlude: Psalm by Rachmaninoff

**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 Margaret Craig. Our refreshment host is Phyllis Morrison

**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.**

**Annual Meeting:** February 26 after service – 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"** today, **February 19th, 2-4 PM** at the **Smith House, Camp Geddie**.

**Meals on Wheels** delivers nutritious meals in the Halifax area (Spryfield and Rockingham included). We deliver five days a week, including holidays. We are presently looking for volunteers to give approximately two hours a week (as driver or deliverer or both) to help our clients. New clients are presently being accepted as well. For information, please call our office at 429-4299 between 8:30 a.m. and twelve.

**Chowder Volunteers:** After church there will be a short get together in the church parlour.

**Lenten Chowder Luncheons** will once again be served starting Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 19 - 26)

**Today** Sunday School: 11:15 am.

Refreshments follow the 11 am service each Sunday

**Monday** 7:00 pm Last 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

**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.

12 Noon luncheon followed by the Annual Congregational meeting.

**“Occupy Nova Scotia”** is the topic of our next Coffee and Conversation to be held at 7 pm, February 26.

“The Halifax Chapter of the Women's Interchurch Council of Canada will hold their **2012 World Day of Prayer** Service at 2:00pm on Friday, March 2 at the St. James Anglican Church located at Joseph Howe Drive at the Armdale Rotary, Halifax , N.S. The theme *“Let Justice Prevail”*. Our guest speaker will be Reverend Kimberlynn McNabb, Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Halifax. A reception will follow the service. All are Welcome.

An evening World Day of Prayer service will also be held at 7:00pm at Mulgrave Park Baptist Church , 5676 Sebastian Street.

### PASTORAL CARE

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

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To call Jesus Christ the Son of God is to say that he is God of God, Light of Light begotten, not made. To see Jesus is to see God incarnate. (from Living Faith)

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### MISSION CAPSULES: MALAWI: Worshipping together

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Mike and Debbie Burns as they serve the Blantyre Synod of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in Malawi. Debbie shares, “While we enjoy worshipping in St. James’ main church, we look forward to Sunday worship at one of the three prayer houses and weekly Wednesday evening services at the different *mulagas* (cottages). These services provide an intimate time for prayer, praise, study and fellowship, something that is difficult to obtain in a sanctuary filled with 700 people!” Let us pray for Mike, Debbie and the people of St. James as they share the good news of the gospel in Malawi.

### PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Transfiguration Sunday*

Give thanks for the many saints who have influenced and shaped your faith over the years, even long before you were born.

**STEWARDSHIP** Not he who has much is rich, but he who gives much. *Erich Fromm, philosopher*