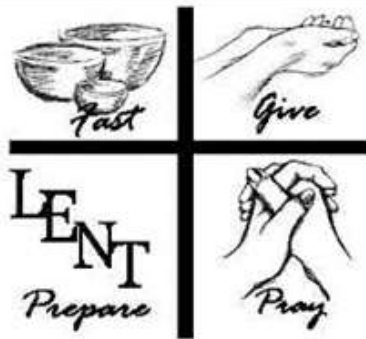




The Presbyterian Church of
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We are so glad you have chosen to
worship with us this morning!

WELCOME!

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THE WAY TO JERUSALEM

*The way to Jerusalem is cluttered with bits and pieces of
our lives that fly up and cry out, wounding us as we try to
keep upon this path that leads to Life. Why didn't
someone tell us it would be so hard? (Ann Weems)*

**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: *Elegy, Robert Lind*

*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: When God restored our common life 87

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon:

We Hear God's Word

Introit: *God So Loved the World, John Stainer (1840-1901)*

First Reading: **Isaiah 43: 16-21**

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 126** *When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in*

tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves. Gloria Patri (*sung*)

*Hymn: Lead us, heavenly father **647**

Conversation with the young people: The best gift!
(Young people leave for Sunday School)

From the letters: **Philippians 3:4b-14**

Gospel: **John 12: 1-8**

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

*Hymn: How firm a foundation **685**

Sermon: Preparing for a new COVENANT

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Blessing by Katie Moran Bart **Music Note:** This is a setting of the traditional Irish Blessing by an American Composer in honour of today, St Patrick's Day.

*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: Fight the good fight **690**

*Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

Postlude: Psalm 24, *Herbert Howells*

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Lenten Chowder Luncheons: Only two more chowder luncheons as we near the end of Lent!

Ecumenical Holy Week Services

25-28 March; 7:30 - 8:00 a.m.

(Continental Breakfast after each Service)

Monday, March 25 Cathedral Church of All Saints

Tuesday, March 26 Presbyterian Church of St. David

Wednesday, March 27 Fort Massey United Church

Thursday, March 28 St. Andrew's United Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY service at St David's - 7 pm

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE at First Baptist - 10:30 am

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE meet at Point

Pleasant Park Lower parking by 6:45 am.

Easter Early Communion service 9 am

Easter Breakfast at 9:45

Easter Communion service combined with the NS

Korean Church at 11 am

Easter luncheon at noon

THIS WEEK - (March 17-24)

Today	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 continues
Tues&Thurs	9:30	Exercise class
Tuesday	4:30 pm	Property Development
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	Passion/Palm Sunday
		Sunday School
	12:30 pm	Lenten Bible Study

The deadline for contributions to the next **newsletter is March 21**. Please send your contributions to Carol Dobson at cjdobsonpei@yahoo.ca

King's College Chapel choir presents Bach's St. John Passion - concert takes place on Passion Sunday, 24 March 2013, 3.00 pm, in The Cathedral Church of All Saints.

Halifax Camerata Singers present Earth Songs, a choral celebration of the earth, the oceans and the spheres beyond on Sat., Mar. 23, at 7:30 pm at St. Patrick's Church

The Helen M. Watson Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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.

During the month of April, Presbyterian congregations in Metro are asked to support **Phoenix House's snack program**. Our week is the first week of April. The cost of a week's worth of snacks is \$170 and the Presbyterian representative on the board of Phoenix House purchases the snacks for us. This is a longstanding community outreach for Saint David's and if you would like to participate by donating, please see Carol Dobson after the service. If you make a donation to Phoenix House via Saint David's, you will be able to receive a tax receipt.

On Easter Sunday we will be holding a joint service at 11 a.m. with the Korean congregation, followed by a luncheon together. We have been asked to provide the sandwiches and sweets portion of the luncheon. Please keep this in mind, bring along your favourite one, and plan to stay to enjoy some international fellowship.

Isaiah 43:16-21 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Philippians 3:4b-14 If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know

Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 12:1-8 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."



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: Working for Water Justice Did you know that nearly a billion people around the world do not have access to safe drinking water and improved sanitation? In areas where water is severely limited, *Presbyterian World Service & Development* and local partners are digging new wells and boreholes, installing water storage tanks at schools and building household latrines. The results are often dramatic: people are able to focus their energy on education, agriculture and income generating activities that have the potential to eradicate poverty. On March 22 - World Water Day - pray, give and advocate for water justice. A gift of only \$30 installs a household latrine for improved sanitation.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for Brian Johnston who works as an English and music teacher in a theological seminary in Romania. May he inspire others through the gift of music.



STEWARDSHIP Giving is worship. Nothing could be more simple. *Mark Vincent, 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 Shelley MacDonald Parsons. Our scripture reader for this morning is Ian Gilmore. Refreshment Host Anne Sommerville.