

The
Presbyterian
Church of
Saint
David



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WELCOME!

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

May 10, 2015 Christian Family/Mother's Day

**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: *Love one another. This is The Way of Christ. Serve one another. This is The Way of Christ.*

Live in peace with one another. This is The Way of Christ.

Seek justice for one another. This is The Way of Christ. We are called to walk, act, speak and live all of our lives with the love of Christ Jesus. Come, let us follow The Way, love one another, and worship Christ our Saviour.

Hymn: All People 65

Prayer of Confession: *God of Steadfast Love, we confess that our love is short-sighted. We love our families and friends, we love those close around us, we show partiality to those in positions of power over us, and we ignore those who seem irrelevant. We are selfish with our love, loving those who will love us, who will help us. Forgive us for not loving the way You did, by laying down Your life for the lost and the least, the poor and the broken. Forgive us for being short-sighted, and not seeing our brothers and sisters in the world. Call us back into the ways of your love, away from the ways of the world. In the name of Jesus the Christ, the Love of God, we pray. Amen.*

Assurance: *For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments, and his commandments are not burdensome. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. Christ's commandment is to love one another. Do this, and live. Amen.*

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: *Acts 10: 44-48*

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

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 98 ✠ O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. ✠ The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations. ✠ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. ✠ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises. ✠ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody. ✠ With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. ✠ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in*

it. ✠ Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy ✠ at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

Gloria Patri (*sung*)

Hymn Praise our Maker, peoples of one family 700

Conversation with the young people: *The Meanest Mother in the World*

Sunday School closing exercises

Sunday school leaves for classes

From the letters: *1 John 5:1-6*

Gospel: *John 15:9-17*

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

Hymn: Mothering God 312

Sermon: Parental love...

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" 449

Prayers of the People: Johannah Roberts

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Love Divine 371

*Benediction

*Choral Amen

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Vox: a choir for social change, and the Don't Be Afraid campaign will be hosting 'Ukuthula' today at St. Matthew's. They will present two performances at 2:30pm and 7:00pm. Admission is by donation.

The Annual Metro New Horizons Bands Spring Concert will be held on Friday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Alderney Landing theatre in Dartmouth.

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE DAILY BREAD OUTREACH PROGRAM'S 2nd Annual "ART SHOW and Sale" MAY 24TH, from 11-5 pm at St. Mary's Basilica Hall (Church Basement entrance, East Side)

Come to pray, engage and learn what faith communities are saying and doing about climate change and poverty. **Find out how your voice can help!** This cross-Canada 'Justice Tour' is sponsored by and features leaders of the **Canadian Council of Churches and local concerned Christians** of various church connections eager to support each other in work for justice for all. Tea and sweets served. **Monday May 11th, 7:00-9:00 PM**; St. Agnes Parish, 6903 Mumford Rd.

THIS WEEK - (May 10- May 17)

Today	Sunday School: 11:15 am.
	Refreshments following the service.
Wednesday	7:00 pm Session
Thursday	7:30 pm Choir Practice
Friday	9:00 am – 12:00 pm David's Place
Sunday	9:00 am Early service with communion:
	10:00 am Circle of Prayer.
	11:00 am Traditional service

Acts 10:44-48 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

1 John 5:1-6 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

John 15:9-17 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.



PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION CAPSULES: Families Find

Shelter and Safety The dire humanitarian and human rights situation in Iraq has left many families without access to shelter or food. Many of the more than one million who have fled their homes left with nothing but the clothes they wore and whatever they could carry with them. Presbyterian World Service & Development has been supporting the provision of immediate assistance to families fleeing violence and persecution. Families have received relief packages of food, water, hygiene kits, pots and kettles. Sedardar Rashid fled his home with his wife and three children and is now sheltering in a school. "It's safe here," he says. "We no longer have to fear for our lives. We get food and water."

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Christian Family Sunday/Mother's Day* Give thanks for the special love of mothers and fathers. May Christ's sacrificial love be a model for our family relationships in all their forms.

STEWARDSHIP Generosity is not something we can choose, or choose not, to do. It is who we are, who we are created to be. God gave us to ourselves so that we could give ourselves to one another. God gave himself to us in Christ so that we could give Christ in us to others. Generosity, in other words, is at the heart of our creation, our salvation and our purpose.

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 Mac Mackay. Our reader for this morning is Val MacDonald. Our refreshment host today is Johannah Roberts