



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day June 14, 2015,

**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: *Faith and acts of kindness grow into great good. We will never comprehend how your kingdom comes, but we recognize its fruit. We see it in unexpected places: in sickness, in poverty, in conflict. We see it the places we wouldn't want to live. Sometimes we see it in our own lives. Your kingdom come, Lord – in us and in your world.*

*Hymn: Speak Lord in the stillness

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Prayer of Confession: *God who delivers and redeems, we have failed to live into the promise of new life. We have been afraid to enter troubled waters to help the poor and downtrodden. We have sought ease and comfort in exchange for ignoring the hungry and sick in our world. Forgive us when we have seen our faith in such narrowness, thinking of only our own salvation. Forgive us when we have not lived for others, when we have not been willing to risk ourselves for the sake of others. Call us into new life, a life that is lived in the promise of Your love for the whole world. In Jesus' name. Amen*

Assurance of Pardon: *In Christ Jesus we are a radically renewed community. Thanks be to God! Old things are done away with, all things become new. Thanks be to God! We are agents of grace and reconciliation. Thanks be to God! With every step or stumble, Christ will be with us. Thanks be to God!*

We Hear God's Word

First Reading:

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 20 ✠ *The LORD answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you!* ✠ **May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion.** ✠ *May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices.* ✠ **May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.** ✠ *May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions.* ✠ **Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand.** ✠ *Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God.* ✠ **They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.** ✠ *Give victory to the king, O LORD; answer us when we call.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: All things bright and beautiful

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Community Conversation The Giant Turnip (Russian folk story)

From the Letters:

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Gospel:

Mark 4: 26-34

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

*Hymn: In the bulb there is a flower

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Sermon:

From small beginnings...

We Respond in Faith and Action

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Prayers of the People - Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Creating God **286**

*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. Our Welcoming Elder this morning is Phyllis Morrison. Our reader for this morning is ---. Stay for the BBQ!

Regular activities THIS WEEK - (June 14- 21)

Today	Sunday School: 11:15 am. BBQ following service.
Friday	David's Place
Sunday	9 am Early Service with Communion 10 am Prayer Group 10:30 am Traditional service - Service honouring Aboriginal Sunday (first combined service for the summer). The time is 10:30 so PLEASE don't forget!

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How

can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord -- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil... For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that

those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Mark 4:26-34 He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.



PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION CAPSULES: Ongoing civil war in Syria has resulted in one of the largest refugee movements in modern times. Presbyterian World Service & Development is responding with Canadian Foodgrains Bank to ensure people like Zakaria and his wife are able to feed their family. Unable to find work after fleeing to Lebanon, their children often went to bed hungry—having had only one meal to eat all day. The food vouchers he receives through the project means Zakaria is able to purchase enough food to feed and support his family, instilling hope for the future and helping him regain self-esteem and confidence. In addition to providing humanitarian assistance, The Church is supporting congregations to sponsor Syrian refugees to resettle in Canada.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for camp staff preparing facilities and programs for campers, and for young people, families and churches preparing for the experience.

STEWARDSHIP The world asks, 'What does a man own?' Christ asks, 'How does he use it?' *Andrew Murray*

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



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This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.

Stay for



a bite!