



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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WELCOME!

Beannachd Dia dhuit
(Blessings of God be with you)

Service for the Lord's Day February 08, 2015

5th Sunday after Epiphany

**All who are able are asked to stand.*

Our Vision:

A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: *Don't you know? Haven't you heard? God created all things and summons everyone by name. Don't you know? Haven't you heard? No one – nothing – can compare to God's glory. Don't you know? Haven't you heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth, and never grows tired or weary. Don't you know? Haven't you heard? Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength forever and ever.*

*Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession: *Let us confess our sin and faithlessness to God and to each other: Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude, the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world, the endless cycle of nature, of life and death and rebirth. Forgive us for taking without giving, reaping without sowing. Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise, our hands to share. May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread, and our footsteps be worthy of following, for they lead to you. (silent reflection)*

Assurance of Pardon: *Hear the good news: "Those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.*

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced) 445

First Reading: *Isaiah 40: 21-31*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 147:1-11, 20c** *Praise God! How good it is to sing praises to our God; for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting. God builds up Jerusalem; God gathers the outcasts of Israel. God heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. God determines the number of the stars; God gives to all of them their names. Great is our God, and abundant in power; whose understanding is beyond measure. God lifts up the*

downtrodden; God casts the wicked to the ground. *Sing to God with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre. God covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills. God gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry. God has no delight in the strength of the horse, nor pleasure in the speed of a runner; but God takes pleasure in those who fear God, in those who hope in God's steadfast love.*

Praise be to God! Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Follow me the Master said **645**

Conversation with the young people:

From the letters: *1 Corinthians 9:16-23*

Gospel: *Mark 1: 29-39*

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

Hymn: Fill all my life **653**

Sermon: **Have you not known?
HAVE YOU NOT HEARD?**

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: Those who wait on the Lord **662**

*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.

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, Feb. 15.

THIS WEEK - (February 08 - 15)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am.

Refreshments follow the 11 am service each Sunday

Friday 10:00 am – 12:00 pm David's Place

Sunday 9:00 am Early service with

communion: Please join us!

10:00 am Circle of Prayer.

11:00 am Traditional Service.

Presbytery meeting at St. David's February 17 at 10 am.

The men's soup contest will take place in conjunction with the annual meeting, so 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. Use your Record envelope and place it in the offering plate. If using cash, please round up to \$28 to avoid small coins.

Atlantic Women's Christian Retreat April 24-26, Moncton. Guest Speaker: Linda Shaw. Registration form in minister's 'office'.

The Bedford United Church (1200 Bedford Highway) men will be hosting their annual Spaghetti Dinner, Silent Auction and Concert. \$25 ticket includes *Coco Love Alcorn* concert. Dinner 5:00pm, Silent Auction 5 to 7:30, Concert 7:30. Concert only tickets \$20. Call 492-4104

Isaiah 40:21-31 Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

1 Corinthians 9:16-23 If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside

the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Mark 1: 29-39 As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

PASTORAL CARE



*Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact
one of the following:*

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MISSION CAPSULES: YOUTH IN MISSION:

Transforming lives Mentoring vulnerable youth

Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Kenora Fellowship Centre as it offers shelter and comfort to vulnerable, disadvantaged and displaced people in downtown Kenora, Ontario. It is the only place in this area offering people refuge from the streets. Its mentorship program offers hands-on experience to young people like Donovan. Youth help with the daily lunch program and take care of the elders, among other tasks. Donovan and others in the mentorship program enjoyed helping establish a vegetable garden, working alongside three elders who helped till and prepare the earth. An Ojibway elder blessed the garden and made suggestions on how to plant according to his teachings. Please pray for KFC as it reaches out to vulnerable youth and young adults through its mentorship program.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Pray for peace in places like South Sudan, Syria and Iraq, and for Presbyterian World Service & Development programs that are providing food, shelter and health care to those caught in the crossfire of violent conflict.*

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

Our Welcoming Elder this morning is Mac Mackay. Our scripture reader for this morning is Our host for refreshment time is Phyllis Morrison.

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is a breastfeeding friendly facility.

The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.
This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.