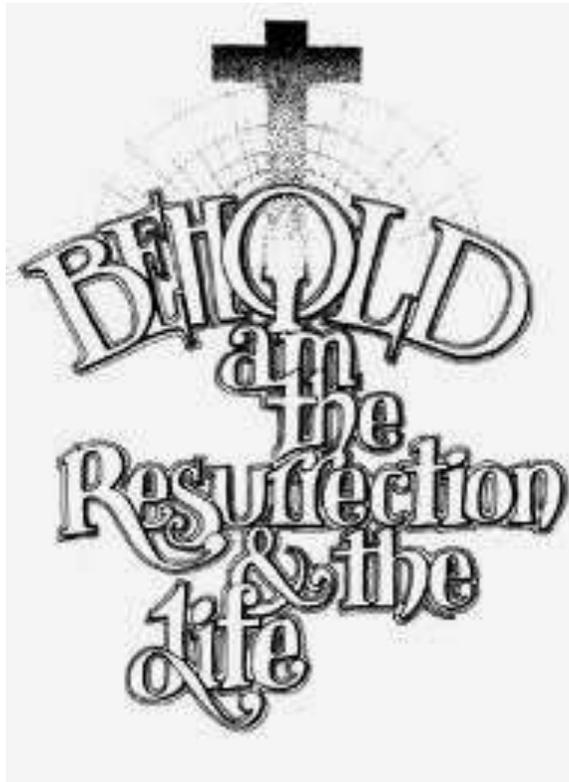


WELCOME TO...

The Presbyterian Church of  
**Saint David**

April 27, 2014

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“Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah.”

Acts 2

We welcome the Rev. Bonita Mason to the early service this morning. Bonnie will also be leading the 11 am worship and is the guest speaker for the Coffee and Conversation group meeting in the Parlour at 12:15.

**Gathering:** *Gracious God, Yours is the gift of creation, the rebirth of spring. Yours is the grace that makes all things new. Yours is the Word that speaks a spring of water to slake our thirst. Yours is the urgency that challenges us to mission. Open our minds to the mind of Christ. Open our lips, and we will sing ALLELUIA with sun and moon, with mountain and hill, with all creatures of land and sea. Together we will sing awe to your splendour. Amen.*

Hymn: Come sing O church in joy

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*Prayer of Confession:*

**My Heavenly Father, I thank You, through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, that You kept me safe from all evil and danger last night. Save me, I pray, today as well, from every evil and sin, so that all I do and the way that I live will please you. I put myself in your care, body and soul and all that I have. Let Your holy Angels be with me, so that the evil enemy will not gain power over me. Amen**

*(Luther's morning prayer)*

*Assurance of Pardon: Answer us in the day of trouble, O God, so that we may lift up the cup of salvation in the presence of your people, giving thanks for all your goodness to us; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.*

Hymn: God forgave my sin

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*Scripture: Acts 2:14a, 22-32* Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which

God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him:

“I saw the Lord always before me.

Because he is at my right hand,

I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

my body also will rest in hope,

because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,

you will not let your holy one see decay.

You have made known to me the paths of life;

you will fill me with joy in your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

Hymn: Broken for me

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### **Invitation:**

The table is now prepared for us - we all have a place no matter our caste or creed or colour.

**We are invited to share in the feast of God's presence, celebrating here and now all that is meant by being alive.**

The Spirit of God moves in every corner of the world in every age and through all time, calling all people to renew their hope and joy.

**At this table we come together as the guests of Jesus.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving: *The Lord is here. God's spirit is with us. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise.*

(Continue in thanksgiving) *O God, giver of all that is good,*

**Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. May they be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other.**

### **Communion**

**Prayer after Communion** *Gracious God, you have called us to be the Church of Jesus Christ. Keep us one in faith and service; breaking bread together and telling the good news to the world; that all may believe you are love, turn to your ways, and live to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Our sending prayer:

**I am no longer my own but yours, put me to what you will Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal And now glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, You are mine and I am yours. So be it. And this covenant now made on earth, let it be satisfied in heaven. Amen** (John Wesley)

Hymn: Sing Amen

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