

*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, August 25, 2013
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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:

*Hymn: All people that on earth do dwell

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Prayer of Confession: *Gracious God, you have gathered a people to serve you in the world, a gifted, called and sent people to serve a needy world. And yet, hectic schedules, competing demands, cynicism, and doubt erode our commitment and leave us feeling burned out. Forgive us for any hollow excuses we are tempted to make and heal us of our exhaustion.*

Assurance of Pardon: *There is no pain that God cannot heal. There is no wrong that God cannot forgive. Come, immerse yourselves in the healing waters of God's forgiveness. Come and be restored. Let God make you whole. Thanks be to God!*

We Hear God's Word

First reading: **Jeremiah 1: 4-10**

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 71 *In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.* ² **In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me; incline your ear to me and save me.** ³ *Be to me a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.* ⁴ **Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.** ⁵ *For you, O Lord, are my hope, my trust, O Lord, from my youth.* ⁶ **Upon you I have leaned from my birth; it was you who took me from my mother's womb. My praise is continually of you.**

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: This is my commandment

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Community Conversation: What's your excuse?

From the Letters: **Hebrews 12:25-29**

Gospel: **Luke 13: 10-17**

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

*Hymn: Just as I am

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Sermon: WHAT EXACTLY IS IT THAT YOU CAN'T DO?

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical selection:

*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: I heard the voice of Jesus say

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*Benediction: *Choral Amen:

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Throughout the summer children are encouraged to attend worship... activity packs are available!

THIS WEEK - (August 25-September 1)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service -
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Worship and Church Life
Friday	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	David's Place (Hall).
Sunday	9:00 am -	Early service with communion
	10:00 am -	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service

Jeremiah 1 ⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, ⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷ But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." ⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

Hebrews 12: ²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven."

²⁷ This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken – that is, created things – so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Luke 13 ¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, "Woman, you are set free from your ailment." ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, "There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day." ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?" ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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MISSION MOMENTS With the support of Presbyterians, marginalized women in India are turning modest loans and savings into promising futures – just ask Pushpa. After losing her husband in an accident, Pushpa wondered how she would support her two daughters without a source of income. It was not until she discovered a PWS&D-supported program assisting hundreds of women in the slums of Chennai that she was able to take control of her future. Pushpa joined a self-help group and received an initial loan of 20,000 rupees (about \$375). With this money, she purchased a cart to sell her vegetables and used the profits to send both of her daughters to school. Last year, PWS&D helped community organizations to form 129 self-help groups – made up of over 1,800 women and men.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Pray for blessings on Ron and Susan Wallace, for their good health as they enjoy their retirement after an exemplary and continued contribution to international ministry.*

STEWARDSHIP The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to want. *Proverbs 21:5*

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 welcoming elder is Valerie MacDonald. Our scripture reader is Elizabeth Molyneaux. Our refreshment host is Valerie MacDonald.