



# WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day

December 07, 2014

ADVENT 2

*\*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: Emmanuel

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\* Call to worship: *The Reign of God is drawing near: The prophet calls us to change our lives! Prepare the way for the Lord: A just and peaceful path! Welcome one another, for Christ welcomes you:*

**For the glory of God!**

*Advent Liturgy: (see insert)*

*Lesley Roberts*

\*Hymn: Comfort, comfort you my people tell of the peace **113**

Opening prayer: *Holy God, We long for your peace, and trust in your promise; we hear your call to turn toward you, to change our lives and welcome you in. Meet us here and fill our minds with your wisdom and our hearts with your peace, that our worship together may open us to the wonder of your love and the forgiveness of your son. In the Name of the One who is coming, we pray. Amen!*

### Where we Hear God's Word

First Reading: *Isaiah 40: 1-11*

*One: The Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: \* Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 **LORD, you were favourable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob. You forgave the iniquity of your people; you pardoned all their sin. Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky. The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.**

**Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.**

Gloria Patri (sung)

\*Hymn: What a friend

**746**

A time with our children: A piece of Peace

From the letters: *2 Peter 3:8-15a*

Gospel: *Mark 1: 1-8*

*One: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

\*Hymn: O for a World

**730**

Sermon: **Strive to be found by him at Peace**

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Mid-Winter by Bob Chilcott

\*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: Put peace into each other's hand **560**

Commissioning and Benediction:

\*Choral Amen:

Postlude: Nowell by Halley

**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.

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

**The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual** Metro New Horizons Bands Christmas Concert will be held at the Sea King Club on CFB Shearwater on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$10.00 each.

**Total Offerings**

Giving Goal for November: \$11,162

Amount given in November: \$ 9,913

Thank you for your generosity. Your offerings allow Saint David's to move forward. Our operating account always needs your support.

Thank you again.

**Presbyterians Sharing**

Giving Goal for 2014: \$22,000

Given up to November 30<sup>th</sup>: \$18,382 84%

Thank you for your generosity to Presbyterians Sharing. The money you give here goes to fulfill the Mission Capsules we publish every week. If we exceed \$22,000, Ken and Gloria Mader will match the excess. \$22,400 would become \$22,800.

**Homeless Memorial service:** Monday, December 22, 2014, 11am PAXnorth, 5568 Cunard Street, Halifax

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.

*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: Homeless Memorial service* Monday,

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*December 22: Longest Night Service 7 pm*

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

*December 28: Congregational Breakfast 10 am!*

- **Isaiah 40:1-11** Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a

shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

- **2 Peter 3:8-15a** But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given him.
- **Mark 1:1-8** The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

No Jesus, No Peace! Know Jesus, Know Peace!



## 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:** Sharing the gospel in Romania  
*Presbyterians Sharing* supports Brian Johnston, an English and music teacher serving at The Theological Seminary of the Hungarian Reformed Church in Cluj, Romania. Brian's two choirs provide students with an opportunity to both share the gospel message through song and learn English in a fun and creative way.  
Brian is also an avid photographer, recording scenes of village life and local scenery. Recently, Brian participated in a youth camp attended by 70 young people from 13 congregations. He taught the group English songs, and brought some of his photos to share. The youth dramatized each photo, bringing the scenes to life in a unique way. Brian writes, "I would like to congratulate the leaders for creating such a wonderful atmosphere full of enthusiasm and spiritual energy."

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** *As we light the second candle of Advent, pray for a spirit of humility and service that will reach out to others with Christ's love.*

**STEWARDSHIP** All you have shall someday be given:  
Therefore give now, that the season of giving may be yours  
and not your inheritors'  
*Kahlil Gibran*

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 Val Macdonald. Our scripture reader for this morning is Ian Gilmore. Our refreshment host is Dorothy Jackson