



WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day
February 01, 2015
Epiphany 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: *Answer me, O God, for your steadfast love is good, According to your abundant mercy, turn to me. Do not hide your face from your servant for I am in distress - make haste to answer me! Draw near to me, redeem me, set me free...*

*Hymn: Lord, speak to me

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Opening prayer: *We know ourselves to be made for your truth, and yet we seek to live outside the circle of your truth. We know ourselves to be blessed with intelligence and yet we seek to live outside the circle of knowledge in our ignorance. We know ourselves capable of deep caring and yet we push out of the inner circle of our lives those closest to us. We know ourselves to be created for relationship with you and others and yet we claim to be too busy to pray or to be present with those closest to us. We know ourselves to be endowed with an abundance of this world's goods and gifts and yet we hoard and hide the very things that might bring joy to other lives. These circles of folly are simply a symptom of our brokenness and sin. Pardon us, we pray. As we open hearts to healing and hands to new health, let loose the hold of sin and sickness. Embrace us within the circle of your love made ever so wide in the love of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Where we Hear God's Word

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 111 ✠ *Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. ✠ Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. ✠ Full of honour and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. ✠ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful. ✠ He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. ✠ He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations. ✠ The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. ✠ They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness. ✠ He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name. ✠ The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Jesus bids us shine

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Scripture: Epistle:

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel:

Mark 1: 21-28

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

*Hymn: We've a story to tell to the nations 765

Sermon: **WHO SPEAKS FOR GOD?**

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: Who's goin' to tell the story 761

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.

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

The choir meets on Thursdays at 7: 30 pm

David's Place gathers Fridays from 10- noon

Annual Reports: The annual meeting of the **Presbyterian Church of Saint David** will take place on March 1. All reports from groups and committees should be in by Sunday, February 15.

The men's soup contest will take place in conjunction with the annual meeting, so gentlemen now is the time to start

planning. Due to the reduced space in the kitchen area, soups should be delivered hot in a slow cooker if possible. Crackers, rolls and sweets will round out the meal. Come and participate in both events!

If you are receiving the **Record** through Saint David's, our subscription year is from June 2, 2014 to June 1, 2015. If you have not paid yet, please give \$27.54 to Saint David's to cover your subscription. Use your Record envelope and place it in the offering plate. If using cash, please round up to \$28 to avoid small coins."

Deuteronomy 18:15-21 The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak--that prophet shall die." ... How can we recognize a word that the Lord has not spoken?

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth--as in fact there are many gods and many lords- yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat

as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Mark 1:21-28 They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching - with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

PASTORAL CARE

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MISSION CAPSULES: PWS&D Sunday February 1 is PWS&D Sunday – a time to remember the work of our church in supporting marginalized and vulnerable people through programs in international development and emergency relief. Today, think of those who struggle for basic necessities such as nutritious food, clean water, adequate health care, quality education and basic human rights. Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, PWS&D envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world. By participating in the work of PWS&D and its global partners, we do what Jesus taught us and help to make this vision a reality. We respond together.

PRAYER *Celebrating our partnership with the Presbyterian-Reformed Church in Cuba, pray for God's blessing as the participants at the Synod Assembly in Matanzas explore together what partnership means.*

STEWARDSHIP Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income.



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 Mac Mackay. Our refreshment hosts are Gordon and Jane Brown.