



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 10, 2012, 11 a.m.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**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:

Choose this day who you will serve. As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord. (from Joshua)

*Hymn: Set thou thy trust

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Prayer of Confession: *Let us ask to be forgiven for the times when we have chosen badly, opting for the easy way of habit and social convention, rather than the higher and harder ways of Jesus. Let us confess that sometimes our choices have been made from rank selfishness, with scant concern for those around us, even for those who love us dearly. Let us ask to be forgiven for putting off decisions, for dithering and avoiding choice until opportunity has gone by. Let us confess that we have at times made outwardly good decisions for the wrong reasons, driven by selfish motives. Holy God, Saviour and Friend, we thank you that long before we face up to ourselves and frame our confessions, your mercy in Jesus is here waiting for us. We rest our mortal lives in your immortal Life, allowing your grace, mercy and peace to cleanse, refresh and straighten us. Breathe into our humanity, loving God, that we may fully live*

Assurance:

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes"

(sung unannounced)

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First Reading:

Proverbs 2:1-10

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: (Psalm 37: 1-13) *Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security. Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices. Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath. Do not fret—it leads only to evil. For the wicked shall be cut off, but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land. Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look diligently for their place,*

they will not be there. *But the meek shall inherit the land, and delight themselves in abundant prosperity. The wicked plot against the righteous, and gnash their teeth at them; but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he sees that their day is coming.* Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Lord, speak to me 767

Conversation: Presentation by Mission and Outreach
Tomorrow marks the 4th anniversary of the Canadian Government's apology to Aboriginal People. We pause to remember how important it is to say 'I'm sorry' when people are hurt

From the letters: *James 1: 2-8*

Gospel: *Luke 6: 12-16*

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

*Hymn: How blest are the ones 493

Sermon: **TIME TO DECIDE!**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

*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: When voices are confusing 636

*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:

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 Anne Sommerville. Our scripture reader for this morning is Jack Stewart.

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

THIS WEEK - (June 10-17)

Today **Mission and Outreach luncheon in support of the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. Please give generously!**

Congregational Meeting

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes

Wednesday **7 pm Session**

Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)

Sunday 10:00 am Circle of Prayer.

11:00 am Morning worshipo

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

Today the Honourable Bill Blaikie 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.

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

Thank You I want to express my thanks to the Session and congregation of Saint David's for the thoughtfulness extended to me on my retirement from Sunday School. The lovely plaque is in a conspicuous place on my wall, and the gift card is also much appreciated. Special thanks to Graeme Hicks for being such a faithful colleague all these years, and to all the pupils and teachers of Saint David's Sunday School. You have made every moment of my participation a time of joy and fulfillment. John Wamboldt

Proverbs 2: **1** My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you, **2** making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; **3** if you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding; **4** if you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures— **5** then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God. **6** For the Lord gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; **7** he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly, **8** guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of his faithful ones. **9** Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; **10** for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;

James 1:1: My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, **3** because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; **4** and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. **5** If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. **6** But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind; **7** **8** for the doubter, being double-minded and unstable in every way, must not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

Luke 6: **12** Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. **13** And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: **14** Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, **15** and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, **16** and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Written by the Rev. Katherine McCloskey. Katherine is the Chaplain for Evangel Hall Mission and a member of the Healing and Reconciliation Advisory Committee. "Creator God, source of all love, we come to you this morning in awe-filled expectation. ... Our hearts are troubled and distressed by these things. We long to restore what has been lost, but we know we can never change the past. We join our hearts in prayer, and commit ourselves in spirit and action, to walk with Aboriginal people, to be a part of a healing journey, and work for reconciliation between peoples and with God.

We pray for the grace to serve your mission in humility, love, and faith.

We pray for communities built on the need to be forgiven, and on the need to forgive. We pray for communities where we can walk together as sister and rooted and grounded in your love and peace. Amen.

PASTORAL CARE



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

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MISSION CAPSULES: UKRAINE: Mission outreach is not limited by geography Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Dr. David Pándy-Szekeres as he serves with the Reformed Church of Sub-Carpathian Ukraine, a church of ethnic Hungarians living in Ukraine. David and his family are currently in Canada for a year's furlough. David shares, "Mission outreach is not limited by geography, as I have come to learn since being back in Canada. In cooperation with Hungarian pastors in Toronto, I have joined the first stirrings of mission outreach to Hungarian-speaking Roma/Gypsy refugees who have come to Toronto during the last two years." Let us pray for David and his family as they prepare to return to Ukraine.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Pray for commissioners as they return home and share General Assembly news with their presbyteries and congregations.*

STEWARDSHIP People would not be lovers of money unless they thought that their excellence depended on their wealth.
St. Augustine

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.**