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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 12th 2016 Pentecost 4

# **Our Vision**

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# **GATHERING**

Prelude: \*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship: *Mighty God, you welcome us as honoured guests.* You give us water to wash our feet, you give us a kiss of greeting, and you anoint our heads with oil. Merciful God, You welcome us, you forgive us and give us a seat at your table. Wondrous God, we have come here to give you our worship and praise. May we gather joyfully at your table! \*Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, we adore you 410 Prayer of Confession: Merciful God, we come before you confessing our sins. Hear our cries for forgiveness. (Silence) We acknowledge there are times when we hurt others in order to get our own way. Forgive us the hurt we inflict on others. (Silence) *We confess there are times when we judge others on their* past behaviour, overlooking the possibility that they have changed. Forgive us for judging others. (Silence) Assurance: *Oh, what joy for those whose sins are forgiven, whose* mistakes have been wiped away by God's mercy and grace! Let us rejoice in God's unfailing love, which has set us free yet again.

# PROCLAIMING

First Reading:

Galatians 2:15-21

*One: The Word of the Lord* All: Thanks be to God. Responsive Reading: Psalm 32 Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. I will instruct you and teach you the way you **should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.** Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. **Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.** Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

\*Hymn: Be Thou my Vision<u>461</u>Celebrating our GraduatesGospel:Luke 7:36-8:3One: The Gospel of the Lord.All: Praise to you, O Christ\*\*Hymn: Drop, drop slow tears<u>228</u>Sermon:Can you SEE her?

## **CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENT**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Anthem Here I am Lord arr. by Ovid Young \*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" 830 Offertory Prayer Announcements: Invitation to the Table Hymn: Bread of the world in mercy broken 551 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving: Please follow at 564 Sung responses in the prayer from John Merbecke's Holy Communion service with organ accompaniment by Healey Willan.

Lord's Prayer (sung) Institution of the sacrament Distribution Post Communion Prayer



# **SENDING**

\*Hymn: Shout for Joy (1,3,4) \*Benediction: <u>557</u>

\*Choral amen

### Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Please stay for a financial review by Mac Fyfe

## **THIS WEEK - (June 12- 19)**

Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Communion service
		Graduation Sunday
		Food Bank Sunday
After service:		Financial Review led by Mac Fyfe
Friday		David's Place.
Sunday	9:00 am -	Early service
	10:00 am -	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional Service

The **Saint David's and Friends Sunday Suppers** group, which now includes several members of Calvin Presbyterian, will deliver 16 casseroles and possibly even help to serve them on Sunday, June 26. Anyone who would like to prepare or serve or who is curious about the program can contact Nicole Watkins Campbell at 422-5878 or at nicolewcampbell26@gmail.com .

## Here is our summer schedule with all services starting at 10:30. Communion will be celebrated July 3 and August 7

July 3, 10 St. John's July 17, 24 St. David's July 31, Aug. 7 St. Andrew's Aug. 14, 21, 28 First Baptist

#### Galatians 2:15-21

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners; yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God; for if justification comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

#### Luke 7:36-8:3

One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. And a woman in the city, who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair. Then she continued kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him--that she is a sinner." Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "Speak." "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "I suppose the one

for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven, loves little." Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." Soon afterwards he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Herod's steward Chuza, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their resources

### PASTORAL CARE

We are pleased that you are here and look forward to discovering ways that we can grow in faith and service together. We pray that you will be blessed in worship today and that you will come again soon. Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact one of

the following:

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**MISSION MOMENTS** Farming for the Future in Tanzania Last year in Kishapu, one of the driest areas of Tanzania, the arid climate and unpredictability of rainfall left many farmers in dismay. Common crops didn't survive. "We're willing to try anything that will make us more food secure," shared one farmer from the region. The *PWS&D* -supported food security project in Kishapu provided farmers with weather-resilient, nutritious seed as well as training in conservation agriculture. Through conservation agriculture - a lowinput farming method that helps soil retain moisture - their crops flourished despite the prolonged drought. The farmers continue to apply the methods they learned. By combining resilient seed with soil-friendly farming, they are laying the foundations of a more sustainable future.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Pray for former students of Residential Schools and all who seek reconciliation on the 8th anniversary of Canada's apology (yesterday).

**STEWARDSHIP** Stewardship is the act of organizing your life so that God can spend you. *Lynn A. Miller* **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 is Colin MacPherson. Our reader today is Mac Mackay. Refreshment Host is Kay Foxton.