



# The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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**Organist:** Tristan Cleveland-  
Thompson

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## WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day September 16, 2012  
16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*\*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 star of the county down

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship:

\*Hymn: God's glory fills the heavens

Prayer of Adoration and confession

Assurance of Pardon:

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## We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (*sung unannounced*)

445

First Reading: **Proverbs 1:20-33**

*One: The Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 19 *The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.*

Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. *But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.* Gloria Patri (*sung*)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus 375  
Conversation: *Find out who I am!*  
From the letters: **James 3:1-12**  
Gospel: **Mark 8:27-38**  
*One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ*  
Hymn: There is a Redeemer 358  
Sermon: **Who is Jesus for you?**

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
Anthem: **The Road Home by Stephen Paulus**  
\*Doxology: *"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"* 830  
Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (inside back cover of the Book of Praise)  
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: All hail the power of Jesus' name 363  
Benediction  
\*Choral Amen:  
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 Greeters this morning are the Sommerville Family. Our scripture reader for this morning is Marie Wamboldt. Our refreshment host is Nancy Tindall.

The Session is called to meet on Wednesday, September 26 at 7 pm.  
All elders and church leaders are encouraged to attend the Presbytery-sponsored training event at Calvin on Wednesday, September 19, at 7 pm with Rev. Ruth Houtby, Synod Consultant.

*The Program Committee of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces is hosting a lecture series, "Imagine" with presenter, John Bell of the Iona Community on September 28-30th - Volunteers will be needed for the event – please talk with Kenn.*

Exercise class begins this week.

Sunday School begins on October 7 – World Communion Sunday.

Deadline for newsletter: Sept. 21. Please submit any contributions to Carol Dobson at [cjdobsonpei@yahoo.ca](mailto:cjdobsonpei@yahoo.ca)

9 a.m. **Early Morning Service** resumes on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**PRESBYTERIANS SHARING...** Donations received up to August 31, 2012: \$16,309 (63% of our goal of \$26,000)

Acadia Divinity College's Metro extension program has several courses this fall. To register, call Acadia Divinity College at 1-866-875-8975. For more information, contact the director of ADC in Metro at [leslie.mccurdy@acadiau.ca](mailto:leslie.mccurdy@acadiau.ca).

Regal Road Baptist Church is holding an Alpha Course, Sunday night Sept 16 for 7 weeks. We begin at 6pm and close at 8.

**Note on the sermon** this morning: If you'd like a deeper reflection on Borg's understand of who Jesus is, please go to [www.explorefaith.org/faith/explore\\_the\\_bible/shortcut\\_of\\_the\\_gospel\\_of\\_mark.php](http://www.explorefaith.org/faith/explore_the_bible/shortcut_of_the_gospel_of_mark.php)

**Proverbs 1:20-33**

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

**James 3:1-12**

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and

Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

**Mark 8:27-38**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."



## PASTORAL CARE

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

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**MISSION CAPSULES: MALAWI:** Supporting vulnerable populations Debbie Burns is now serving the Blantyre Synod Health and Development Commission (BSHDC) as Technical Assistant for the Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children program (OVC) in Malawi. BSHDC has five main program areas: Livelihoods; Health and HIV/AIDS; OVC; Gender; and Governance. The OVC program serves children and families in many ways, providing child care, psychosocial and educational support and vocational training. It also offers various training and development initiatives for community members. Debbie is very grateful for the work she is able to do and the support she receives through *Presbyterians Sharing*.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Pray for chaplaincies at universities across Canada as they welcome new students and provide a ministry of friendship in Jesus' name.

**STEWARDSHIP** I do nothing but go about persuading you all, old and young alike, not to take thought for your persons or your properties, but first and chiefly to care about the greatest improvement of the soul. I tell you that virtue does not come from money, but that from virtue comes money and every other good of man, public as well as private.

*Plato, philosopher*

**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.



! Breastfeed.

**The 3 R's at Saint David's** - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

**This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.**