



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude:

*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: O give thanks for God is gracious 72

Lenten Liturgies (concludes verse 4 We lay our broken world 202)

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: *O God of Comfort and God of Challenge, we come to you this morning the way the Israelites did, full of complaints and dissatisfaction. Nothing is enough; we do not recognize your blessing at work in our day to day lives. Forgive us when we become so comfortable that we moan and groan about the most insignificant details of our lives. In our complaints, challenge us as you did the Israelites, to consider the bigger picture of oppression, injustice, and inequality around us. Forgive us when we close our eyes for fear of what you might show us; keep sending loving and*

compassionate leaders to open our eyes until we see what you see in our world. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced) 445

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 *O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Some were sick through their sinful ways, and because of their iniquities endured affliction; they loathed any kind of food, and they drew near to the gates of death. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; he sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from destruction. Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy.* Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Out of my bondage 193

Conversation with the young people: All about love

Sunday school leaves for classes

From the letters: Ephesians 2: 1-10

Gospel: John 3: 14-21

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

*Hymn: As when the Hebrew prophet raised 189

Sermon: The Covenant Cry!

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

*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: Man of sorrows

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*Benediction:

Choral Amen:

*Irish blessing (Please be seated for the blessing)

Postlude:

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 **Vanora Haldane**. Our hosts for refreshments today are **Nancy and David Tindall**.

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.

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!

THIS WEEK - (March 18-25)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am.

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 next evening of Coffee and Conversation will take place on Sunday, March 25 at 7 pm when we will be welcoming members of the Islamic community. Everyone is welcome. Please plan to come and learn about another of the world's great religions.

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.

Come to Camp Geddie on March 31, 2-6 PM for an All Ages Event. Through scripture, song, games, craft and, of course, food, together we will hear the Word and respond to it, amid the beauty of Camp Geddie. This is an event for everyone- Children must be accompanied by adults. Cost: \$15/ person. (Family Rates available for families of four or more.) To register, contact Shirley Forbes (902.752.1099) or through email at agape@campgeddie.ca Registration Deadline is March 23rd.

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. 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.

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.

Deadline for the next **newsletter** is Friday, March 23rd. Please send contributions to Carol Dobson at caroljdobson@gmail.com.

St. Andrew's Dartmouth **Tea and Sale** March 31 from 2-4 pm

The Halifax Refugee Clinic is sponsoring a **Pancake Breakfast** to benefit the work of the Clinic, on Saturday, March 31st, 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM, at the Hall of the Presbyterian Church of Saint David. There will be face painting for kids. For more information or tickets, call 422-6736. General admission (\$10), Seniors, Students, Low income (\$7), Kids under 5 (\$3).

PASTORAL CARE



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

Kenn Stright office: 423-2660
Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893



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: NICARAGUA: Nutrition education

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Denise Van Wissen, a nutritionist working in Nicaragua. Denise and the SOYNICA team are helping families break the vicious cycle of poverty by teaching about nutrition and healthy food. As a technical advisor to SOYNICA, Denise updates content for educational workshops, leads workshops, and reviews and analyzes periodic reports. Let us pray for Denise and her co-workers as they help families live healthier lives.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Give thanks for those who give generously of their financial resources to the work of the Church – including through Planned Giving.

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LOYOLA Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace; that is enough for me.

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.