

Welcome to . . .
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
February 18, 2018
First Sunday in Lent

***Opening Responses:** *[from Eggs and Ashes, Ruth Burgess, Chris Polhill]*

L> Round about us, here among us,

ALL> God of promise and love.

L> Good and faithful, strong in mercy

ALL> God of promise and love.

L> Calling our names, bidding us welcome,

ALL> God of promise and love.

Prayer: *(said together)*

God of all creation,
we give thanks for your rainbow promise,
a sign of your grace and forgiveness toward a fallen world.
As we begin a new Season of Lent,
help us to recognize the signs of this promise
in the wilderness places of our lives.
As we travel through these forty days,
unseal within us the wellspring of your grace,
cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy,
and cause your gift of new life to flourish once again.
Grant this through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever. Amen.

Hymn: I hunger and I thirst 198

RESPONSE in Preparation for the Readings:

L> Listen for the Word that God has spoken;

**ALL> Speak, Lord, to our speaking,
speak, Lord, to our listening,
speak, Lord, to our souls' deep understanding.**

The Word of God: *Genesis 9:8-17*
Mark 1:9-15

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

ALL> Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing, Prayers for Others

Communion

Prayer: *(said together)*

Lord Jesus, you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours.
Take us, renew and remake us.
What we have been is past;
what we shall be, through you,
still awaits us.
Lead us on.
Take us with you.
Amen.

Hymn: O matchless beauty of our God 566

Commission & Blessing:

L> This is the day that the Lord has made.

ALL> We will rejoice and be glad in it.

L> We will not offer to God

ALL> offerings that cost us nothing.

L> Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL> We will seek peace and pursue it.

L> Glory be to God who made us
and to Christ who saved us
and to the Holy Spirit who keeps us in faith.

**ALL> As it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be forever. Amen.**