



# The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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Halifax, N.S. (by Memorial Library)

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**Organist:** Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

**Clerk of Session:** Murray Alary



## WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day December 09, 2012

The second Sunday in the season of Advent

*\*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: *The God of peace is with us on our Advent journey to the stable and beyond, God is with us in our meeting and in our travelling together, God is with us in our worship and our praying together, God is with us on our Advent journey to the stable and beyond, our God of peace.*

\*Hymn: Comfort, comfort you my people 113

Gathering prayer: *This is Advent, season of promise. In our worship we prepare for the birth of a baby in a dusty stable in Bethlehem, and remind ourselves that this child will become the Prince of Peace who will return again in power and glory to draw us together with songs of everlasting praise.*

**God of peace and promise, be with us throughout this Advent season and draw us ever closer as we journey together toward the stable and the birth of your Son, our Saviour. Amen**

Advent Wreath:                      The Candle of Peace                      Shelley

## We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced) 445

First Reading: **Malachi 3: 1-4**

One: *The Word of the Lord.*                      All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: **Luke 1:68-79** *"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them. He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in*

**darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."**

Gloria Patri (*sung*)

\*Hymn: People in darkness **124**

Conversation: *Sound the trumpet!*

From the letters: **Philippians 1:3-11**

Gospel: **Luke 3: 1-6**

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

\*Hymn: Be still my soul **749**

Sermon: **All I want for Christmas is... PEACE**

### **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 (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: Hark the glad sound the saviour comes **118**

\*Benediction:

\*Choral Amen:

Postlude:

**Worship is now ended let our service begin!**

**THANK YOU** there is an amazing amount of planning and then work in preparing for the fish chowder and tea and bazaar... so many people who need to be thanked for planning, working, contributing and supporting this effort!

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. 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.

This evening at 7:30 the **Tupper Band** will present their annual Christmas Concert and Carol Sing. This is always a highlight of our Christmas season. Admission is by donation which comes to Saint David's and tax receipts are available.

Wednesday Evening at 8:15 pm December 12, 2012 at First Sackville Presbyterian there will be a presentation of recitations and music titled, **"The Twelve Gifts of Christmas"** created by Roy White. Offering non-perishable food item or cash for the Beacon House Food Bank in Sackville.

Next Sunday is **White Gift Sunday**. This is an annual project of the Church School and the children will receive their envelopes today. However, in recent years the congregation has contributed as well. When combined with the children's weekly mission offering, enough has been raised to allow the church school to make donation to 4 charities: Camp Geddie, Out of the Cold Shelter, Feed Nova Scotia, and the Parents Resource Centre Hot Lunch Program. We invite the congregation to join the Church School and make a White Gift next Sunday.

### **ADVENT BIBLE STUDY**

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 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 - (December 9 – December 16)**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Early service with communion:
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service. Sunday School at 11:15
		Today is <b>food bank</b> Sunday
	12:30	Bible study
		Mission and outreach Committee
	7:30	Tupper Band Christmas Concert
<b>Tuesday&amp;Thursday</b>	9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes	
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 am - 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)	
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Early service with communion:
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Christmas Communion service
		White Gift Sunday
	12:30 pm	Advent Bible Study in the Study

#### **Volunteers needed!**

Christmas is around the corner and Christmas Eve has a part and a place for you! Readers are needed for the 4 pm service – two for a dramatic reading and two to do the candlelight liturgy.

The 7 pm service need volunteers for prayers, Christ-candle liturgy, scripture readings and poetry. Please see Kenn immediately and say 'yes' to this opportunity to share in the Christmas celebration!

**Malachi 3:1-4** See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who

can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

**Philippians 1:3-11** I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**Luke 3:1-6** In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"



## PASTORAL CARE

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

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### **MISSION MOMENTS: Equipping Presbyterian youth**

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help support Canada Youth. The Presbyterian Church in Canada's national youth conference nurtures faith, equips youth and adults for effective and faithful leadership, and offers excellent Christian education and service opportunities. This energy-packed gathering of youth, young adults and youth leaders builds Christian community as it provides opportunities for young people to experience Christ in dynamic and focused ways. Nancy Law, an adult advisor at the 2012 conference, reflects "It is astounding that so many youth anxiously awaited worship with the level of anticipation they would normally reserve for their favourite band. How awesome is that! Coming from a small church, the experience of worshipping with 500 people was wonderful."

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Pray that the Presbyterian Church in Canada's *Gifts of Change* catalogue will be widely used by congregations and individuals to promote more meaningful gift-giving this Christmas..

**STEWARDSHIP** Within ourselves there exists the possibility and even the necessity of experiencing and serving something unimaginably great and inconceivably real. *Jacob Needleman, Money and the Meaning of Life*

**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 Colin MacPherson. Our scripture reader for this morning is Shelley Parsons-MacDonald. Refreshment hosts Dorothy Jackson.