



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day Easter 5 May 18, 2014

** All who are able are asked to stand.*

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Praeludium in D by Lind

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

*Hymn "Safe in your hands" 14

Prayer of Confession: *Our God, we come in humility, confessing who and what we are. We are often unresponsive, for we are afraid. When your Spirit speaks, we turn deaf ears, for we fear what you might call us to do. When your Spirit touches our lips, we close our mouths, embarrassed to speak your Word. When the wind of your Spirit blows, we close the windows of our hearts, afraid the breeze will disrupt our ordered lives. When the fire of your Spirit touches us, we quench the flame, afraid of the new life it might bring.*

Forgive us, O Lord. Amen. *Lord have mercy.* **Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

Assurance of Pardon

We Hear God's Word

"Speak, Lord, in the stillness" (unannounced) 442

First Reading: *Acts 7: 55-60*

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 31** *In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me. Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me. You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me, take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge. Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God. My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors. Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn "What a friend we have in Jesus" 746

Community Conversation:

Gospel: *John 14: 1-14*

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

Hymn "Put peace into each other's hands" 560

Sermon: **"My times are in your hand"**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem  Thou Knowest Lord by Bob Chilcott

*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" 830

The Apostles' Creed – inside back cover – Book of Praise

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

"O Lord, hear my prayer" (sung unannounced) 446

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer (debts)

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: "Be still my soul" 749

*Commissioning

*Benediction:

Choral Amen:

Postlude: Recessional by Matthias

Worship is now ended, let our service begin!

This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.

THIS WEEK - (May 18 – May 25)

Sunday **9:00 am** **Early service**
 10:00 am Circle of Prayer
 11:00 am Traditional Service

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm David's Place (Hall)

Sunday 9:00 am Early service with communion:
 10:00 am Circle of Prayer
 11:00 am Traditional Service



Mwawi Chilogosi, (Malawi), is an invited international guest to the National Women's Gathering and to the 2014 General Assembly. We are pleased to welcome her to the Presbyterian Church of Saint David next Sunday at 9 am and 11 am. She will be making a presentation at Calvin at 2 pm Mwawi is an ordained minister who has served in five congregational settings and is currently the Director of the Women's Guild for her Synod, managing the office, preparing resource materials and writing proposals for funding.

The Program Committee of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces has organized a series of workshops throughout the Synod, with Dr. Roberta Clare, Director of the Elders' Institute, as workshop presenter. In our area:

Truro, NS June 7 9:30 am "The Loving Presence of Christ in Pastoral Visits" 2:00 pm "Finding and Keeping Volunteers: Fighting Burnout" **Contact Rev. Bonnie Wynn to register; phone 902.755.3717**

Acts 7: 55- 60 But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and

the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

John 14: 1-14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7 If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

MISSION CAPSULES Empowered to Prosper

We frequently hear about poverty in the developing world—the billions of people who do not have access to clean water or health care or enough nutritious food to eat. It is difficult to imagine what their lives must be like, or why they are so drastically different from our own lives in Canada. PWS&D's new youth game “Empowered to Prosper” aims to help young people understand the causes of poverty and how they can make a difference. Representing families living in developing countries, players will experience the everyday realities of poverty, while moving across the game board. Order your copy today by contacting The Book Room.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for the National Women's Gathering, as they meet this weekend. May participants be transformed as they listen to God's voice, contemplate change and renewal, and reach out to share the message they have received.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give. *Winston Churchill*



PASTORAL CARE

*Those seeking pastoral care are requested
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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 Greeter this morning is Colin MacPherson. Our scripture reader for this morning is Murray Alary. Refreshment Host is Val Macdonald.