



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 May 20, 2012, 11 a.m.

7th Sunday of Easter

Healing and Reconciliation Sunday

**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: Preludio sine nomine by Howells

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship:

*Hymn: How blest are they

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Prayer of Confession: *Creator of the cosmos, of eternity and time, be with us in this time. Saviour of the world, healer of the nations, be with us in this place. Breath of all that lives, of people near and far, stir within our lives. Maker, Spirit, Son, God of here and now, be present in our worship, that we may find new ways to be present in your world.* (© The Iona Community, WGRG 2001) *Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.*
Assurance:

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 1 *Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Follow me the master said

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Conversation with the young people: Another 'Magic Penny'

Sunday school leaves for classes

From the letters: 1 John 5: 9-13

Gospel: *John 17:6-19*
One: *The Gospel of the Lord.* All: **Praise to you, O Christ**
*Hymn: May the mind of Christ **644**
Sermon: **THE EXTRA-ORDINARY IN THE ORDINARY**
We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Anthem: Hands across the universe by Child's
*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")
(Written by the Rev. Margaret Mullin Thundering Eagle Woman. Margaret is a Presbyterian minister and the Executive Director of Winnipeg Inner-City Missions.)
Holy God, Creator of all people, hear our prayer. Accept our thanks Creator for your many blessings. We thank you for the precious gift of the earth that you created to sustain our life.
We thank you for air and water without which we could not survive. We thank you for the sun and the moon and the stars by whom we are guided day and night. We thank you for this land that we call home – Canada. We thank you for Jesus. We thank you for those who reach up to you in love and seek to follow you together, in community. Lord we seek your help as we journey toward true healing and reconciliation between Aboriginal peoples and the Church.
When Aboriginal voices seek to protest and show the Church the errors of the past, God, please open our hearts, our minds, our eyes and our ears to their insights. Help us to listen, to learn and to find a way forward together. Guide us in The Way. Help us, God, to watch for and act on opportunities to walk with Aboriginal people and Aboriginal communities to find healing and wholeness together. Give us open minds, empathetic hearts, humility and wisdom. Help us, Creator, to seek the Truth, to act on the truth of the injustices lived, the suffering endured, and the tears cried. In hearing the Truth and in speaking the Truth may we as individuals, as the Church, and as a nation discover the hope of a new beginning. Great Creator God you desire that all of your creation live in peace and harmony.

We dare to dream that is possible through the power of your Spirit. *Hear our prayer of hope God: empower us as we believe, hope, pray for guidance, and as we act. Teach us to pray as we say together...*
We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: I'm going to live so God can use me **648**
*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: Voluntary 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 Elder this morning is Shelley MacDonald-Parsons. Our scripture reader for this morning is Valeries MacDoinald. Our host for refreshments today is Johannah Roberts.

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 today.

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.

A gift has been received by the congregation in memory of Alex Corston Bonah, son of Heather Corston and Richard Vincenzi, and grandson of Dr's James and Margaret Corston. The gift is to be directed to the mission and ministry of David's Place. The ashes of James and Margaret were interred this past Wednesday at

a family service. The flowers in the sanctuary are in their memory, placed by the family.

HRM GRANDMOTHERS 3RD ANNUAL WALK -STRIDE TO TURN THE TIDE - on Sunday, June 3, 2012 at 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. beginning and ending at Victoria Park, Spring Garden Road. Registration (\$5.00) begins at 1:00 p.m. at the YMCA 1565 South Park Street. This is a fundraiser for the Stephen Lewis Foundation in support of African grandmothers raising grandchildren orphaned by the pandemic AIDS.

THIS WEEK - (May 20-27)

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 Traditional service

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. 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. **NOTE:** 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!

The Halifax-Lunenburg Presbyterial of the Atlantic Mission Society will hold its annual meeting on June 9, 2012 at First Sackville Church, Lower Sackville with registration at 9:30 a.m. Speaker: Bonnie Crockett.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year B, Revised Common Lectionary

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus -- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

1 John 5:9-13 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the

Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 17:6-19 "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Thought for the Day: It is easier to preach ten sermons than to live one.



PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION CAPSULES: MISSION TRIP: Taiwan

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help connect people in Canada with long-term mission partners. In November 2011, 11 people from across Canada travelled to see first-hand the mission work of The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT). Journeying through Taiwan from north to south, the group visited theological colleges, hospitals, schools and churches of the PCT. Everywhere they went they heard stories of deep faith and experienced incredible hospitality and generosity. PCC leader Heather Chappell says, "It is good to find a place to call home on the other side of the world. Thanks be to God for this amazing and humbling experience." Let us pray for our partner church in Taiwan as it is a living example of God's grace.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Healing and Reconciliation Sunday*

Give thanks for local leaders in The Presbyterian Church in Canada who are working in their communities to build relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people based on mutual respect and love of neighbour.

STEWARDSHIP Do not give, as many rich do, like a hen that lays her eggs ... and then cackles. *Henry Ward Beecher*

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.**