



WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day
January 18, 2015
Epiphany 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:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

* Call to worship: *Our lives have purpose. We are called to be like Christ and serve God. God chooses us and loves us. God calls us by name and we belong to God. God will bring to completion the good work of grace started in us, and we will find joy, peace, and restoration in God's loving plan. Let us worship this God, who claims us and loves us!*

*Hymn: Songs of Thankfulness

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Opening prayer: *Hear us now as we confess to your our sins: Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, but we confess that we prefer our old lives; we let our nostalgia stand in the way of accepting your newness, we cling to old habits rather than welcome conversion, we nurture grudges instead of your grace, and we are reluctant to welcome or forgive one another as you welcome and forgive us. In your loving kindness, have mercy upon us and move among us so that we might live together with grace.*

Friends, hear the good news: God calls us to life in Christ not just once but over and over again. Before the world was made, we were chosen in Christ to be part of the family of God. Know that you are forgiven - and forgive one another.

Where we Hear God's Word

First Reading: *Genesis 1: 1-5*

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 29** *Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor. The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!* Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Jesus loves me

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A time with our younger folk: Remember!

Scripture: Epistle: *Acts 19:1-7*
Gospel: *Mark 1: 4-11*
One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ**

*Hymn: Christ, when for us you were baptized **183**
Sermon: **New Beginnings**

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: We are God's People **472**

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.

Concert, First Baptist, 3 pm: Lynette Wahlstrom, piano; and Shawn Whynot, organ; Susan Boddie and Caron Daley, sopranos; present the music of Bédard, Fauré, Poulenc, Rachmaninoff, and Schubert. Proceeds from this concert will help fund our 2015 Halifax Summer Choral Conducting Symposium. Tickets: \$15. The first session of the 10th Wave Metro New Horizons Band will be held from 1:00 until 2:00 on Sunday, January 25 at the Dartmouth Long & McQuade store located at 124 Main Street. All are welcome

THIS WEEK

The early service Sunday at 9 am

The Circle of prayer meets Sunday at 10 in the study.

Traditional service at 11 am.

Sunday School meets during worship

Elders meet Wednesday at 7 pm

The choir meets on Thursdays at 7: 30 pm

David's Place gathers Fridays from 10- noon

Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied-- altogether there were about twelve of them.

Mark 1:4-11

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." In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."



PASTORAL CARE

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MISSION CAPSULES:

Proud to Send My Daughter to School Sayed Mohammad makes bricks to support his family. He works during the hot summers, as well as the cold winters. For a time, his ten-year-old daughter, Saima, worked alongside him. Through a Presbyterian World Service & Development project in Afghanistan, Sayed learned that his daughter was too young to be doing hard labour at the brick factory and that it was his responsibility to send her to school. "I feel really proud of myself now, because everyone at home appreciates that I am sending my daughter to school." Not only is Sayed enabling his daughter to pursue an education, he is working hard to raise awareness about how education can change children's futures. Since PWS&D started supporting the girls' education project in Afghanistan, over 4,000 girls have been enrolled in school.

PRAYER *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: Thank God who has blessed us with a multitude of ethnicities, cultures and languages. Pray that we will embrace the full spectrum of God's universe.*

STEWARDSHIP Unlike many clergy, the Bible just won't shut up when it comes to money. *Philip D. Jamieson*



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 Davida Mackay. Our scripture reader for this morning is Andrew Lappin. Our refreshment hosts are Don and Margot Knox.