

WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's DayMay 31, 2015Trinity Sunday*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



Prelude:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

* Call to worship: The blessing of Holy Trinity, Three in One, be in our meeting and our greeting, in the worship we share and the words of our prayer. The blessing Holy Trinity, Three in One, be in our living and our breathing, that through our hearts and our words your truth may be heard.

*Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

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Prayer of Confession: You call us to be your light in the darkness, your voice in the wilderness, your hope for the hopeless. You give us strength in our weakness, peace and gentleness, words and boldness, to proclaim more of you and of us, less. Give us strength and healing and wholeness. (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: Isaiah 6:1-8 One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God. Responsive Reading: Psalm 29 Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendour. \blacksquare The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. A The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. A The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. A He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. A The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. A The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness: the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. \bigstar The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" Φ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. ✤ May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace! Gloria Patri (sung) *Hymn: Can a little child like me 441 Community Conversation: Letters: Romans 8:12-17 John 3: 1-17 Gospel: One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ Come thou almighty king *Hymn: 293 Sermon: TIME WITH GOD

And Respond in Faith

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Anthem: *Doxology: *"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"* <u>830</u> Offertory Prayer Announcements: "Lord, listen to your children praying" (sung unannounced) <u>449</u> Prayers of the People: John Wamboldt The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: O love that casts out fear Commissioning and Benediction: *Choral Amen: <u>297</u>

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.

We welcome the Rev. John Boyd conducting services today. John is recently retired from First Baptist. Kenn and Katie Campbell are attending the closing ceremonies for the National Truth and Reconciliation Commission on behalf of Kairos and the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

THIS WEEK May 31 – June 7 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.

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.

Isaiah 6:1-8 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I: send me!"

Romans 8:12-17 So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ--if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

John 3:1-17 Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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Jesus said: "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of

heaven belongs." I ponder those words even though it has been almost 50 years since I attended residential school. If the above words of our Lord resonated though the halls of residential schools of by-gone years the need for reconciliation would not have been a central theme of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. The lasting effects of that period of dark history in Canada are now being exposed. For reconciliation to be achieved, a concerted effort is necessary by all people in Canada to learn about and to try to understand the impact of the residential schools. The TRC had seven national events (Winnipeg, Inuvik, Halifax, Saskatoon, Montreal, Vancouver and Edmonton) across Canada to hear and listen to survivors and their families speak about the legacy of residential schools. The Rev. Gordon Williams is a member of the Indian Residential Schools Survivor Committee (IRSSC) of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. He is a retired Presbyterian minister. Gordon is from the Peguis First Nation in Manitoba and is married to Karen Jacobs from the Kahnawake First Nation in Quebec.

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 Valerie Macdonald. Our scripture reader for this morning is Marie Wamboldt. Our refreshment host Dorothy Jackson.