



WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day

November 23, 2014

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

**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:

*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: Lord, whose love

722

Prayer of Confession: *In the lives of neighbours who suffer brokenness and pain: **We confess you are still speaking!** In the struggle of the poor whose rights are not honoured: **We confess you are still speaking!** In a world crying out for wisdom, love and mercy:*

We confess you are still speaking! *In a world calling for the blessing of truth: **We confess you are still speaking! Bless us to hear!** Let us confess together: **We confess that in our lives we often hide behind our work and play, schools and jobs, fun and fashion. We let ourselves get so busy that we forget the cause of the poor and the suffering. We confess we allow the powers of this world to seduce us into selfishness and silence our witness. Teach us to champion the cause for justice for all, strengthen us to love our neighbour and speak truth no matter the penalty. Amen.***

Assurance of Pardon:

Where we Hear God's Word

First Reading: *Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 100 ❖ *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. ❖ **Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing. ❖ Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his***

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.

Next week 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.

December :5 Deadline for Christmas newsletter

December 6: Decorate the church at 10 a.m.

December 14: White Gift and Food Bank Sunday

December 20: Wrapping Party for Christmas Families

December 21 at 7:00 p.m. Carol Service

December 22: Longest Night Service 7 pm

December 24: Services at 4 and 7 p.m.

pasture. ❖ Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. ❖ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Seek ye first 625

A time with our children: Stiff-elbowed people

From the letters: *Ephesians 1: 15-23*

Gospel: *Matthew 25: 31-46*

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

*Hymn: We cannot own the sunlit sky 717

Sermon: **Come, you who are Blessed**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

*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: Arise your light is come 712

Commissioning and Benediction: As you have been fed, go to feed the hungry. As you have been set free, go to set free the imprisoned. As you have been received – give. As you have heard – proclaim. And the blessing which you have received from the Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be always with you. Amen.

*Choral Amen:

Postlude:

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. The funeral of the late Joseph Lappin will be held here on Wednesday at 10:00 am. Visitation at Cruickshanks (Windsor St.) 2-4, 6-8. Our love and prayers go out to the family.

Refreshment Hosts are still needed for December 21.

Ever been part of **CGIT?** 100th anniversary this summer – see website for details and registration

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Ephesians 1:15-23 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above

every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25:31-46 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

How is our church extending this hospitality, even to those who seem least "deserving" of it? How is our church imagining another world in which the needs of "the least" are met? Who are people to whom we might reach out and, in turn, be surprised at what we might learn, and what we might receive?

PASTORAL CARE



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

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MISSION CAPSULES: Take the Advent Challenge

During the Advent season we celebrate the amazing gift God gave – Jesus! This gift changed the world. It is with this same spirit of generosity that we too can make a difference for countless others in our global village. Each week of Advent, Presbyterian World Service & Development challenges individuals and congregations to share the hope, peace, joy and love of Christ's birth with those in need. The real spirit of Christmas is not the spectacle of lights and gifts, but your willingness to give to those you have never seen or met. In the midst of poverty and disaster, the Christ light shines. To learn more about the Advent Challenge visit WeRespond.ca.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Pray for participants attending the Stewards by Design conference, that they may return to their congregations refreshed and encouraged in their ministry, and with new vision, especially remembering Elmsdale and Hardwood Lands.*

STEWARDSHIP Giving to God is a grace - but not giving to God is a disgrace.
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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.**

Our Greeter this morning is Colin MacPherson Our scripture reader for this morning is Carol Dobson. Our refreshment host is Anne Sommerville.