



The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David

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Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

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

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

May 8th 2016 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Christian Family Sunday

Our Vision

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Prelude in A by Willan

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship: *The spirit of God calls us from many places; some of us come from busy homes with many people, some of us live alone. **We are a part of the family.** We all come to this same place; all of us seeking God's presence in our lives, all of us seeking God's presence with each other. **Together we are God's family.***

*Hymn: Unless the Lord constructs the house 88
Prayer of Confession: *How easy we can learn of God's love - how hard it is to live it! Gracious God, out of the brokenness of life within ourselves, with family and friends and across any and all boundaries, send your Spirit of love, joy and peace. **We will need your strength daily Lord, as we live together with the goal of following and serving you. Develop within us the character of your Son, Jesus, that we might love each other with the love he demonstrated – with patience, respect, understanding, honesty, forgiveness and kindness.***

Assurance God's love and pardon: *God is love, and when we love, we are living in the image of God, reflecting Christ's love to our earthly family and to the whole precious creation which God loved enough to send the only Son to save.*

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: **Joshua 24:14-17**

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 68: 3- 10**

*Let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy. **Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides upon the clouds – his name is the Lord – be exultant before him. Father of orphans and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. God gives the desolate a home to live in; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious live in a parched land. O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel. Rain in abundance, O God, you showered abroad; you restored your heritage when it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.***

*Hymn: What a friend we have in Jesus

746

Sunday School closing
 Conversation with the young people: Jigsaw puzzle
 (Young people leave for Sunday School)
 From the letters: **Galatians 3: 26-29 Ephesians 6: 1-6**
 Gospel: **Mark 3: 31-35**
One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ
 *Hymn: Praise our Maker, people of one family **700**
 Sermon: **TRUE KINDRED**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
 Anthem: O How Beautiful by Greg Jasperse
 *Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" **830**
 Offertory Prayer
 Announcements:
 "Lord, listen to your children praying" (unannounced) **449**
 Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Happy the Home when God is there **703**
 *Benediction:
 *Choral amen
 Postlude: Improvisation in G Major

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Phoenix House
 Snack Program. Saint David's exceeded its goal this year.
 (Anne Sommerville and Carol Dobson)

The regular **Session** meeting will be held on Wednesday
 May 11th at 7 pm.

Today is **Food Bank** Sunday for David's Place.

**Refreshment hosts are needed for May and June. Please
 see the sign up sheet by the coffee urn.**

If anyone is aware of a young person graduating from high
 school, university, or college please share the information
 with Valerie Macdonald or any of the elders. We will be
 honouring our graduates on Communion Sunday in June.

THIS WEEK - (May 8- May 15)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service Sunday School Closing- Food Bank Sunday Sunday School at 11:15
Friday		David's Place.
Sunday	9:00 am	- Early service
	10:00 am	- Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional Service

Joshua 24: 14-17 "Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve
 him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that
 your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and
 serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord,
 choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your
 ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of
 the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and
 my household, we will serve the Lord." **16** Then the people
 answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to
 serve other gods; **17** for it is the Lord our God who brought us

and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed;

Galatians 3: 26-29 ... for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. **Ephesians 6:1-6** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honour your father and mother" – this is the first commandment with a promise: "so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as you obey Christ; not only while being watched, and in order to please them, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart

Mark 3: 31-35 ³¹ Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' ³³ And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' ³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers!' ³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.



PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION MOMENTS **Kings Presbyterian** in New Minas began with only the vision and prayer of a few people committed to forming a Presbyterian Church. Now, having celebrated our 25th anniversary in 2015, we are an active congregation with an expanding ministry and lively worship. On an average Sunday between 90 and 100 people of all ages gather to worship. Many denominational and ethnic backgrounds are represented. Our worship is inclusive and welcoming. For the last 20 years, Rev. Dr. Tim Archibald has been our minister. and has led our congregation with deep faith and compassion. Active teams and groups support our church life. We offer outreach and hospitality through year-round events including Church School, Vacation Bible Camp that draws 80-100 children, participation in Inn from the Cold, and ongoing partnering with two other congregations welcoming a refugee family from Eritrea. We provide scholarships to help students in Najile, Africa. We also distribute Christmas hampers and cookie tins with exam-time Christmas treats to Acadia students. A Christmas Barn Service is held. Through the year our building is available for music, art, and other groups. Our vision has emerged through a process of prayerful discernment that identifies us as God's people, and what God is calling us to become. Please pray that we continue to seek God's will and vision for Kings Church, and be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit..

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray that our congregations will reflect the light of Christ through ministries in their municipalities and around the world.

STEWARDSHIP Pray that our congregations will reflect the light of Christ through ministries in their municipalities and around the world.

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.

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 Greeter this morning Johannah Roberts. Our reader today is Ian Gilmore. Refreshment Host is Sally Fyfe.