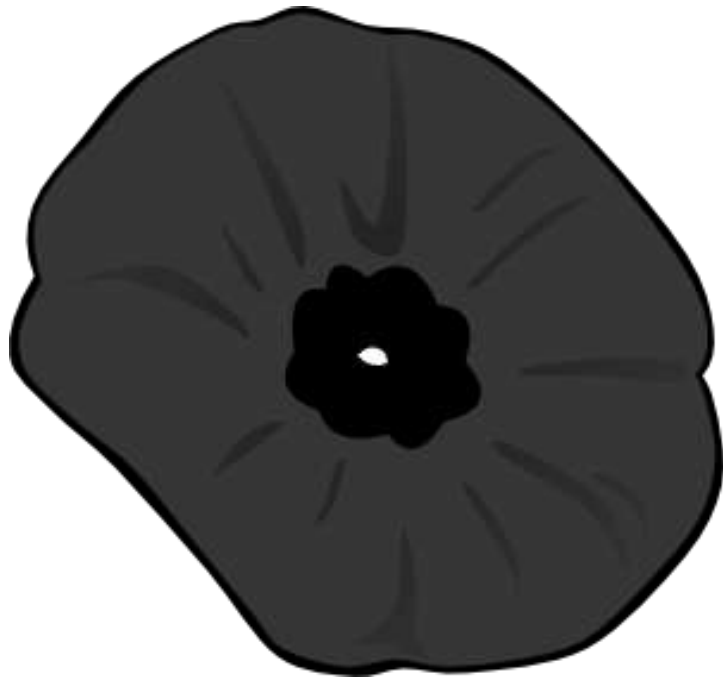


WELCOME TO...

**The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David
November 10, 2013**

Early Morning Service



We are called to remember- Remember with clear eyes the horrific cost of war.
Remember with deep sorrow those who killed and were killed. *Remember with grief the blood-stained battlefields.*
Remember with tears the rending of people from their homes. *Remember with compassion the bereaved and the wounded.*
Remember with reverence those who risked their lives for peace. *Remember with tenderness the children's longing for freedom.*
Remember with gratefulness all who forgave their enemies. *Remember with hope that the kingdom is planted with small seeds.*
Remember with confidence that faith, hope and love abide.
Remember with joy that our Saviour is the Prince of Peace.

*Lord God, you fashioned each of us in your divine image and likeness, to live in the communion you share as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Be with us as we reflect and pray this morning. May this gathering, together with Remembrance Day thoughts and prayers everywhere, help move our world one step closer to the peace of your Kingdom. **We make this prayer to you through Jesus Christ, our Prince of Peace and Lord. Amen.***

Hymn: Make me a channel of your peace

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Focus Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then,

brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

Focus Theme: Stand Firm and hold fast "Standing firm" is the ultimate challenge. The first-century community of believers was susceptible to teachings that moved them away from the teachings of Paul and other teachers who brought them to their young Christian faith. They could rest on the new, unsound teachings they heard or live into the traditions they knew and trusted. "Standing firm" creates these and other challenges in our contemporary society. We too run the risk of being deceived, especially when we ourselves are in vulnerable places. How do we recapture those memories of God in our midst when we are being caught up and swept away by those who would want to deceive us and erode our faith traditions? "The image of standing firm is rich," Brownlee writes, "especially when our instinct is to do battle, to take on whatever forces assault the gospel. Paul's call to stand firm is a test of our confidence both in Christ's victory and that we do and will participate in his glory. To stand firm calls us not to take things into our own hands, but to rest on our confidence that they are in Christ's pierced hands" (*The Lectionary Commentary: Acts and the Epistles*).

LITANY FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY The response to our petitions is, **Jesus, Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.**
For all who have served the cause of peace, we pray...
For all who have lost loved ones due to war, we pray...
For all who continue to suffer due to war, we pray...
For all who long for Your peace, we pray...
For all who dedicate their lives to Your peace, we pray...
For all who bring comfort to veterans and their families, we pray...
For all of us – called to be messengers of Your peace, we pray...

Hymn: There is a balm in Gilead

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Invitation: *In company with all believers in every time and beyond time, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the breaking of the bread. This is the Lord's supper of love. This is the love that God has ordained for all, the love that unites us because it is the essence of God. We come by Jesus' invitation to this holy supper so full of mystery. We come to be one with each other, To taste the essence of heaven in a community of faith.*

Hymn: Here is bread, here is wine

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Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Blessing of the Elements:

God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and with our neighbors near and far. Bless this bread, we pray. May this fruit of the vine remind us of the inter-connectedness of people around the world. Bless this cup, we pray. May this simple meal bring us into union with you, your people and your world united in the One Body of Christ.

Communion

Prayer following communion

With thanksgiving, let us celebrate our new life in Christ giving thanks to God our creator and sustainer: Loving and gracious God, thank you for this holy meal. Thank you for Jesus and his all-inclusive love for humanity. Thank you for this day which we worship and serve you. Amen

Hymn: Sent forth by your blessing

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Blessing: Lord our God, on this day of remembrance, we entrust all our prayers and needs to your infinite mercy. Help us to become ever more mindful of the bonds that unite us as a human family despite our differences. Heal our inner wounds and outward divisions, that one day our world might live in your true and lasting peace. We make this prayer to you in the name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen