



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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Pace

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WELCOME!

**We are so glad you have chosen
to worship with us this morning!**

**Service for the Lord's Day May 06, 2012, 11 a.m.
Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**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: Antiphon by Ippolotiv-Ivanov

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: *Praise the Lord for what he has done. Those who come to the Lord will offer praise. All nations will remember the Lord. From every part of the world they will turn to God. The Lord is sovereign and rules the nations. Future generations will speak of the Lord to the coming generations. People not yet born will be told, "The Lord saves!"*

Let us worship God.

*Hymn: Come sing O church in joy!

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Prayer of Confession: *Gracious God, we have missed many opportunities to tell others of your saving love by both word and deed. Often we have made the gospel unattractive by failing to live lives of joy and compassion. We acknowledge our responsibility for sharing the good news about Jesus and his love, and now ask that, empowered by your Spirit, we may be used by you to bring others into the community of those who put their trust in you through Jesus Christ. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.*

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: *Acts 8: 26-40 The story of Philip and the Ethiopian One: The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22: 25-31 *From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live for ever!*

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

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: I am the church, you are the church 475
 Conversation with the young people: Hunger Awareness with Shelley
 Sunday school leaves for classes
 From the letters: *1 John 4: 7-21 Let us love one another*
 Gospel: *John 15:1-8 The Vine*
One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ
 *Hymn: In Christ there is no east or west 480
 Sermon: **Reaching out – in love**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
 Anthem: "At the River" adapted by A. Copeland and R.
 Wilding-White
 *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: Let Christian faith and hope dispel 368
 *Benediction:
 *Choral Amen:
 "May the Road" by Bev Foster (Please be seated for the blessing)
 May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back.
 May the sun shine warm upon your face, the rains fall soft upon your fields.
 And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

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 Shelley MacDonald-Parsons. Our scripture reader for this morning is Barry Cahill. Our host for refreshments today is Kathy Large.

Each year we acknowledge our high school and University Graduates. If you know of anyone who will be graduating this year, please give their name, school and degree, if applicable, and future plans to Valerie: 455-1893. It would be helpful if we had this information by May 18th.

Next Newsletter: The next newsletter will be available on May 27th. The deadline is May 18th. Please send your contributions to Carol Dobson at cjdobsonpei@yahoo.ca

If there are those who have been considering joining the church or transferring to St. David's, you are encouraged to contact Kenn at your earliest convenience.

THIS WEEK - (May 6-13)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am.
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! The present series is called "A Journey to my prophets"
 10:00 am Circle of Prayer.
 11:00 am Christian Family Sunday
 (Mother's day!).
 This is our regular food bank Sunday - please give generously!

Camp Geddie Clean Up Day, May 26, 9-1 with lunch included. We have a number of projects, large and small, including cleaning, painting, yard work, a few small carpentry jobs. Come and help us prepare for a busy season of welcoming school groups and summer campers.

Dinner and a Show. On **June 2**, at 6 PM, the Smith House Committee will be hosting this musical comedy revue, complete with a 3 course buffet meal. Featuring the talented music/drama students of John H. Gillis Regional High School in Antigonish and under the artistic direction of Jenn Laudadio and the musical direction of Brent Bannerman, this evening promises to be a great night. Cost is \$40. Money raised will support the continued ministry of the Smith House. Tickets may be reserved by Emailing director@campgeddie.ca or calling 922.2425 or 926.2632. Camper and CIT registration forms are available online at www.campgeddie.ca.

The Mission and Outreach Committee have started their penny drive. Please search high and low for the lowly penny hiding in your house, pocket and/or purse. Where is that old piggy bank? Bring them all and see what a difference a penny can make!

St. John's United Church, Halifax, is hosting it's monthly Taize Prayer this evening - 7 p.m., in the Judith Grant Room in the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts, 6199 Chebucto Rd.

The Coastal Chorus presents their debut concert on Mother's Day, Sunday May 13 at 2 P.M. at 2615 Northwood Terrace in Halifax.

Music Note: The Senior Choir of Saint David's would like to congratulate Daniel Wheeler on winning the Senior Voice Class of the Halifax Kiwanis Music Festival and wishes him the best of luck at the Provincial level representing Halifax. Daniel has been our Tenor choral scholar since September and is originally from Halifax, he's been a great addition to the choir! He has also been accepted into two master programs for music and will be continuing his education in the fall. Please wish him good luck in provincial competition!

Hardwood Lands Spring Supper, May 12 4:30 – 6 Adults \$10
children \$6...

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 8:26-40 Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

1 John 4:7-21 Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.

In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15:1-8 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.



PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION CAPSULES: MALAWI: Theological training

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Todd Statham as he teaches church history and theology at Zomba Theological College, the CCAP's seminary. The college trains ministers and their spouses to serve churches in Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Todd writes, "The college is in a time of restructuring and re-visioning. Money is short and resources are stretched. But the classrooms are crammed with students, professors are enthusiastic and devoted, and the CCAP is growing and vibrant!" Let us pray for Todd, his wife Annika and their two children, Sophia and Mio, as they serve God in Malawi.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Give thanks for the gifts Asian culture and heritage bring to Canada and to the church.

STEWARDSHIP Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? *Luke 16:10-11*

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is a



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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.