



## WELCOME!

We are so glad you have chosen  
to worship with us this morning!

Service for the Lord's Day

November 02, 2014

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

## THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAINT DAVID

### Our Vision:

*A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community*

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### God Calls Us to Worship



Prelude: All Good Gifts by Willcocks

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\* Call to worship: *The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.*

\*Hymn: Your hand, O God, has guided **477**

Prayer of Confession: *Gracious God, guide and guardian, in love you lead us. Jesus, you come to us like a caring elder brother to serve us and help us, to cheer us and invite us. Healing Spirit, you call us and move us ever closer into community with you and each other.*

Forgive us O God, if our eyes have been so fixed on our own

priorities that we fail to follow the way of Jesus. *Forgive us all the times we fail to touch people's lives with acts of loving and caring, justice and mercy. Lord, forgive us and free us. Open our eyes how your wisdom knows true leadership to be service. Open our hearts that we may learn the way of servant leadership, using all our God-given gifts. So open our minds to learn again to live your love as we celebrate and worship you here together.*

Assurance of Pardon:

### Where we Hear God's Word

First Reading: *Joshua 3:7-17*

*One: The Word of the Lord.*

*All: Thanks be to God.*

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37** *O give thanks to God, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever.*

**Let the redeemed of God say so, those whom God redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and the west, from the north and the south. Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. Then they cried to God in their trouble, and God delivered them from their distress; God led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town. God turns rivers into a desert, and springs of water into thirsty ground, God turns a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants. God turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water.**

*And there God lets the hungry live, and they establish a town to live in; they sow fields, and plant vineyards, and they get a fruitful yield.*

*Gloria Patri (sung)*

\*Hymn: Follow me the Master said **645**

A time with our children: Wearing a costume!

From the letters: *1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13*

Gospel: *Matthew 23: 1-12*

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

\*Hymn: Will you come and follow me **634**

Sermon: Christian Leadership

Response to the Message: Lead me, Lord **575**

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
Anthem: For All The Saints by Vaughan Williams

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

*"Lord, listen to your children praying"* (sung unannounced) **449**

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

### **We Go Out to Serve God**

\*Hymn: Lead on O King eternal

**742**

Commissioning:

Benediction

\*Choral Amen:

Postlude: How Can I Keep from Singing by Stroope

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

**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 Davida Mackay. Our scripture reader for this morning is ---. Our refreshment host is Dorothy Jackson.

**Refreshment Hosts** are needed for November. Please see the sign-up sheet by the coffee urn to record your availability.

**Paul Watson Lectures** with The Rev. Dr. Kristin Johnston Largent, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. Monday, November 3 at 7 pm  
Saint Mary's University Scotiabank Conference Theatre, Sobeys Building 903 Robie Street.

~**Christmas Tea & Sale** St. Andrew's Presbyterian 216 School St.

**Saturday, November 8 - 2:00 - 4:00 Bake & Craft**

**Tables: Adults \$6.00 Children \$1.00.** Maybe then head off to

**David's Place** Next Sunday is FOOD BANK Sunday for our DP guests!

**The Circle of prayer** Sunday at 10 in the minister's study.

**The choir** practices on Thursday at 7:30 pm.

**The early service** is every Sunday at 9  
**Sunday Lectionary Bible Study** – please feel free to get refreshments and join us in the minister's study.

**Worship and Church Life** meets this Tuesday at 2 pm

**Session** meets Nov. 12 at 7 pm

another – **Iona Presbyterian** is at the same date and time. End the day at **Calvin for supper - 2 sittings, 5&6:15.**

~**St. John's United Church** is hosting its monthly Taize Prayer this evening at 7 p.m. in the Judith Grant Room in the Maritime Conservatory.

~On November 9 **Calvin Church** will celebrate with an evening **Presentation of Praise**, a gospel music service. There will be a hymn sing at 6:45 pm, followed by a concert featuring local choirs and talent.

~Ft. Massey United Church Hall **Christmas Tea and Sale** Nov. 15 from 10:30-12:30 \$6.00

**Joshua 3:7-17** The Lord said to Joshua, "This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all

Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.'" Joshua then said to the Israelites, "Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God." Joshua said, "By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap." When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the Ark of the Covenant were in front of the people. Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing towards the sea of the Arabah, the

Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.

**1 Thessalonians 2:9-13** You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

**Matthew 23:1-12** Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. They love to have the place of honour at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have people call them rabbi. But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father — the one in heaven. Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. The greatest among you will be your servant. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted."



## PASTORAL CARE

*Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact one of the following:*

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**MISSION CAPSULES: Stewards By Design:** Celebrate God always! *Presbyterians Sharing* helps equip congregations through events like *Stewards By Design*, a conference designed to help congregations discover how stewardship connects to all aspects of the mission and ministry of the church. Alice attended the event with a team from St. Andrew's church in Stirling, Ontario. She shares, "Our church building is 158 years old. With the help of Kennon Callahan, we stopped "survival thinking" and started "forward thinking." Amazing! Celebrate God always!"

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** *Pray for the Life and Mission Agency Committee* and staff meeting at Crieff Hills Community as they seek to carry out the mandate in creative and exciting ways for the 21st century.

**STEWARDSHIP** Unless we learn how to humbly tell each other our giving stories, our churches will not learn to give.

*Randy Alcorn, minister and author*

**We welcome** younger children to our services! St. David's is still a breastfeeding friendly facility.



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**The 3 R's at Saint David's** - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. **This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.**