



# WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day

November 09, 2014

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

*\*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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*Let the rain come and wash away the ancient grudges, the bitter hatreds held and nurtured over generations. Let the rain wash away the memory of the hurt, the neglect.*

*Let the sun come out and fill the sky with rainbows.*

*Let the warmth of the sun heal us wherever we are broken. Let it burn away the fog so that we can see each other clearly. So that we can see beyond labels, beyond accents, gender or skin colour.*

*Let the warmth and brightness of the sun melt our selfishness. So that we can share the joys and feel the sorrows of our neighbours.*

*Let the light of the sun be so strong that we will see all people as our neighbours.*

*Let the earth, nourished by rain, bring forth flowers to surround us with beauty. And let the mountains teach our hearts to reach upward to heaven.  
Amen.*

*~ written by Rabbi Harold S. Kushner*

### God Calls Us to Worship



Prelude: Avinu Malkeinu by Srul Irving Glick

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Entry of the Scriptures

**\* Call to worship: *In a world filled with violence and war, we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace. In a world filled with tyranny and oppression, we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all. In a world filled with hunger and greed, we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all. Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.***

\*Hymn: O God our help in ages past

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Gathering Prayer: *On this day of memory we gather to sing and to pray, we remember the past and look to the future. In this season when the guns once fell silent, We come before you God, seeking Your peace. On this day of hope in the face of terror, we come before you God, praying with all our hearts: God our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Help us to find the path that leads to peace. Open our eyes and the eyes of the nations to find a different path through the disagreements of life in this world. In this time of story, song, and prayer, may we be re-committed to being people of Peace, true peace. May we catch a vision of how the world could live together. And so we echo the prayer, Make us channels of your peace. Let there be Peace on Earth and let it begin with us! Amen*

### GOD CALL US TO REMEMBER

\* *God save our gracious Queen*

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\* Introduction: We meet in the presence of God as did Israel of old on the plains of Shechem. As did they we recommit ourselves to the task before us. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations that all people may live in freedom, justice and peace. We pray for all who, in bereavement, disability and pain, continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away. We choose this day to serve the Lord.

\*Laying of the wreath: Children of the Sunday School



\*The Prayer of remembrance (*together*) **Ever-living God we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\**“Dona nobis pacem”* 735

*Voice 1:* They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

*Voice 2:* At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them. *All affirm:* **We will remember them.** (*Silence*)

\**The act of commitment is made:* Let us affirm our choice to responsible living and faithful service. Will you strive for all that makes for peace? **We will.** Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? **We will.** Will you work for a just future for all humanity? **We will.** Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, And live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer. **Amen**

\* O Canada 800

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading: *Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25, 27*

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 78** *Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done. He established a decree in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

\*Hymn: Love the Lord 715

A time with our children: Just a reminder

From the letters: *1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18*

Gospel: *Matthew 25: 1-13*

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

\*Hymn: O God of Bethel 654

Sermon: **Choose this Day**

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Hymn to the Eternal Flame by Stephen Paulus

\*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: John Wamboldt

The Lord's Prayer (“debts & debtors”)

### We Go Out to Serve God

\*Hymn: Christ you call us all to service 585

Commissioning:

Benediction

\*Choral Amen:

Postlude: The Kontakion by Rupert Lang (Eastern Orthodox rite)

**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 Valerie Macdonald. Our scripture reader for this morning is Colin Roop. Our refreshment host is Kathy Large.

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



I Breastfeed.

**The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all. Refreshment Hosts** are needed for December. Please see the sign-up sheet by the coffee urn to record your availability.



**David's Place** returns this Friday to our new facilities – pray for this continued ministry. Today is 'Food Bank Sunday'... Pray that our gifts make a difference to many!

**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 am.

**Sunday Lectionary Bible Study** – please

feel free to get refreshments and join us in

**Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25** Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; 'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who

did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.' But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.' The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem... Joshua said to all the people, "See, this stone shall be a witness against us; for it has heard all the words of the Lord that he spoke to us; therefore it shall be a witness against you, if you deal falsely with your God."

**1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18** But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Matthew 25: 1-13** “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.



## PASTORAL CARE



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

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## MISSION CAPSULES: One Year After Typhoon Haiyan

“Typhoon Haiyan destroyed our house and my boat. We were left with nothing,” says Alan Padilla, a fisherman from Embarcadero, Philippines. On November 8, 2013, fierce winds and high waves hit the Philippines, affecting nearly 14 million people. One year later, work is ongoing to rebuild and construct more typhoon resistant homes and help families like Alan’s recover lost livelihoods. PWS&D responded through the ACT Alliance, which provided 115,000 people with food in the immediate aftermath. PWS&D continues to support rehabilitation and disaster preparedness work.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** *Give thanks for those who have sacrificed and who continue to sacrifice body, mind and spirit that justice might overcome tyranny.*

**STEWARDSHIP** The measure of a life is not its duration, but its donation.  
*Peter Marshall*

## Total Offerings

Giving Goal for Oct: \$8,537

Amount given in Oct: \$7,710

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## Presbyterians Sharing

Giving Goal for 2014: \$22,000

Given up to October 31st: \$16,663 76%

Thank you for your generosity to Presbyterians Sharing. Please remember the money you give here goes to benefit many programs of our National Church. (Presbyterians Sharing contributed to the system we use for our web site.) We should have received 83% by now if we are on track for \$22,000. If we exceed \$22,000, Ken and Gloria Mader will match the excess amount. \$22,400 would become \$22,800.