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A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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*The
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Interim Organist: Ian Bent; **Choral Director:** Simon Blake

MISSION MOMENTS - World Soil Day (Dec. 5)

Soil gives life and supports livelihoods around the world. In Badin, Pakistan, Rabia's life depends on access to rich, fertile soil—she needs it to grow the crops she sells each week at the market. But an especially dry summer has led to severe water shortages in her village. Rabia's soil was too arid to yield the produce she needs. With support from PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Rabia has learned to adopt agricultural practices that use less water. She also received seeds to grow crops that can survive extended dry periods. "This is highly beneficial for farmers like me, who reside in water-scarce areas," shares Rabia. *PWS&D helps farmers adapt to climate change*

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP - As we enter into the season of advent, pray that God's spirit of generosity and abundance will fill our hearts and guide our actions.

STEWARDSHIP - Nothing is more dangerous than to be blinded by prosperity. *John Calvin (1509-1564), theologian and reformer*



! Breastfeed.

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.

WELCOME!

We gather on the unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. Peace and Friendship Treaties with the Mi'kmaq bind us together as we strive for reconciliation.

First Sunday of Advent - December 2, 2018

**Please stand if able*

GATHERING



Prelude

Introit: *Matin Responsory (Aspiens a Longe)* - Palestrina

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: [*Psalm 25:4,5*]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;
teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.**

*Prayer of Approach

*Hymn: O come, o come, Emmanuel 122

Lighting the Candle of Hope (See Insert)

EQUIPPING

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²O my God, in you I trust;
do not let me be put to shame;
do not let my enemies exult over me.

³**Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;
let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

⁴Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.

⁵**Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all day long.**

⁶Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

⁷**Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for your goodness' sake, O LORD!**

⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.

¹⁰**All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.**

*Hymn: People in darkness 124

Community Conversation

The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

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

Sermon: "The days are surely coming. . ."

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Announcements

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

*Hymn: Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour 541

The Offering

Anthem: *Conditor Alme Siderum* - Palestrina

*Doxology (830), Apostle's Creed (539), Prayer of Dedication

The Peace: (Response - ***And also with you.***)

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving: 564
including The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical Version)

Breaking the Bread, Lifting The Cup

Communion

The Grace (Response - ***And also with you.***), Prayer

SENDING

*Hymn: Come, thou long-expected Jesus 110

*Benediction (... *be with you all. And also with you.*)

Postlude

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**Our worship continues with our service in the world.**

**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. Greeting you this morning is Colin MacPherson. Our Scripture reader is Andrew Rutenberg. Our Advent liturgy readers are Jillian, Erin and Alison Hope. Our refreshment hosts are Jackie and Sara Kinley.

**We welcome** guest accompanist, Brogan Cameron, who is filling in for Ian Bent. Brogan is a music student of Peter Allen, Associate Professor with the Fountain Centre for Performing Arts at Dalhousie.

**THIS WEEK – December 2 to 9**

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| <b>Today</b> | 11 a.m. Worship<br>Noon Refreshments                                                 |
| Friday       | David's Place                                                                        |
| Sunday       | 9 a.m. Communion<br>11 a.m. Worship - 2nd Sunday of Advent - <b>Food Bank Sunday</b> |

**Join us for Saint David's Carol Concert - Saturday, Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.** with soloist Janelle Lucyk and our choir under the direction of Nick Veltmeyer who is coming home especially for the concert. A celebration of Advent. Tickets are \$20, \$10 unwaged.

## Announcements cont'd

the spotless Victim all divine.

At whose dread Name, majestic now,  
all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;  
and things celestial Thee shall own,  
and things terrestrial Lord alone.

O Thou whose coming is with dread,  
to judge and doom the quick and dead,  
preserve us, while we dwell below,  
from every insult of the foe.

**Amen.**

(Another English translation of this hymn is in the *Book of Praise*, 111)

**Next week is Food Bank Sunday.** Every donation is welcome and will be put to use, but for December we would like you to consider the following items toilet paper, grocery bags, soup, Kraft Dinner, canned fruit, tea and hot chocolate for your donation.

**Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 1:30 p.m. Communion at St. Vincent's.** All are welcome to join the residents in worship in the chapel.

**Sunday, Dec. 9 at 1 pm. Session** will meet in the assembly area.

**We need people to read** the Advent liturgies and light the candles of Joy and Peace and Love and the Christ Candle. Please speak to Phyllis if you would take part. This would be for Dec. 9, 16, and 24. Thank you.

Each year **Coverdale Courtwork Society** provides women and girls in our community with gift bags that bring a little bit of joy to their holiday season. In some cases this is the only gift these women will receive. Many of these women and girls spend this wonderful and comforting time of year alone, without experiencing the warmth and joy of family and friends. . . all the things that make this time of year so very special. If you would like to help the staff collect items to fill the bags, here is a list of suggestions: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, body lotion, deodorant, face soap, hats, gloves, scarves, socks, candy, gift cards -grocery stores, fast food restaurants, Tim Hortons. Any donations are welcome and can be dropped off at Coverdale's office: Suite 203, 6169 Quinpool Road (above Wendy's) or given to Valerie Macdonald.

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Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵ “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴ “Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵ like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

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**Introit:** *Matin Responsory (Aspiens a Longe)* - Palestrina.

I look from afar:

and lo, I see the power of God coming,  
and a cloud covering the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, are thou he that should come  
to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another.

Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel,  
thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost.

**Anthem:** *Conditor Alme Siderum* - Palestrina

*Latin:* Conditor alme siderum  
aeterna lux credentium  
Christe redemptor omnium  
exaudi preces supplicum

Qui condolens interitu  
mortis perire saeculum  
salvasti mundum languidum  
donans reis remedium.

Vergente mundi vespere  
uti sponsus de thalamo  
egressus honestissima  
Virginis matris clausula

Cuius forti pontentiae  
genu curvantur omnia  
caelestia, terrestia  
nutu fatentur subdita.

Te, Sancte fide quaesumus,  
venture iudex saeculi,  
conserva nos in tempore  
hostis a telo perfidi.

Amen.

*English:* Creator of the stars of night,  
Thy people's everlasting light,  
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,  
and hear Thy servants when they call.

Thou, grieving that the ancient curse,  
should doom to death a universe,  
hast found the medicine, full of grace,  
to save and heal a ruined race.

Thou camest, the Bridegroom of the bride,  
as drew the world to evening tide,  
proceeding from the virgin shrine,