



The 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 March 11, 2012
third 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: Ave Verum Corpus by Byrd

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes.*

*Hymn: God's law is perfect 9

Lenten Liturgies: Carolyn MacDonald (concludes verse 3 We lay our broken world 202)

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: *Creator of Covenants once again we have come together to acknowledge you as our God and to seek your blessing and guidance for the journey. Give us a new understanding of your commandments that we may journey in your promises. Gracious God, we like to think we live upright lives, and that your commandments guide all our decisions. The truth is, however, that we fall short and constantly make excuses for ourselves. Forgive us out of your love and grace and strengthen our resolve to live according to your will and expressed in the life of Jesus Christ our Saviour and friend. Amen. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.*

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced) 445

First Reading: *Exodus 20: 1-17*

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 19** *The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a beloved from a wedding canopy, and like a strong athlete runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its*

heat. *The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of God are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of God is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of God is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of God are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O God, my rock and my redeemer.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: What a friend

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Conversation with the young people: **Rules for Cats and People**
Sunday school leaves for classes

From the letters: *1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

Gospel: *John 2:13-22*

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

*Hymn: Lift high the cross

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Sermon: **Bound in Covenant – with God**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Listen To the Lambs by Nathaniel Dett

*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)

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Prayers of the People: The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Lead on, eternal Sovereign

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*Benediction:

Choral Amen:

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

Postlude: Largo by GF Handel

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 Anne Sommerville. Our scripture reader for this morning is Mac MacKay. Our hosts for refreshments today are Rod and Val MacDonald.

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 deadline for the next Newsletter is March 23. Please send your contributions to caroljdobson@gmail.com.

March 20, 7 pm: The **Mission and Outreach** Committee of St. David's is hosting an Information Night to show the Film "Frontrunners" as part of their awareness campaign regarding Healing and Reconciliation with Aboriginal People. Please come!

In accordance with the church's Leading With Care policy, session members and other volunteer groups have received an invitation to fill out online criminal record/vulnerable sector checks by email. If you have already done your online registration, thank you for taking the time. There are a few who have not yet registered and we urge you to take care of this quickly. Please check your emails. The cost to the church is \$30.00 per person (\$34.50 with tax). It would be a great help to

our budget if as many as possible would give a donation to cover these expenses. Gifts to Saint David's are tax deductible: indicate on your envelope "police checks". If you have any questions, please contact John Wamboldt at johnwamboldt@hotmail.ca or at 445-4174.

THIS WEEK - (March 11-18)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am.

Today is our regular Food Bank Sunday – please give generously!

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

Wednesday Noon: Lenten chowder luncheon

The Kirk Session is called to meet at 7 pm

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.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH RESTORATION WILL BE PRESENTING THEIR 5TH ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 17 AT 11:30 A.M. PARADE ROUTE STARTS AT KANE AND AGRICOLA AND PROCEEDS ALONG TO THE CHURCH ON BRUNSWICK. AFTER WHICH AN IRISH LUNCHEON WILL BE SERVED FOR \$10.00. FOR TICKETS/INFO, CALL 429-4170.

Halifax Camerata Singers – Saturday, March 24, 7:30 pm, First Baptist Church. A spiritual journey of psalm settings through the ages, including Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*. Tickets \$20 (\$10 student) at the door

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: CANADA: Building relationships Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry (SNCM) in inner-city Saskatoon. Besides food, warmth, safety and a weekly worship service, the ministry now offers a tutoring program that allows people from the street to work towards the completion of grade twelve. When the ministry moved to its current location in 2008, some people criticized it for being a faith-based organization. SNCM Director, the Rev. Stewart Folster writes, "Now, (these same people) attend our worship service occasionally, and express how they appreciate everything we have to offer." Let us pray for this vital ministry that offers hope to a population that is too often neglected.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for university chaplains across Canada as they minister to students, faculty and staff.

STEWARDSHIP They asked only one thing, that we remember the poor, which was actually what I was eager to do. *Gal 2:10*

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.

The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.
This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.