



WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day

December 28, 2014

Christmas 1

**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: *Sing praises to God on high, for glorious are God's works. Sing praises to the ends of the earth. Shout and sing for joy,*

O people of God, for great is the Holy One in our midst, blessed is the One who comes to dwell among us.

*Hymn: Christians Awake!

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Opening prayer: *Gracious God, we place ourselves in your presence. Our minds and our spirits are cluttered. Help us make space for you. Help us to be fully present here, now. We release to you all that we have done today— whether for good or for ill. We release all that we feel like we should have done today, but did not do. We release all of the people who weigh on our hearts and minds this day. We release our fears. We release our anxiety. We release our impatience. We release our pride. All of the thoughts, all of the feelings that pull us away from you, O God, we release. [silence]*

Where we Hear God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 148 *Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host! Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: In Bethlehem a newborn boy

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A time with our children: The rest of the story.

Epistle: Galatians 4: 4-7

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

One: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

*Hymn: Hark! the Herald angels sing

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Sermon: **The GOSPEL according to the OLD FOLKS**

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 dismiss us with your blessing **468**

A closing Litany: *If we choose, we can be instruments of hope in the world as were Anna and Simeon. We so choose, so we go to spread the hope and promise of the Christ child. If we choose, we can counter the voices of anxiety and despair in the world. We so choose, so we sing songs of hope because the world can be changed. If we choose, we can fight against the fear that freezes the heart of many. We so choose, so we will tell of the love that conquers fear, the love of a child in a manger. The choice is ours to make, how we live into the possibilities of Christmas, the beauty is that we do not live out the choice by our own strength. Go with God, according to God's word; for our eyes have seen salvation - Always and everywhere. Amen.*

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 Sunday at 9 am

Covenant service next week at the regular service

Presbyterians Sharing

Giving Goal for 2014: \$22,000

Given up to December 21st: \$19,992 91%

Closer, closer!

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had

been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel." And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too." There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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MISSION CAPSULES: Seeking healing and Reconciliation Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people are seeking ways to find healing and wholeness together. We are discovering what healing and reconciliation means. Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support The Presbyterian Church in Canada's native ministries, which promote physical, emotional, spiritual and social wellbeing. Seven native ministries – Hummingbird Ministries, Cariboo Presbyterian Church's Nazko and Area Dakelh Outreach, Edmonton Urban Native Ministry, Saskatoon Native Circle Ministries, Mistawasis Memorial Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg Inner City Missions and Kenora Fellowship Centre reach out to vulnerable people in their communities. All of these ministries operate on a foundation of respect for traditional Aboriginal spirituality and culture

PRAYER *Thank God for people who give generously to enhance the mission and ministries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.*

STEWARDSHIP Nothing is more dangerous than to be blinded by prosperity.
John Calvin

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.

Our Greeter this morning is Our scripture reader for this morning is Our refreshment host are