



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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In memory of: Minister Emeritus: Rev. Dr. John Pace

WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day May 27, 2012, 11 a.m.

PENTECOST 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: Loch lomond

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship:

*Hymn: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession: *Blow, Wind of the Spirit. Blow over us as we gather in worship. Come as the gentle breeze of God to soothe the troubled. Come as the violent hurricane of God to disrupt our complacency. Life-giving Breath of God, stir us to know that you are among us, Living God. Burn, Fire of the Spirit. Burn on the altar of our hearts as we worship. Burn away the dross of our disobedience Stir up the embers of dull faith to blaze again. Fan the flames of passion for Jesus Christ. Fill us, Power of the Spirit. We are empty and need to be filled. We are weak and we need your strength. We are lonely and we need your comfort. 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: *Ezekiel 37: 1-14*

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b** *O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.*

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works-- who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD! Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Holy Spirit hear us 381
 Conversation with the young people: Catch the Spirit
 Sunday school leaves for classes
 From the letters: *Acts 2: 1-21*
 Gospel: *John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*
One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ
 *Hymn: Spirit of the living God 400
 Sermon: **PENTECOST – Welcome to the Age of the Spirit**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
 Anthem: The Stars are with the Voyagers by Daley
 *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. Terry Samuel. Terry is a retired Presbyterian minister and a healing and reconciliation local leader and a participant at the Halifax TRC).
Gracious God, God of love and mercy and of blowing winds, hear our prayers. On this Pentecost Sunday we celebrate the wind of your healing Spirit blowing through the lives of faithful people. We pray today for Aboriginal peoples facing discrimination, marginalization and the prejudice of dominant societies and cultures in many countries. Especially, we think of the challenges and barriers faced by Aboriginal people in Canada. We pray, Lord, for our leadership: for our Prime Minister and Members of Parliament, for legislators and elected representatives at all levels, that they and we may grow into a deeper understanding and a larger compassion for this part of our Canadian history. Open our eyes and ears – and our hearts too – to the cries of our neighbours. Empower us in new and innovative ways to reach out with the love and grace we have seen in our own faith stories. Give us courage, Lord, both to persuade our leaders, and also to speak and act ourselves, in ways that will promote a healing and reconciliation that will move our country into new and better times. Hear our prayers, God of love, and blow into our lives once again on this day. (Prayers continue ending with...) Teach us to pray as we say together...

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Breathe on me breath of God 389

THIS WEEK - (May 27- June 03)

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

NOTICE OF MEETING: the congregation is called to meet Sunday June 10th following the congregational luncheon to consider a land/lease agreement with the Developer Greenwood Lawley.

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.

"Women of Courage...Standing Together for Rights and Respect" Three outstanding women will share their experiences and strategies of defending human rights, struggling against violence, and building peace in their communities: Claudia Liliana Castellanos Roncancio, human rights lawyer from Colombia; Lucy Geris Talgich, Wi'am Palestinian Conflict Resolution Centre, Bethlehem; and Patti Doyle Bedwell, past director, program for Indigenous Blacks and Mi'kmaq, Dalhousie Law School. Let their stories encourage you to share your insights and inspire you to action! **Thursday June 7th**, 7-9 pm (come early to see displays); **St Andrew's** United Church, **Coburg Rd.** at Robie St. (enter on Coburg Rd.); for more information contact Linda Scherzinger, lindakseven@gmail.com.

Next Sunday, June 3, will be the last day of classes for the Sunday School until the Fall. We are grateful for all the teachers, pupils and parents who too part in classes over these past months. Saint David's is a great place in the summer. Please continue to bring the family each Sunday. You'll be glad you did!

*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: Recessional by 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 Shelley MacDonald-Parsons. Our scripture reader for this morning is John Wamboldt. Our host for refreshments today is Anne Sommerville.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Pace family – to Margaret, Derek and Diane and family on the death of John this past week.

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.

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.

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.

The Mission and Outreach Committee have started their **penny drive**. Bring them all and see what a difference a penny can make!

Ezekiel 37:1-14 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Acts 2:1-21 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the

parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs--in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.



PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION CAPSULES: CANADA: Hope for the future

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* provide hope and grace through Winnipeg Inner City Missions. Director Margaret Mullin writes, "Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are invested in the lives of the people we met every day. Your prayers positively affect their lives and strengthen us for the task at hand. Through your generosity, you are giving people hope for the future; you have helped many families in crisis; and you have been there for many children, youth and adults in desperate human need." Let us pray for WICM's dedicated staff and for the people they faithfully and lovingly serve

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Pentecost*

Pray that there will be a movement of the Holy Spirit within our churches so that peace and justice will flourish.

STEWARDSHIP Generosity lies less in giving much than in giving at the right moment. *Jean de la Bruyère, writer*

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.**