

WELCOME TO...

The Presbyterian Church of Saint David  
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# A JOURNEY TO MY PROPHETS



**Prophets of God**  
MOSES - all prophets!

The real question before us in this series is – “what voices do you listen to?” Part of the calling of all those who are in Christ is to be a prophetic voice in the world today. Is the ‘final word’ actually that we are all to be prophets?

**Gathering:** *You prophets, called to make known God's word  
Proclaiming justice, convicting sin*

*Displaying fruits of God's love and grace*

*Comfort, comfort my people, says our God*

**And the glory of the Lord will be revealed**

*You prophets, called to forth tell God's word*

*Unfolding a vision of God's eternity*

*Making straight a highway to walk along*

*Comfort, comfort my people, says our God*

**And the glory of the Lord will be revealed**

Hymn: Filled with the Spirit's power

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Prayer of Confession: from Daniel 9:4ff. *I prayed to the Lord my God and made confession, saying, "Ah, Lord, great and awesome God, keeping covenant and steadfast love with those who love you and keep your commandments, 5 we have sinned and done wrong, acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and ordinances. 6 We have not listened to your servants the prophets, who spoke in your name to our kings, our princes, and our ancestors, and to all the people of the land. 7 "Righteousness is on your side, O Lord, but open shame, as at this day, falls on us, the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and all Israel, those who are near and those who are far away, in all the lands to which you have driven them, because of the treachery that they have committed against you. 8 Open shame, O Lord, falls on us, our kings, our officials, and our ancestors, because we have sinned against you. 9 To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him, 10 and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by following his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets.*

**18 Incline your ear, O my God, and hear. Open your eyes and look at our desolation and the city that bears your name. We do not present our supplication before you on the ground of our righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercies. 19 O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, listen and act and do not delay! For your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people bear your name!"**

**Words for reflection: Numbers 11 26** Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. 27 And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." 28 And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" 29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" 30 And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

**Acts 2: 16** No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17 "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. 18 Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 19 And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20 The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 21 Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Prayer:

**You send us prophets and truth speakers to open our eyes and ears. You have called us to be a new community in Christ capable of proclaiming your will and way to the world. Only the Spirit's power can fit us for this hour, come, Holy Spirit, come! Unite, instruct, inspire and fill us with your fire.**

Hymn: Let every Christian pray (vs. 1-2) 283

A brief message: **A Journey to my prophets**

**MOSES - who are the prophets?**

Hymn: O Spirit come (vs. 3) 283

**Celebrating the sacrament:**

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *The Lord be with you. And also with you.*

*Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. Glorify the Lord with me. Let us together praise His name. We celebrate the Spirit of God, Who hovered over creation and brought order out of formlessness. We praise You, Spirit of God. We celebrate the Spirit of God, Who filled Jesus with power and wisdom and, through Him, made the life of God available to all. We praise You, Spirit of God. We celebrate the Spirit of God, Who has been poured out on all people, and leads us into the Kingdom of God. We praise You, Spirit of God. And so, as we gather at the Lord's table, we recognise the Spirit's Presence among us, and we open our hearts to the Spirit's influence. (Silence) Gracious God, we come knowing that we depend on you for life and truth and love. We come knowing that you welcome us with open and accepting arms. We come ready to meet with you, and be changed by the encounter. By your word and Spirit, O God, sanctify these your own gifts of bread and wine, that the bread which we break may be to us communion in the body of Christ, and the cup of blessing which we bless may be communion in the blood of Christ Come, holy Spirit, come.*

Hymn: Let us talents and tongues employ (vs. 1-2) 563

**Communion**

Hymn: Let us talents and tongues employ (vs. 3) 563

Prayer following communion:

Hymn: May the God of hope 726

In addition to designating specific people as prophets, the New Testament portrays the church as a prophetic voice to the world. When Paul says he would like to see all the Corinthians prophesy, he echoes Moses' wish that all God's people be prophets.