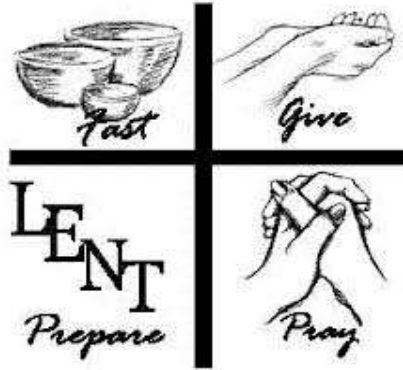




The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David

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

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day, March 03, 2013 LENT 3
 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**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: In Memoriam - Jeff Enns

*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: You thirsty ones

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Prayer of Confession: *In all our travelling **May your footsteps guide us.** In our journeying to work and returning **May your footsteps guide us.** Within our homes and families **May your footsteps guide us.** In our leisure time together **May your footsteps guide us.** In difficult situations and conflict: **May your footsteps guide us.** As we stumble on the way **May your footsteps guide us.** In the travelling of our faith **May your footsteps guide us.** As we place our trust in you **May your footsteps guide us.** In all our travelling. Lord, may it be your footsteps in which we place our feet.*

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)

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First Reading: **Isaiah 55: 1-9**

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 63:1-8** *O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; **my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.** So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. **Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.** So I will bless you as long as I live; I*

will lift up my hands and call on your name. My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night; for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy. My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.

Gloria Patri (*sung*)

*Hymn: All the way my Saviour leads me **699**

Conversation with the young people: **Making a Promise**
(Young people leave for Sunday School)

From the letters: **1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

Gospel: **Luke 13: 1-9**

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

*Hymn: Come let us sing to the Lord our God **412**

Sermon: **The Promise of the COVENANT**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: The Crown of Roses - Tchaikovsky

*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: Amazing Grace **670**

*Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

Postlude: Toccata in D - Jeff Enns.

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

PLEASE... remember Daylight Savings Time begins next week!

The Lenten Bible study continues next week at 12:30. We will be exploring biblical Redemption Songs.

Lenten Chowder Luncheons: There is chowder left over (frozen) for purchase. Don't forget to support the luncheons every Wednesday in Lent from 12 until 1:15 pm

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 - (March 3-10)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service
		Sunday School at 11:15
	12:30 pm	Soup Contest and Annual Congregational meeting
Tues&Thurs	9:30	Exercise class
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Worship and Church Life
Wednesday	Noon	Lenten luncheon
Thursday	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	Fourth Sunday in Lent
		Sunday School
	12:30 pm	Lenten Bible Study

HYMN-FEST 2013 tonight, 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.

Isaiah 55:1-9 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and

the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

❖ **Luke 13:1-9** At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking

for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Lord Jesus Christ,
you called your disciples to go forward with you
on the way to the cross.
Since you walked that road
countless millions have followed you.
In all that we do as your disciples,
save us from false familiarity with your journey.
May we never presume to step into your shoes,
but make us small enough to fit our own,
and to walk in love and wonder behind you.



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Applications for financial assistance from the Watson Fund will be received prior to April 30, 2013. The Helen M. Watson Fund of The Presbyterian Church of Saint David generates funds to be used "exclusively for local missionary work in Nova Scotia". **Application Form and Guidelines, may be obtained from the Church Office 423-2660, or by E-Mail: stdavids.office@ns.sympatico.ca .**



PASTORAL CARE

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

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Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893



THOUGHTFUL MOMENTS: Wise is the worshipping community that "does not neglect meeting together" (Heb. 10.25), but joyfully gathers in Jesus' name, eager to proclaim the Word of God, to offer praise and prayer, and to celebrate the sacraments, each of which are actions of the whole people of God, "the royal priesthood" (1 Pet 2.9).

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Blessed is the church that prays not only for its own needs, but also for the needs of the world that God so loves.



STEWARDSHIP Wise is the church that gratefully practices the giving of gifts, time and talent, as an act of dedication and 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 Shelley MacDonald Parsons. Our scripture reader for this morning is Johannah Roberts.