

*The Presbyterian Church of  
Saint David*



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**WELCOME!**

*We are so glad you have chosen to worship  
with us today*

Service for the Lord's Day, December 01, 2013

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**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: *May the Lord, whose face  
shines upon us, be with you always. **And also with you.***

*We are longing and waiting for the Lord to be revealed.*

**The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.**

*Let us live decent lives, bathed in the light of the Lord.*

**The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.**

*We know not when the master comes: evening, midnight, dawn.*

**The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon.**

*God of hosts, bring us back.*

*Let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

\*Hymn: I joyed when to the house of God

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Gathering Prayer: *God of hope, we confess that too often  
we prefer darkness to light, and that we are easily distracted by  
our plans to yours. **We accept lies as truth, exploit***

**neighbours, abuse the earth, and choose strife instead of**

**peace.** In your mercy, hear our silent confession of sin;  
forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,  
and direct who we shall be. (silence)

Advent wreath: *The candle of HOPE Evan Johnson*

**We Hear God's Word**

First reading: **Isaiah 2: 1-5**

Responsive lesson: **Psalm 122** *I was glad when they said to*



me, "Let us go to the house of God!" Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem - built as a city that is bound firmly together. To it the tribes go up, the tribes of God, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of God. For there the thrones for judgment were set up, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you. "Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers." For the sake of my relatives and friends I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the Sovereign our God, I will seek your good.

Gloria Patri (*sung*)

\*Hymn: Let us Hope 792

A time with the young people:

From the letters: **Romans 13:11-14**

Gospel: **Matthew 24:36-44**

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

\*Hymn: Open my eyes 500

**Sermon: HOPE is a decision you make**

### 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: Come thou long-expected 110

\*Benediction: \*Choral Amen: Postlude:

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

Somehow 'Thank you' seems not enough to say for all the efforts that went in to the Fall Fish chowder luncheons. What an amazing effort from the small group of folks who gave up many days to make this a success - to of who assisted in any way and to all who supported the many aspects of the luncheon, bake and book tables and all else... thank you! Over \$3350 (profit!) was raised in the three luncheons.

**PLEASE ATTEND THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** with continental breakfast 9:30 am, Sunday 15 December. Revised plans for the sanctuary renovations and plans for the rental space will be shown and discussed.

**SINGING THE LORD'S SONG** a study of the book of Psalms. Four studies from your favourite Psalms This week is Psalm 8 - **Pick up your refreshments and join us in the minister's study.**

**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Festival of Carols: The Jubilate Singers**  
Conductor: Terry Hurrell; Accompanists: Louise Grinstead & Scott Taylor Featuring: Ardyth and Jennifer (with Pam Mason); Corey Adams, Elizabeth Beeler; Holly Arsenault; Symphony Brass; other guests Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm (doors open 6:30 pm) St. Mark's Anglican Church, Russell at Gottingen, Halifax Tickets \$15: Senior/Student \$12. Tickets from church office 454-0207.

St. David's is conducting a **Clothing Drive** for the Halifax Refugee Clinic clothing store (Section 96 on Grafton St.) Please drop off good used winter clothing (men's and women's outside clothing such as jackets, coats, hats, scarfs and gloves/mitts) until December 15 at the church office.

Monday, December 2 at 7:00 for 7:30 p.m. **ANNUAL RCCO CAROLFEST** a free-will offering is welcomed for this Royal Canadian College of Organists event. (All Saints Cathedral). Our choir will be performing a piece!

The Presbyterian Church of Saint David is holding its annual Christmas Chowder luncheon on Saturday, December 7 from 12-2pm. A bake table and gift table are available for your shopping pleasure, along with a silent auction. Lunch is \$12 for a full meal of chowder, roll, and sweets. Tea and Sweets only \$5. Decorating the hall for this event will take place on Wednesday, December 4 at 7 pm. Please help - many hands make light work, so come and join the fun. Setup will be Friday afternoon, December 6, starting at 2:30. Please keep these two dates in mind. Don't forget the bake table and the gift table depend on you. It would be very helpful if contributions could be left at the church Friday afternoon or before 10 on Saturday.

**BAKE TABLE at Christmas Chowder--December 7** Time to get out your favorite recipe. We need your help raising money at the Bake Table. If you don't like to bake we do accept cash (or cheque) donations. Thanks. Phyllis.

**THIS WEEK - ( December 01-December 08 )**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service - Sunday School
	12:20 pm	Study of the Psalms
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 am	Exercise class
	2:00 pm	W&CL

<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm	Decorating
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 am	Exercise class
	7:30 pm	Choir practice
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	David's Place (Hall).
	2:30 pm	Set up for luncheon and sale
<b>Saturday</b>	12-2 pm	Christmas Chowder luncheon and sale
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Early service with communion
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Second Sunday in Advent Sunday School at 11:15
	12:20 pm	Study of the Psalms

**COME to us Emmanuel** - Nov 28-Dec. 1 at 7:30, St. Agnes, Mumford Rd. (an original musical revue - see bulletin board.)

**Operation Christmas Cookie:** Souls Harbour Rescue Mission is looking for Christmas baking to bless their guests for the holidays. Baking can be dropped off at 5568 Cunard St, Mon-Thu, 9-4. Any amount and type of baking is appreciated. What a great way to help and save us a few extra calories! For info email Mel mhack.rescue@gmail.com.

**David's Place** will be hosting its Christmas "Store" on Friday the 6th of December. We are looking for small household or personal items which might be appropriate for our guests - items for themselves or items they might give as gifts to a family member or friend. If you have extra Christmas cards, wrapping paper or gift bags they would also be welcome. Please deliver them to the church by Thursday the 5th of December. Thank you.

Every week at David's Place we need plastic or cloth shopping bags. If you have extra ones, please think of us - we would put them to good use.

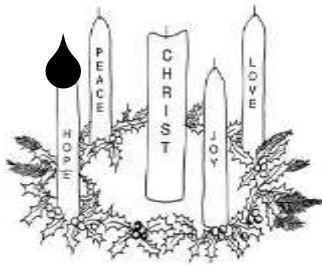
**Isaiah 2:1-5** The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

**Romans 13:11-14** Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Matthew 24:36-44** [Jesus said:] "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the

Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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**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 Colin MacPherson.

Our scripture reader is Nancy Tindall. Our refreshment hosts are David and Nancy Tindall.

### **Know your conveners:**

**Finance**

Mac Fyfe

**Worship and Church Life**

Valerie Macdonald

**Maintenance**

Mac Mackay

**Mission and Outreach**

Nicole Campbell and Shelley MacDonald-Parson

**Policy and Planning**

Don Knox

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** *World AIDS Day* Pray for the millions of people affected by HIV and AIDS, and for the work of Presbyterian World Service & Development to provide support for those living with HIV and help prevent further spread of the disease.

**STEWARDSHIP** Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.

*1 Corinthians 4:1-2*

**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.**



I Breastfeed.