



Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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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 26, 2012
First Sunday in Lent

**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: Dialogue sur cornet by
couperin

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *To you, O GOD, we lift up the spirit of our whole selves. O God, we trust unashamedly in you; seeking that you be not ashamed of us; May we begin our Lenten journey together in right relationships; Teach us. Show us. Guide us, grow us to know your ways more clearly. You are the God of our salvation and the Sustainer of good relations. For you we wait. May integrity, a clean conscience, and upright living preserve us. Amen.*

*Hymn: O love that will not let me go

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Lenten Liturgies

Prayer

of Adoration and Confession: *As in days of old, Creator God, we come to look for your signs of covenant promises. Like the rainbow days of Noah, we see and know your signs and hear your voice again with life-affirming activities and thoughts. May I be in right relationship with you and all your creation and join the Church in over-coming violence, hunger, and injustice. May I find courage and clarity to assist me in works of justice and compassion which make daily life bearable for many. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon:

directing

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading:

Genesis 9: 8-17

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 25: 1-10**

To you, O God, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O God, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love

remember me, for your goodness' sake, O God! Good and upright is God; therefore God instructs sinners in the way. God leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble God's way. All the paths of God are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep God's covenant and God's decrees.

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: We are God's people **472**

Conversation with the young people: **I promise!**

Sunday school leaves for classes

From the letters: *I Peter 3:18-22*

Gospel: *Mark 1:9-15*

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

Hymn: In suffering love **696**

Sermon: **Keeping the Covenant**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: As water to the thirsty by M Himmelman

*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: Lord speak to me **767**

*Benediction:

*Irish blessing - Choral Amen: (Please be seated for the Amen)

Postlude: **Piece breve 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 Carol Dobson. Please stay for the luncheon hosted by Session and for the meeting.

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. Widely read, *The Shack* has attracted a wide range of opinions. Some copies are available. Anne Sommerville, W&CL

Meals on Wheels delivers nutritious meals in the Halifax area (Spryfield and Rockingham included) 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. Please call our office at 429-4299 between 8:30 a.m. and twelve.

Lenten Chowder Luncheons: 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.

The Halifax Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists will host a **HYMN-FEST**, Sunday, March 4, 7:30 pm, St. Matthew's United Church - a reception will follow in the Church Hall.

The experience of the OCCUPY movement in Nova Scotia, it's objectives and continuing plans will be the subject of questions and discussion at 7pm tonight. Come and meet some articulate OCCUPIERS accompanied by Dr David Williams retired professor. "You will be delighted by the clarity and human concern displayed by these respectful revolutionaries."

THIS WEEK - (February 26 – March 04)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am.

A light luncheon follows the 11 am service today leading in to our Annual Congregational meeting.

7:00 pm “Occupy Nova Scotia”

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes

7 pm at Calvin – follow-up meeting for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission with special viewing of the video “Frontrunners”.

Wednesday Noon: Lenten chowder luncheon

Thursday 10:40 am Book club

7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm David’s Place (Hall)

World day of Prayer services (see announcements)

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.

The next meeting of the **M & O** committee is planned for

Sunday March 4/12 at 12:30 PM. New members are welcome!

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“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. The theme is “*Let Justice Prevail*”. Guest speaker: Rev. Kimberlynn McNabb, Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. A reception will follow the service. An evening World Day of Prayer service will also be held at 7:00pm at Mulgrave Park Baptist Church, 5676 Sebastian Street.

The Vancouver Chamber Choir under the direction of Jon Washburn is giving a concert on Saturday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. in St. Patrick’s Church, 2267 Brunswick St.

PASTORAL CARE

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

Kenn Stright office: 423-2660 home: 477-2870

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The church is Christ
together with his people
called both to worship and to serve him
in all of life.
(from Living Faith)

MISSION CAPSULES: from St. David’s to the ends of the earth: Working together for the gospel of Christ:

When we give to *Presbyterians Sharing* we are living out God’s vision for the world. Working together through our church we are acting in love, offering hope and proclaiming God’s reign of justice to the world.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Annual Congregational Meeting*

Give thanks for the many blessings that we have received from our gracious God which enables mission and ministry.

STEWARDSHIP We give thanks for those who generously made provision for the ongoing work of the congregation through gifts, bequests and annuities in years past

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.



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This is a ‘scent free’ zone for the comfort of all.