



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers,
Halifax,

(by Memorial Library)

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Clerk of Session: Murray Alary

WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day July 01, 2012, 11 a.m.

**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:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship: *The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it. For he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers*

*Hymn: O Canada

800

Prayer of Adoration and Confession *O God, who created us in love, create us anew in love as we worship you. O Jesus Christ, who redeemed this world in love, reclaim our hearts as we worship you, O Holy Spirit, who moves this world towards its God-appointed end, move within us as we worship you. As a community of believers, Holy One, we open ourselves to your restorative presence. We are surrounded by beauty, yet we often fail to wonder. We are symbols of hope, yet we often succumb to despair. We are blessed beyond measure, yet we often allow greed to shape our generosity. We are uncommonly free, yet we often bind ourselves to yesterday's failures. We are gifted and graced as a people of faith, yet we often fail to let our light shine. We are loved beyond measure, yet we often fail to pass on your love unconditionally. In these moments of shared silence, encourage us to lay down our burdens, release our fears, forgive our failures, reclaim our hopes, and align ourselves with your deep wisdom. Amen*

Assurance:

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

445

First Reading: *Genesis 1 (selected verses)*

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 148 *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and*

all rulers of the earth! *Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the Lord!*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: This is my Father's world **328**

Conversation: Covenanting with CY12

From the letters: *Colossians. 1: 15-20*

Gospel: *Matthew 6: 25-34*

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

*Hymn: Wordless, Ancient Earth's Foundations **714**

Sermon: **God keep our Land**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Selection:

*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: For the beauty of the earth **434**

*Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

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 is Davida Mackay. Our scripture reader for this morning is Barry Cahill. Our refreshment host today is Val MacDonald.

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

On July 8th after worship you are invited to an initial **Design Session** to explore the use of space in the sanctuary as the congregation proceeds with the Property Development proposal approved at the congregational meeting of June 10. Please come and contribute!"

St. Matthew's United Church, 12:15 – 1:00 pm Thursdays:

July 5: Ann Bradley - soprano; Shawn Whynot – organ/piano

July 12: Nicholas Higgs – baritone; Wayne Rogers, piano

July 19: Megan Jamieson – soprano; Lynette Wahlstrom, piano

July 26: Scottish Country Dancers.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ... **11** Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. **12** The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ... **20** And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." **21** So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. **22** God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." **23** And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. **24** And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. **25** God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that

creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. **26** Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." **27** So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. **28** God blessed them...

Colossian 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; **16** for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. **17** He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. **18** He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. **19** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, **20** and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Matthew 6: 25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? **26** Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **27** And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? **28** And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, **29** yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. **30** But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? **31** Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' **32** For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly

Father knows that you need all these things. **33** But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **34** "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.



Today we have the privilege of commissioning participants from this congregation to Canada Youth 2012. This is a national ministry event of The Presbyterian Church in



Canada. Hundreds of youth, young adults and youth leaders will travel to Brock University in St. Catharines for worship, education, discovery and recreation.

Presentation of the participant(s): Kathryn Blaikie, Cara Lappin, Katherine Campbell and Laura Blaikie

Leader: God has made this day for our growth and journey.

All: God's Spirit goes with us to give life.

Leader: We are the hands and feet of Jesus.

All: We carry God's love and forgiveness to others.

Leader: Christ walks with us in newness of life.

All: We journey together, blessed with confidence and joy.

Questions to the congregation

Leader: Do you affirm the importance of this event in the faith journey of this/these individuals? **All: We do.**

Leader: Do you promise to uphold Cara, Laura, Katherine and Kathryn in your prayers? **All: We do.**

Leader: Will you welcome them home after Canada Youth 2012 and allow them to share their journey and further develop their faith? **All: We will.**

Questions to the participants

Leader: Do you affirm that you are an important part of the Canada Youth 2012 community and that you will live according to the Community Life Guidelines of the event? **I do.**

Leader: Will you respond to the Holy Spirit traveling with and among you at this gathering of God's people? **I will.**

Leader: Will you honour and celebrate diversity with your fellow travelers in the Canada Youth 2012 community, and live by Christ's example? **I will.**

Leader: Will you return to this community of faith willing to share your journey, to further the ministry of this congregation? **I will.**

Leader: Will you listen for God's voice of guidance and look for the road God calls you to? **I will.**

Prayer of Commissioning:

Loving and gracious God; we praise you for every opportunity to serve you and to follow you. We celebrate your steadfast love and we rejoice in your faithfulness. We ask for your blessing upon Cara, Katherine, Laura and Kathryn whom you have called to participate in Canada Youth 2012.

As they go on this journey, may they be attentive to your voice, even as it comes from unexpected places and unlikely witnesses. May they be surrounded by your love that they and we may know the joy of the journey and the blessing of serving you.

Keep them safe and give them strength to enjoy their time together, as they travel, as they learn, as they play, and as they worship together. Bring them back to their home communities filled with a fire similar to the Emmaus disciples, so that they are able to share their experiences as they witness to your amazing love.

We pray that your Spirit would lead us, that we may become in all ways, your children. Meet us and these participants, in the midst of our earthly concerns, to point us towards the eternal, and to travel with us, showing the way. Surround us with the kind of love revealed by Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray today. Amen.



PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION CAPSULES: Sharing mission stories

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Louise Gamble as she works at Tam Kang High School in Taiwan. Besides teaching English, Louise has been busy transcribing, checking and proof-reading the original documents of the North Taiwan Mission (1868-1923). The documents will be published in two sections. The first, which is set for publication in June 2012, focuses on the life of George Leslie MacKay, a Canadian missionary, from 1868-1923. The second, which focuses on the establishment of the church in Taiwan, will be published in 2013. Pray for Louise as she continues this important ministry.

PRAYER *Canada Day* Praise God for the blessings of life and ministry within Canada on this 145th anniversary of confederation.

STEWARDSHIP They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. *1 Timothy 6:18-19*

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. For the younger members of the congregation, **activity kits** are available from the welcoming elder, as there is no church school over the summer months.

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