



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 March 04, 2012
Second 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: Elegy Cable

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship:

*Hymn: To Abraham and Sarah **478**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: *Most holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned against you by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength; we have not fully loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways, by forgetting your love. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful God, and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, our Saviour. Amen. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.*

Lenten Liturgies (concludes verse 2 We lay our broken world 202)

We Hear God's Word

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

First Reading: *Genesis 17:1-7,15-16*

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 22:23-31** *You who fear God, praise God! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify God; stand in awe of God, all you offspring of Israel! For God did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; God did not hide God's face from me, but heard when I cried to God.*

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear God. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek God shall praise God. May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God; and all the families of the nations shall worship before God. For dominion belongs to God, and God rules over the nations.

To God, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before God shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for God. Posterity will serve

God; future generations will be told about God, and proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that God has done it.

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Jesus loves me 373

Conversation with the young people:

Sunday school leaves for classes

From the letters: *Romans 4:13-25*

Gospel: *Mark 8:31-38*

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

Hymn: Take up your cross the Saviour said 211

Sermon: **This is my covenant with you**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Hide They Face Bevan

*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: O Jesus I have promised 569

*Benediction:

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

Postlude: Postlude in D Matthias

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 _____. Our scripture reader for this morning is Davida MacKay. Our host for refreshments today is

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.

THIS WEEK - (March 04-11)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am.

The next meeting of the **M & O** committee is planned for **today at 12:30 PM**. New members are welcome!

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

Wednesday Noon: Lenten chowder luncheon

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.

The Halifax - Lunenburg Presbyterial of The Atlantic Mission Society will hold its meeting at Calvin Church in Halifax on March 20 at 1:30 p.m. The speaker will be Rev. Gwen Roberts speaking about her Taiwan Study Tour. All welcome.



PASTORAL CARE



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

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God has come to us. The Lord spoke to the people of Israel and entered into covenant with them. From Israel came Jesus Christ, the Son of God, bringing salvation through a new covenant entered by faith. (from Living Faith)

MISSION CAPSULES: ROMANIA: The Gift of Music

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Brian Johnston, an English and music teacher at the Hungarian Theological Institute in Cluj, Romania and an avid photographer. Brian's choir of theological students travels throughout Transylvania, sharing their gift of music with people needing hope and grace. The choir was recently able to purchase a portable piano, helping them minister in areas that lack instruments. Brian is thankful for the support and inspiration he receives from Canadian Presbyterians. Let us pray for Brian and his choir and they share music and hope.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for Christian educators as they teach and nurture others in faithful and meaningful ways.

STEWARDSHIP Gratitude may move us to give, but giving may also lead us to a deeper sense of gratitude. *Mary Jo Leddy, Radical Gratitude*

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.



I Breastfeed.

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This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.**