



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 November 25, 2012

Christ the King Sunday – last Sunday in the church year

**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 in D by Bedard

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship:

*Hymn: People clap your hands

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Prayer of Adoration and confession: *Lord God, you who are Creator of the Universe and the Power behind all powers, we gather today as your people to praise you and to hear your word and to pray that your truth might guide us in our every action and thought. Help us come from our scattered lives to focus on your eternal reality. Assure us once more of your divine control over all things and help us to surrender ourselves completely into your loving care and to follow your path in holy obedience and joy. (we continue in prayer)*

Pardon:

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: **2 Samuel 23:1-7**

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 132:1-12 **O LORD, remember in David's favour all the hardships he endured; how he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob, "I will not enter my house or get into my bed; I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids, until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob." We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.**

"Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool." Rise up, O LORD, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might. Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy. For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed one. The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne. If your sons keep my covenant and

**my decrees that I shall teach them, their sons also,
forevermore, shall sit on your throne."** Gloria Patri (*sung*)

*Hymn: King of Kings 266

Conversation:

From the letters: **Revelation 1:4b-8**

Gospel: **John 18:33-37**

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

Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King 267

Sermon: **The Reign of CHRIST**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: "If ye Love Me" Thomas Tallis

*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: Crown him with many crowns 274

*Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

Postlude: Improvisation on Jesus Christ the Apple Tree

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

St. Andrew's Dartmouth: Annual service to mark St. Andrew's

Day: today at 7:00 p.m. Preacher: Rev. H. Kenn Stright

A Ceilidh with haggis after the service.

There is a **decorating party** on Nov. 28 at 7 am. - a big thank
you to all who have volunteered.... Please feel free to join us!

A time called ... REIGN of CHRIST SUNDAY

*What pops into your mind when you hear the word
"royalty"? For Christians, royalty has a different meaning. The
Sovereign Christ let go of power and pageantry and redefined royalty
in weakness and humility. Therefore, God gave him the highest honour
and set him to reign over all creation.*

Historical Roots of the Reign of Christ Sunday

This celebration is a relatively recent one, which was established in the
Roman Catholic Church in 1925. Today, we celebrate it on the last
Sunday after Pentecost, and it is a fitting crown to the church year. It is
especially helpful to Presbyterians, who emphasize that Christ is the
only King and Head of the Church, the one who both interprets and
rules history.

Finding Meaning in the Tradition

The Sunday that completes the church year cycle centres on Christ as
both the *Alpha* and *Omega*, the beginning and the end (*Revelations*
22:13). The Reign of Christ over all things is affirmed, a reign both
just and compassionate. To trust in a Sovereign Christ is to look for
signs of his reign in everything in our lives, the big and the small. We
learn again and again that our times are in his hands. But we also look
to the future and his coming glory, which turns our attention towards
the hope of Advent. Earthly rulers rise and fall, but Christ's Kingdom
has citizens in every era and every land.

Questions for Personal Meditation

- ☐ What helps me see that Jesus Christ is Sovereign?
- ☐ What makes it difficult for me to see the Reign of Christ?
 - ☐ In what ways can I show the importance of the Reign of Christ to others?

FAIR TRADE AND BAKE SALE Including deli food,
jewellery, crafts and scarves at St. Andrew's United, Sunday Nov.
25. All welcome 12 noon after morning worship.

The Christmas Chowder Luncheon takes place on **Saturday,
December 1 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Price will be \$10 for
chowder tea and sweets, \$5.00 for tea and sweets only.**

For those who are planning to bring an offering for the **BAKE TABLE**. Please deliver to the church by 10am Dec. 1. Please help the workers by doing the following. Put your name on the item--we will remove this before sale. You know how much the ingredients cost, so if you could put a price that you feel is fair, that would be a great help. Also please indicate if there are NUTS in the items. Please deliver to the church by 10am Dec. 1. Thanks so much for your help in this great Christmas event.

Everyone is welcome to work, contribute or simply attend. The bake table welcomes baked goods, jams and jellies, preserves, candy, meat pies, soups etc. Please keep this in mind when you are planning your fall cooking. The gift table requires new personal and household items. Gift certificates, artwork, dishes, other items of a unique nature would be suitable for the silent auction. We know we can all pull together to achieve the success we have always enjoyed!

Each Christmas we try to think of different ways to remember our friends at **David's Place**. Items like travel size toiletries: shampoo, soap, shaving cream, razors, deodorants, combs, Kleenex, lozenges, are always in demand and we give these out each month. Socks, gloves, hats and underwear are always welcome as well as panty hose or tights. At Christmas we all look forward to chocolate and other sweets. We set up an area where they can choose what they would like or perhaps they want to get a gift for someone close to them. For the first time last year we gave personal Christmas cards to each one, with a \$15 grocery certificate. Having a little extra at this time of year meant a lot to our guests. The VON staff have always been very generous and their gifts have started to arrive. We'd like to invite members of the congregation to help us to make this Christmas special for our friends who come to David's Place each week.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY SERIES starts Dec. 2

Let's mix bible study with an exploration of the Young Adults in Mission Workcamp in Trinidad this past summer!

You will get to study four amazing topics while learning about this mission effort that has 13 denominations work together in the Caribbean and North America. Six more topics await you in Lent! You may want to bring a light lunch to nibble on!

Study 1 Psalm 150 Glorify and Enjoy!

Study 2 David – the Singer and the Song

Study 3 What Instrument do you play?

Study 4 Can you sing? What gifts have you been given?

THIS WEEK - (November 25- December 2)

Today	9:00 am	Early service with communion:
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service. Sunday School at 11:15.
Tuesday&Thursday	9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes	
Wednesday	7:00 pm	decorating party!
Thursday	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
Friday	10:00 am	1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)
Saturday	12 Noon	Chowder luncheon
Sunday	9:00 am	Early service with communion:
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional Service
	12:30 pm	Advent Bible Study in the Parlour

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favourite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses

an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Revelation 1:4b-8

1:4b Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION CAPSULES: MISSION TRIP: Malawi

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help connect people in Canada with long-term mission partners. In April 2012, eleven Canadians travelled to Malawi to learn about the mission and ministry being done by The Presbyterian Church in Canada in partnership with the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian. The group visited several programs run by the Blantyre Synod Health and Development Commission (BSHDC), which receives support from Presbyterian World Service and Development. Trip participant Colin Carmichael shares, "It was clear to us that the BSHDC staff and volunteers bring hope to the people they touch every single day. They are God's grace living and working among His people."

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Women and children are especially vulnerable to violence in Canada and in areas of conflict around the world. Pray for peace and security for all people.

STEWARDSHIP Quality of living is not the same as standard of living. *Vicki Robin, author*

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.**

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 Greeter this morning is Don Knox. Our scripture reader for this morning is Lois Yorke.