

WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day May 24, 2015 Pentecost *All who are able are asked to stand.

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAINT DAVID

Our Vision:

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God Calls Us to Worship





*The Entry of the Scriptures

* Call to worship: The Day of Pentecost is here: the day when the flames of faith dance in our hearts. The Day of Pentecost is here: the day when our babbling speech becomes the Good News for the world. The Day of Pentecost is here: the day when compassion is seared into our souls. The Day of Pentecost is here: let the people of God rejoice. Alleluia!

*Hymn: Breathe on me, breath of God

Prayer of Confession: Almighty God, you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples, creating bold tongues, open ears, and a new community of faith. We confess that we hold back the force of your Spirit among us. We do not listen for your word of grace, speak the good news of your love, or live as a people made one in Christ. Have mercy on us, O God. Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit, and fill us with a desire to be your faithful people, doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. (silence) Assurance of forgiveness: Friends, believe the good news and be at peace: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

Where we Hear God's Word

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God. Responsive Reading: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great. There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works - who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD. Bless the

LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!*Hymn: Holy Spirit hear us

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Community Conversation: The 'real' solar Gospel: *John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15*

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

*Hymn: O Breath of Life, come sweeping through us 384

Sermon: **Presbyterians in the Power of Pentecost**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: "Earth Does Not Hold" by Thiman

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

Offertory Prayer

THIS WEEK May 24-31

The choir meets on Thursdays at 7: 30 pm David's Place gathers Fridays.

The early service Sunday at 9 am

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

Traditional service at 11 am. Both services conducted by the Rev. John Boyd.

Sunday School meets during worship Communion will be celebrated on June 7, when we will also honour our graduates. There will be a congregational potluck BBQ (hotdogs and hamburgers) on June 14 after morning worship.

Announcements:

"Lord, listen to your children praying" (sung unannounced)
Prayers of the People:

John Wamboldt
The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

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*Hymn: Revive your work, O Lord

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.

Next week we will have the Rev. John Boyd conducting services. John is recently retired from First Baptist. Kenn and

Katie Campbell will be attending the closing ceremonies for the National Trust and Reconciliation Commission on behalf of Kairos and the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Westend Baptist: On May 30th (9:30 - 12PM) a "workshop for women" focus conversations around the theme: RISK TAKERS: Reaching across the generations.

The deadline for the next newsletter is May 29. Please send any contributions to Carol Dobson caroljdobson@gmail.com

Come and join the musical fun at **Woodlawn United** on Saturday, May 30 at 7:30PM when Nova Voce Provincial Men's Choir will thrill, charm, excite and move you with a wide variety of songs -sacred, secular, folk, shows.

TRC Closing Celebrations Please save this date: June 2, 10:00am – 3:00pm. Across the country aboriginal and non-aboriginal folks will be coming together to mark the closing of Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools. One of these events will be at the Mi'kmaq Friendship Centre on Gottingen Street. All are welcome.

Acts 2:1-21 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of

power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15 "When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION CAPSULES: Educating for Peace in Afghanistan

"I became a teacher to serve the country. After three decades of war, Afghanistan needs reconstruction through education," says Mirwas, the head teacher at a school in Laghman province. Presbyterian World Service & Development's girls education project in Afghanistan is not only working to raise awareness about the importance of education for all children, it is also building the capacity of students and teachers to handle social, political, cultural and human rights issues. In a country struggling to rebuild after decades of conflict, female students and their teachers are learning about child rights and human rights—an incredibly important issue. The focus on education for girls is helping to raise a generation of young leaders who want to be teachers, lawyers, human rights workers and politicians.

PRAYER Healing and Reconciliation Sunday/Pentecost

Give thanks for local leaders in The Presbyterian Church in Canada who are working in their communities to build relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people, based on mutual respect and love of neighbour.

STEWARDSHIP When it comes to giving until it hurts, most people have a very low threshold of pain.

Anonymous



We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is still 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.

Our Greeter this morning is Mac Mckay. Our scripture reader for this morning is John Wamboldt. Our refreshment hosts are Gary and Barbara Smith.