



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
February 07, 2016
TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

*All who are able are asked to stand.

Our Vision

A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Melodies by Purvis

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *God touches the world, and the world changes. God touches us, and we are transformed. In the brightest of day, in the deepest of night, on mountain, in valley, everywhere. In this time,*

together, we invite God to open our eyes to the transformation of our lives. *And through the change – we worship God. Alleluia!*

*Hymn: We have come at Christ's own bidding 187

Prayer of Confession: **Forgive us, God, when we linger too long by the waters, and on the mountain tops, enthralled with the glory that flows from you. When we fail to listen to your voice, leading and guiding us, shake us from our contentment and send us forward endowed with your power. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: *You are renewed and restored. You are forgiven and loved. You are a new creation in Christ, everything old has passed away; see, everything is becoming new. Go and share the good news of God's love. Amen*

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 99** *The LORD is sovereign; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them. He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them. O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings. Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy.* *Gloria Patri (sung)*

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*Hymn: Lead me Jesus

Conversation with the young people:

From the letters: **2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2**

Gospel: **Luke 9: 28 - 36**

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

*Hymn: *Swiftly pass the clouds of glory*

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Sermon: **WHEN THE WORLD IS TRANSFIGURED AROUND US**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: The Winter's Night by Nicholas Myers

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

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Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Teach me God to wonder

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*Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

Postlude: Improv on Trumpets in D

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday March 06, 2016 following the morning service. Reports should be received as soon as possible (Thur. Feb 18 last day). It will be combined with the annual soup contest. The congregation is invited to bring sandwiches and sweets to round out the meal. One of the important tasks of the Annual Meeting is setting a yearly goal for Presbyterian's Sharing. We met and exceeded our goal for last year. \$4,695 for Presbyterians Sharing was received in January!

THIS WEEK - (February 07-14)

Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service
		Sunday School at 11:15
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Session
Thursday	7:30	Choir practice
Friday	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	David's Place (Hall).
Sunday	9:00 am	Early communion service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	First Sunday in Lent – Food Bank Sunday
		Sunday School

HOW TO PRAY IN YOUR OWN WAY

Our Lenten study will take us on a journey into various aspects of our prayer life. The four forms of prayer introduced in this resource coincide with four Myers-Briggs psychological functions that relate to how people process information and make decisions. These functions are sensing, intuiting (i.e. intuition), thinking and feeling. Carl Jung noticed a correlation between these functions and four colours: green, yellow, blue and red. Be ready for some interesting and challenging reflections on the place and purpose (and power) of prayer in your life.

The **Green Prayer**: Sensing God's reality February 18

The **Yellow Prayer**: Intuiting God's mystery February 25

The **Blue Prayer**: Understanding God's will March 3

The **Red Prayer**: Feeling God's love March 10

Storm date will be held March 17. Each study will begin at 6pm.

Valentine's Tea! At Hardwood Lands Presbyterian Saturday, February 13th 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm \$5.00 admission

Exodus 34:29-35 Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.



2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Luke 9:28-36 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" -- not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.



PASTORAL CARE

*Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact
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MISSION MOMENTS: Today we remember the ministries of St. James' Presbyterian Church, Truro. The Rev. Dr. David Sutherland is the Intentional Interim Minister. Marilyn Clyke serves as Representative Elder. This congregation describes themselves as an "older and wiser congregation with young families who love music and good preaching". St. James has been given the gift of a music ministry. They have a Senior Mixed Choir, Male Chorus, Junior and Senior Bell Choirs, and Worship Band and Singers that lead a monthly contemporary service. They appreciate the gifts of great leadership in music and the spoken Word. God has given them wisdom and patience in their years of service. Community outreach includes a laundry centre operated twice a week by volunteers in the Koinonia Centre. A monthly dinner is prepared with other churches in the hall. An average of 150 community residents are served. Their vision is to be a community that supports and respects its members by being a community of believers to tend this flock.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Give thanks for people of African descent, and for their giftedness and the contributions they make to this province.

STEWARDSHIP Examples are few of men ruined by giving.
Christian Bovée

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 Valerie Macdonald. Our scripture reader for this morning is Phyllis Morrison. Refreshment Hosts are Anne and Frank Sommerville.