



# WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day

November 16, 2014

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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

## THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAINT DAVID

### Our Vision:

*A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community*

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### God Calls Us to Worship



Prelude: Es To Los Digo

\*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: I'm gonna live

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Prayer of Confession: *Holy One, We long to be faithful stewards of your abundant grace. To serve each other in love and humility. To*

serve your world with wisdom and energy. *Forgive us when we stumble over pride, when our words and actions are not guided by love.*

Turn our hearts when we act in folly. Restore our energy when it is gone. *Sometimes, many times, O God, our efforts fail. But your abundant grace is strong and eternal, and forgiveness is ours through Jesus Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon:

### Where we Hear God's Word

First Reading: *Judges 4: 1-7*

*One: The Word of the Lord.*

**All:** Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 123 ❖ *To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!* ❖ **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us.** ❖ *Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.* ❖ **Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.**

Gloria Patri (sung)

\*Hymn: The wise may bring their learning

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The choir practices on Thursday at 7:30 pm.

David's Place Friday from 10- noon

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

The early service is every Sunday at 9 am

Sunday Lectionary Bible Study – please feel free to get refreshments and join us in the minister's study.

November 30<sup>th</sup> is the first Sunday of Advent. We will celebrate the sacrament of Communion combining with the Nova Scotia Korean congregation who will be leaving for their new church home at Fairview United Church.

A time with our children:

From the letters: *1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11*

Gospel: *Matthew 25: 14-30*

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

\*Hymn: God, whose giving knows no ending **663**

Sermon: TIME, TALENT, TREASURE...

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Father, we praise Thee by Thiman

\*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: Help us to help each other **489**

Commissioning:

Benediction

\*Choral Amen:

Postlude: Amor di Alma 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 scripture reader for this morning is Murray Alary. Our refreshment host is The Kinley Family.

**Refreshment Hosts** are still needed for December 21. Please see the sign-up sheet by the coffee urn to record your availability.

**Wanted:** individuals or young people home for the holidays or families willing to take part in the Advent liturgies to contact me at 429-4353 or pmorrison@eastlink.ca

### **Judges 4:1-7**

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

### **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

### **Matthew 25:14-30**

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and

traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Coffee and Craft morning, bake sale Calvin Presbyterian Ladies' Guild – 10:30-noon Admission \$8.00



## PASTORAL CARE



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

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Clerk of Session: Murray Alary

**MISSION CAPSULES: Face to Face!** Through the Youth in Mission program, gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* brought 14 young people from the PCC's partner churches in Malawi, Taiwan, Ukraine and Nicaragua to Canada for three weeks. The group visited churches and sites in Nova Scotia (including us at St. David's!), PEI and Ontario and attended the Canada Youth conference. They talked to people in congregations about the joys and challenges they are facing in their own countries, and heard stories about church life in Canada. Friendships were made, faith and partnerships were strengthened, and lives were changed, thanks to your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*!

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** *Pray for Restorative Justice and all efforts to support those who have been in prison. Give thanks for our partner the Church Council on Justice and Corrections that supports these efforts.*

**STEWARDSHIP** The means to laying up treasure in heaven is by giving to the poor. *David Servant*

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



! Breastfeed.

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