



*The Presbyterian Church of*  
*Saint David*

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers,  
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**Organist:** Tristan Cleveland-Thompson  
**Clerk of Session:** Murray Alary



**LENTEN JOURNEY**

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

**WELCOME!**

Service for the Lord's Day, February 24, 2013 LENT 2

*\*All who are able are asked to stand.*

**DISCIPLES**

Hurting, they came to him  
Healed the followed him  
Grateful they gave to him what they had and what they  
were. Blessed, they became a blessing and went out to all  
the world in his name. (Ann Weems)

**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's children, says the Lord, from now on and forever.*

\*Lenten Liturgy (see insert)

\*Hymn: To Abraham and Sarah

**478**

Prayer of Confession: *We come before our God, who is full of compassion, to ask forgiveness and mercy. (Silence) When, in our excesses, we consume more than our share while others go with basic needs unmet: **Forgive us, merciful God.** When we are blinded by our affluence and fail to reach out in care and concern: **Forgive us, merciful God.** When we are overwhelmed by desires to acquire and consume more than we need: **Forgive us, merciful God.** When possessions cloud our view of you and your gracious love: **Forgive us, merciful God.** (from: Lenten Prayer Service: The Spirit of Almsgiving)*

Assurance of Pardon: *Blessed are those whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; **blessed is the one against whom the Lord will not reckon sin.***

**We Hear God's Word**

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

**445**

First Reading: **Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18**

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 27** *The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh-- my adversaries and foes-- they shall stumble and fall. Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident. One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation! If my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will take me up. Teach me your way, O LORD, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies. Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!*

Gloria Patri (*sung*)

\*Hymn: Softly and Tenderly **640**

Conversation with the young people:  
(Young people leave for Sunday School)

From the letters: **Philippians 3:17-4:1**

Gospel: **Luke 13: 31-35**

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

\*Hymn: The God of Abraham praise **331**

Sermon: **CLAIMING A 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: Now quit your care **191**

\*Benediction:

\*Choral Amen:

Postlude:

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

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 continues after church today at 12:30. We continuing exploring what spirituals gifts are and which gifts we have.**

**Lenten Chowder Luncheons:** There is lots of chowder left over (frozen) for purchase. Please see Don Knox! \$6.00

Please set aside March 13, 7 pm, to take part in a **Presbytery-led visioning** exploring our past and our hopes for the future.

THIS WEEK - (February 24-March 3)		
<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service
		Sunday School at 11:15
	12:30	Lenten Study
<b>Tues&amp;Thurs</b>	9:30	Exercise class
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Lenten luncheon
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30	Choir practice
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	David's Place (Hall).
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Early communion service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Third Sunday in Lent
		Sunday School
	12:30 pm	Soup contest
	12:45 pm	Annual Congregational Meeting

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. An evening service will be held at 7:00pm at Knox Presbyterian Church, 5406 Roome Street. **HYMN-FEST** 2013 Sunday, March 3rd, 7:30 p.m. St. Matthew's United Church. See bulletin board for details.

#### Total Offerings

Giving Goal for January:	\$12,912
Amount given in January:	\$10,207
Thank you for your generosity. The money you give helps Saint David's move on into 2013.	
Make a point of attending the Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday March 3rd. Discover what your church will be doing in 2013	

#### Presbyterians Sharing

Giving Goal for 2013:	\$26,000
Giving Goal for January:	\$2,167
Amount given in January:	\$4,211

**Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18** After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep

fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates...."

**Philippians 3:17-4:1** Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.



**Luke 13:31-35** At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"



## PASTORAL CARE

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

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**MISSION MOMENTS: Stand With Us: Social Justice** All too frequently basic rights and freedoms are denied to women, children and other marginalized people around the world. Presbyterian World Service & Development is responding to these injustices by educating women and children about their basic human rights and working with local partners and government agencies to defend them. In addition, through PWS&D's support of KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, of which PWS&D is a founding member, you can help protect the rights of workers, eradicate child labour and sexual exploitation, empower women, and inspire positive change globally.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Pray for all Christians and people of other faiths, for peaceful and respectful co-existence, and for an understanding of a changing world.



**STEWARDSHIP** A check book is a theological document; it will tell you who and what you worship.

**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 Murray Alary. Refreshment Hosts are Colin and Sandra MacPherson