

WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day

December 21, 2014

ADVENT 4

**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 Reign of God is drawing near: The Psalmist calls us to sing of God's steadfast love! Declare that God's steadfast love is established forever . God loves the world so much that the son has been given to us.*

Advent Liturgy

The Roop family

*Hymn: Of eternal love begotten **163**

Opening prayer: *There is love in our lives because of the abundance of your steadfast love. A love so vast, so deep, so real, that you became one of us.*

May we live within the power of this love. Holy God, you promised to do great things for us, yet we do not trust you. You extend your mercy to us, yet we do not trust you. You lift up the humble, you fill the hungry with good things, and yet we still do not trust you. Forgive us, and help us to trust in the promises you have given us. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. (Silence is kept) Even now—yes, even in this very moment, God comes to us, bringing hope, bringing forgiveness, bringing grace as freely offered gifts to us.

Where we Hear God's Word

First Reading: *Romans 16:25-27*

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

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 *I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'" Then you spoke in a vision to your faithful one, and said: "I have set the crown on one who is mighty, I have exalted one chosen from the people. I have found my servant David; with my holy oil I have anointed him; my hand shall always remain with him; my arm also shall strengthen him. My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with him; and in my name his horn shall be exalted. I will set his hand on the sea and his right hand on the rivers. He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation!"* Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Away in a Manger **149**

A time with our children: The journey to Bethlehem continues

Gospel: *Luke 1: 26-38*

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

* Hymn: The angel Gabriel **156**

Sermon: **Sing of Steadfast LOVE**

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: John Wamboldt

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

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Lord, you were rich **134**

Commissioning and Benediction:

*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.

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

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

*December 22: Homeless Memorial service tomorrow, 11am
St. Georges' Anglican.*

December 22: Longest Night Service 7 pm (see below)

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

December 28: With the closure of the hall many folks have realized we need new ways to build fellowship. One that has been suggested is a periodic breakfast. Thus on Sunday, December 28 at 10 we will be welcoming folks to a potluck breakfast. Bring your favourite breakfast food and we will have the coffeepot on and juice to share.

Presbyterians Sharing

Giving Goal for 2014: \$22,000

Given up to December 14th: \$19,674 89%

We are closer! If we exceed \$22,000, Ken and Gloria Mader will match the excess. \$22,400 would become \$22,800.

First Baptist, St. Andrew's United, St. John's United and the Presbyterian Church of Saint David's will gather together at St. David's tomorrow, December 22, at 7 pm for the Longest Night Service - a worship service for those who have a heaviness in their heart this Christmas. Christmas is a time of joy and celebration. For many, Christmas also carries undertones of grief and loss and sorrow. We invite you to experience a meditative worship service that takes time for remembering, sharing our hurting places, and preparing ourselves to receive light.

Romans 16:25-27 Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith - to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Luke 1:26-38 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.



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MISSION CAPSULES: Bringing hope to inner-city Winnipeg Through gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*, Winnipeg Inner City Missions helps people to develop or recover a healthy physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual self. WICM ministers to children and youth through after school programs. The "Miracle Store" provides the community with essential needs, while allowing choice, encouraging saving and providing dignity to people who are viewed with suspicion in other stores. Anishinabe Place of Hope offers residents clean, safe, sober housing and access to professional services. A worship service and Sunday school classes are held every Sunday afternoon, where two different spiritual traditions come together. WICM's director, the Rev. Margaret Mullin, shares, "Our families are encouraged to be who they are. They are Anishinabe people with a rich spiritual heritage who are embracing the way of Christ."

PRAYER *Pray for our mission partners and mission staff across the globe, that this will be a joyful time of celebration with those around them, especially remembering Rev. Mwawi Chilongosi and her family.*

STEWARDSHIP Precious treasure remains in the house of the wise, but the fool devours it. *Proverbs 21:20*

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 Mac Mackay. Our scripture reader for this morning is Our refreshment host are Sally Fyfe and Davida Mackay