

The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax, N.S. (by Memorial Library)

Minister: Kenn Stright

Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

Clerk of Session: Murray Alary



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

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day, February 17, 2013 LENT 1

*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: And as for me, this is my covenant with them, says the Lord: my spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouths of your children, or out of the mouths of your children, says the Lord, from now on and forever.

*Lenten Liturgy (see insert)

*Hymn: On Eagle's Wings

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Prayer of Confession: For each step that we might take Be our guide, O Lord of life. For each load that we might bear Be our strength, O Lord of life. For each mountain we might face. Be our power, O Lord of life. For each river that might impede. Be our safety, O Lord of life. For each place where we might rest. Be our peace, O Lord of life. For each sunrise and sunset. Be our joy, O Lord of life. Take us safely to the journey's end. With Christ our power and pilot. (prayer from John Birch)

Assurance of Pardon: "...if you confess with your lips that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." These words contain the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 91: 1-2; 9-16** You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the LORD, "**My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust.**" Because you have made the LORD your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent. **For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all**

your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot. Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name. When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them. With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: I am the church

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Conversation with the young people:

(Young people leave for Sunday School)

From the letters: Romans 10:8b-13

Gospel: Luke 4: 1-13

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

*Hymn: I am not ashamed 393

Sermon: CLANS OF THE COVENANT

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" (unannounced) 449

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Lord Jesus who through forty days <u>200</u>

*Benediction:

*Choral Amen: Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin! Flowers in the sanctuary today are to the glory of God and in respectful memory of James McGregor Stewart CBE, QC, an adherent of Saint David's, who died 11 February 1955. Placed by Barry Cahill.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday March 3, 2013 following the morning service. The Annual Men's Soup Contest will take place in conjunction with the Annual Congregational Meeting on March 3. While many of the gentlemen will be supplying the soups, we invite members of the congregation to supplement them with sandwiches and sweets. Please let Val know at 455-1893 what you will be bringing, so that we can be fully prepared to enjoy a tasty time of fellowship.

The Lenten Bible study is immediately after church today and will be quite brief. We begin by exploring what spirituals gifts are and which gifts we have.

Lenten Chowder Luncheons: Helpers are needed on Tuesday mornings (in the kitchen) and Wednesdays at any time (in the hall and kitchen). All who can help are asked to give your name and interest to Don Knox (423-2067) or Colin MacPherson (434-1674). Can you bake gingerbread? (recipe in the hall) Can you spare a pound of butter? Can you provide bake goods or jams for the bake/craft table? Help provided in any of these ways will be invaluable to the success of the enterprise.

THIS WEEK - (February 17-24)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service
		Sunday School at 11:15
		Lenten Study
Tues&T	Thurs 9:30	Exercise class
Tuesday	y 4:30 pm	Property Development
Wednesday Noon Lenten luncheon		
Thursda	ay 7:30	Choir practice
Friday	10:00 am -	1:00 pm David's Place (Hall).
Sunday	9:00 am	Early communion service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday School		
	12:30 am	Lenten Study

The Halifax Chapter of the Women's Interchurch Council of Canada will hold their 2013 World Day of Prayer Service at 2:00pm on Friday, March 1, 2013 at the Bayers Road Baptist Church , 7077 Bayers Road , Halifax (additional parking available across the street at Calvin Presbyterian Church, 3311 Ashburn Avenue). An evening service will be held at 7:00pm at Knox Presbyterian Church, 5406 Roome Street , Halifax

HYMN-FEST 2013 Sunday, March 3rd, 7:30 p.m. St. Matthew's United Church with narrations by Rev. Margaret Sagar. Singing led by members of the Halifax Centre, Royal Canadian College of Organists. Freewill offering **Deuteronomy 26:1-11** When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Romans 10:8b-13 "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and

believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Luke 4:1-13 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone." Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone." Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test." When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

PASTORAL CARE



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

Kenn Stright office: 423-2660 home: 477-2870 Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893



MISSION MOMENTS: It is well below freezing in downtown Saskatoon, but the people at Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry (SNCM) are enjoying warmth and companionship. It's Friday, so there is a hot meal as well as the usual sandwiches. Coffee cups warm cold hands. A few people have come in to sleep, having spent the night walking the streets to keep from freezing. Besides its food program, SNCM offers healing circles, a Sunday worship service, and a tutoring program. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing are helping to share God's love, forgiveness, peace and joy with vulnerable people in inner city Saskatoon.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Heritage Sunday* Pray that we will be faithful to the rich heritage that is ours.

STEWARDSHIP And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. 2 *Corinthians* 9:8

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 Barbara MacKeigan. Our scripture reader for this morning is Lisa Glennie. Refreshment Hosts are David and Margaret Craig.