



# 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 June 03, 2012, 11 a.m.**

### TRINITY 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: Prelude: Elegy by Lind

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to worship: In the name of the Father, in the name of the Son, in the name of the Spirit Holy, Three in One: **God make us holy, Christ make us holy, Spirit make us holy, Three all-holy.**

\*Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

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Announcements

Prayer of Confession: *Count us not as nothing, O God, count us not as nothing, O Christ, count us not as nothing, O kind Spirit, nor abandon us to eternal loss. We confess our sins to you, Father, Son, and Spirit Holy. Compassionate God of life, your kindly pardon give: for our careless talk, our broken oath, our empty speech; for all that we have left undone, for all that we have done amiss. Jesus, only-begotten Son and Lamb of God the Father, you gave the blood of your body to save us from the grave. As we receive the Word and knowledge of your forgiveness, enshroud us, encircle us, each day, each night, each dark, each light. Uphold us, be our treasure, our triumph everlasting; strong Son of God most high.*

Assurance of Pardon:

#### We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 29** *Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor. The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!*

Gloria Patri (sung)

\*Hymn: Lead us 647  
 Conversation with the young people:  
 Sunday school leaves for classes  
 Welcome of new members  
 From the letters: *Romans 8:12-17*  
 Gospel: *John 3: 1-17*  
*One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ*  
 \*Hymn: Creator God 286  
 Sermon: **TRINITY - the fullness of God**

### The Celebration of the Sacrament

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Christ whose glory fills the sky by Daley



\*Doxology: *"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"* 830  
 Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed  
 Offertory Prayer  
 Invitation  
 Communion Hymn: O Holy Father, God most dear 529  
 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Please follow at 564) ending with  
 Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")  
 Celebration of the Sacrament  
 Prayer following Communion

### We Go Out to Serve God

\*Hymn: The church's one foundation 479  
 \*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: Delilaj by Saint-Saens

**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 Johannah Roberts. Our hosts for refreshments today are Sally and Mac Fyfe .

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

We welcome as new members of St. David's four longtime friends of the congregation – Sally Fyfe, Dorothy Jackson, E. Arthur Melvin and Elsie MacKay.

<b>THIS WEEK - (June 03-10)</b>	
<b>Today</b>	Last Sunday School: 11:15 am.
<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes
<b>Thursday</b>	1:30 pm St. Vincent's Communion
	7:30 pm Choir Practice
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 am – 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)
<b>Sunday</b>	10:00 am Circle of Prayer.
	11:00 am Traditional service

The Mission and Outreach Committee have started their **penny drive**. Bring them all and see what a difference a penny can make! The **luncheon** next week is put on by the Mission and Outreach Committee in support of the next Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings taking place in Saskatoon – our gift in support of Rev. Stewart Folster and the Saskatoon Native Circle

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 Talgieh, 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 7<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

Today is the last day for Sunday School classes until the Fall. Thank you to all the teachers, pupils and parents who have made the 2011/2012 Sunday School a success. Please bring the family each Sunday during the summer, when things are a bit more informal. Summer is a good time to get the children used to services in the Sanctuary.

On Sunday June 10 the Honourable Bill Blaikie (who is a United Church minister, a former dean of the House of Commons, and one of Canada's most highly-regarded parliamentarians) and the internationally-celebrated biblical scholar Ched Myers will be at St. Andrew's United Church for a book signing. Bill will read an excerpt from his new book ***The Blaikie Report: an Insider's Look at Faith and Politics***, and Ched will read from one of his recent books. The signing will take place in the church hall from 12 – 2pm.

**HRM GRANDMOTHERS 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL WALK -STRIDE TO TURN THE TIDE** - today at 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Victoria Park, Spring Garden Road. Registration (\$5.00) 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.

**Isaiah 6:1-8** In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the

King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

**Romans 8:12-17** So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**John 3:1-17** Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Healing and Reconciliation prayer (Written by Mr. John Constant. John represented The Presbyterian Church in Canada at the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Northern national event in Inuvik (June 2011) and is studying at the Vancouver School of Theology.)

Our Lord and Heavenly Father, hear our prayers. In ancient times, our ancestors believed in the Creator, all powerful, all knowing. You provided all sacred teaching: how to survive harsh elements; the Four Directions; to be thankful for the bounty of the earth; praying by using sacred herbs and plants, giving strength, affirming our spiritual gifts, the circle of life, and healing. We pray for our children, young adults, parents and families who are suffering with addictions from deadly drugs and from underage alcoholism. Guide us as we guide younger generations in our directions, in learning to pray, in finding God's love. Guide us as we re-teach the Elders' tradition and culture, using this knowledge for inter-generational healing and reconciliation. We pray for the healing of minds, hearts, and brokenness. Remind those who feel they are at a dead end in life, that their life has meaning and purpose. Allow our young people to flourish: to fully develop their gifts; to raise families; to become community leaders and healthy role models. Help them to reclaim their identity, and find peace. We face the East, the dawn, and give thanks for life, water, spirit and light, and the ability to witness the beauty of creation, and to walk through the world with peace and honour. Help us to love one another. We ask for your gifts of hope, encouragement and forgiveness for families struggling with brokenness. Give us faith to believe in your healing power. We pray, Lord, that you will hear and answer our prayers. Guide us, Holy Spirit, through our healing journeys. Grant us peace. Inspire our choices to reflect your love. Fill us with the knowledge that we are loved and protected by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

## PASTORAL CARE



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

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**MISSION CAPSULES: CANADA:** Strengthening families through play The Stonegate neighbourhood in Etobicoke, Ontario is comprised of a number of low-rise apartment buildings. Over half of the children in this community come from low-income families. Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help Stonegate Community Ecumenical Ministry reach out to build a stronger, kinder and more just community. Their popular initiative "Lasting Family Connections" strengthens and supports the development of healthy and lasting relationships between parents and their children. Play therapy workshops let families have fun, meet new people, and learn new ways of interacting – creating healthy bonds that will last throughout a lifetime! Let us pray for Stonegate Ministry as it works to strengthen families.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** *Trinity Sunday/General Assembly*  
*Sunday* Pray for those gathered for the 138<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in Oshawa, ON, that they will discern the will of God for our denomination. Pray for resource people as they meet and speak with commissioners.

**STEWARDSHIP** The stewardship spark is ignited when we know we hold a trust that was never entirely ours, and that this trust will be passed to others when we are finished.

*Mark L. Vincent, Speaking About Money*

**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.**