

The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David



1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax, N.S. (by Memorial Library)

WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day, December 08, 2013
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our Vision

A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Jesus Christ the Apple Tree by Poston

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship:

*Hymn: Lo how a rose is blooming 151

Gathering Prayer:

Advent wreath: *The candle of PEACE*

Leslie Roberts



We Hear God's Word

First reading: **Isaiah 11: 1-10**

Responsive lesson: **Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19** *Give the ruler your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a ruler's heir. **May the ruler judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. May the ruler defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. May the ruler live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. May the ruler be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. In the ruler's days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more. Blessed be the Sovereign, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be God's glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with God's glory. Amen and Amen. Amen and***

Amen. 59 *To God in the highest (sung)*

*Hymn: Hope is a star 119

A time with the young people:

From the letters: **Romans 15:4-13**

Gospel: **Matthew 3: 1-12**

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

*Hymn: Comfort, comfort you my people 113

Sermon: The elusive dream of 'Peace on Earth'

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: In the Bleak Winter by Darke

Postlude: See a Mid The Winter's Snow by Willcocks

*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: Let there be light 727

*Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

Postlude: See a Mid The Winter's Snow by Willcocks

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

SINGING THE LORD'S SONG a study of the book of Psalms. - **Pick up your refreshments and join us in the minister's study.**

25th Anniversary Festival of Carols: The Jubilate Singers
Sunday, December 8th 7:00 pm (doors open 6:30 pm) St. Mark's Anglican Church.

THIS WEEK - (-December 8-15)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
	9:30 am	M&O Committee
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service - Sunday School
	12:20 pm	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:30 am	Exercise class
Thursday	9:30 am	Exercise class
	7:30 pm	Choir practice
Friday	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	David's Place (Hall).
Sunday	9:00 am -	Early service with communion
	9:30 am -	Congregational meeting and Continental Breakfast
	11:00 am	Communion Sunday White Gift Sunday Sunday School at 11:15
	12:20 pm	Bible Study

Next Sunday: We invite the congregation to join with the students and teachers of the church school in presenting their white gifts.

These donations are added to the mission offering for the year and spread among 3 organizations: Camp Geddie, Feed Nova Scotia, and the North End Parent Resource Centre. If you would like to participate please place your gift in a plain envelope marked for the church school.

Tupper Band: Next Sunday the Band will present its annual Christmas concert at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Dalhousie Health Sciences Chorale will be the special guests. There is a suggested donation of \$10, and all proceeds go to the Saint David's Building Fund.

December 21 Christmas Families Wrapping Party- 10 a.m. with Lunch provided by Michael de la Ronde

Set aside Sunday December 22nd, 7pm The Choir of Saint David's presents: "No Small Wonder: an evening of Lessons and Carols." with music by Howells, Rutter, Chilcott, Cleobury and more. The free will offering will be donated to the church music fund.

Ken & Gloria Mader will celebrate the anniversary of their wedding, which took place here at St David's 60 years ago on December 30th, with an AT HOME in the Church Hall 4-7pm on Monday December 30. They invite all who wish to join in their celebration to let them know before December 20 by email to kenmader@eastlink.ca, phone to 902-423-2134 or by post to 1874 Seldon St Halifax, B3H 3X4."

Total Offerings

Giving Goal for November: \$11,734

Amount given in November: \$9,066

Thank you for your generosity. We will likely be starting renovations in the sanctuary in a few months, but we must still keep contributing to the day to day expenses of running Saint David's.

Presbyterians Sharing

Giving Goal for 2013: \$26,000

Given up to November 30th: \$20,001 77%

Thank you for your generosity to Presbyterians Sharing. The money you give here goes to benefit the many programs of our National Church.

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. **Communion** will be celebrated at the 11 am service.

Isaiah 11:1-10 A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Romans 15:4-13 For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that

Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy.

As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 3:1-12 In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."



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May righteousness flourish and peace abound...(Ps. 72:7)

All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights...and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood. (Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 1)
Human Rights Day (celebrated annually on December 10) is an occasion for people worldwide to know and consider the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for seniors in hospitals and nursing homes who feel alone, afraid and unloved. May the church seek to serve these people.

STEWARDSHIP Got no checkbooks, got no banks. Still I'd like to express my thanks - I've got the sun in the mornin' and the moon at night.

Irving Berlin

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 Colin MacPherson. Our scripture reader is Johannah Roberts. Our refreshment host is Kathy Large.