



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

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WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day April 12, 2015

2nd Sunday of Easter

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

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: *Christ is risen! Now what? Next came doubts and questions, assurances and instructions, and a last word:*

“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” *Christ is risen! Now what? Now we come together to wait for him. May the risen Christ bless us as we worship what we have not seen, yet believe.*

*Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy 299

Opening Prayer: *Holy One, in this Easter season, we come to you, singing alleluias, celebrating new life all around us, not quite believing it all, but going along with it, just the same. We celebrate the doubters and questioners among us, who keep our faith real, who demand that we live our believing into faith that works towards justice and peace, and making sure that the hungry are nourished and loved. We celebrate the saints among us, whose courageous faith takes us to the unknown, reminding us that true discipleship is risky and radical in the face of a world held hostage by greed, love of power, and denial. We are your Easter people, Holy One. Doubters, saints, sinners, questioners, spiritual and religious, who skip, run, and stumble on the journey. We pray that whoever we are on this journey, that you might open our ears and eyes to your call, to be your love, where ever we are. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.*

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: *Acts 4: 32-35*

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

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 133 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Day by Day 455

Conversation with children and leave for Sunday School

From the letters: *1 John 1:1-2:2*

Gospel: *John 20: 19-31*

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

*Hymn: Christ of all my hope is grounded 280

Sermon: **Ants in the pants of faith**

We respond in Faith and Service

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

*Doxology: *“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”* 830

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Pastoral Prayer ending with Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: The Day of Resurrection

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*Benediction:

Choral Amen:

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

The Helen M. Watson Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Saint David: Applications for financial assistance from the Helen M. Watson Fund will be received prior to April 30, 2015. The Helen M. Watson Fund of The Presbyterian Church of Saint David produces income to be used "exclusively for local missionary work in Nova Scotia". If you have any questions, please contact Mac Fyfe (902) 425-3844, Mac Mackay- (902) 422-5481 or Johannah Roberts (902) 457-2836. Application Form and Guidelines document, may be obtained from the Web site.

Regular activities THIS WEEK - (April 12- April 19)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am.
Refreshments following service.

Today is food bank Sunday – please give generously!

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday David's Place

Sunday 9 am Early Service

10 am Prayer Group

11 am Traditional service

Upcoming:

**Next week is Mission Awareness Sunday April 19th
April 26th Anniversary Sunday with Rev. Dr. Laurence
DeWolfe.**

St. John's United Church is hosting its monthly Taize Prayer this Sunday, April 12-7 p.m., at the Conservatory.

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. Our Welcoming Elder this morning is Jamie Campbell. Our reader for this morning is Ian Gilmore. Our Refreshment host is Dorothy Jackson

Today is Food Bank Sunday. We either distribute the items brought in to our guests at David's Place or use them to make the meals each week. While we appreciate and use all donations, we find a need right now for toiletries, particularly unopened travel size, tuna, and bags of apples and oranges. Thank you for remembering our guests.

Saint David's has a very important ministry in our refreshment time following the service. Please use the sign-up sheet by the coffee urn, or speak to Valerie Macdonald after the service if you would be available to help with this ministry or have any questions.

Acts 4:32-35 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

1 John 1:1-2:2 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do

what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

John 20:19-31 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

PASTORAL CARE



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

Kenn Stright office: 423-2660
Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893



...the mighty God chose to come into this world in weakness. In Christ, God entered most deeply into our suffering. (from Living Faith)

MISSION CAPSULES: Being present with people

The Reverends John Wyminga and Shannon Bell-Wyminga find that it is often in the unplanned, informal times that God works most effectively in Cariboo Ministry's Nazko and Area Dakelh Outreach. At a recent anniversary celebration, John and Shannon experienced many opportunities to share and pray with people, who shared stories of grief, spiritual concerns and thankfulness. Shannon shares, "No church building in sight, no formal worship or organized programs. We were just present with people. Our presence is a reminder that there is a Creator out there who cares for them and wants a relationship with them."

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for the members of the Atlantic Mission Society as they participate in a Bible study leading up to Mission Awareness Sunday. (To be observed here next week)

STEWARDSHIP Generosity is a spiritual disposition, not a quantifiable percentage of income. *James Hudnut-Beumler*

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.