# Welcome to... The Presbyterian Church of Saint David February 2, 2020

Call to Worship: [Micah 6:6a,8]

With what shall we come before the Lord, and bow ourselves before God on high?

He has told us... what is good; and what does the Lord require of us but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God?

**Hymn:** Sweet is the solemn voice 444

**Prayer:** (said together)

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart.

We come before you in awe and wonder, honouring you for your justice, kindness and humility revealed in Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Receive our praise and our heartfelt thanks for your many blessings to us; in the Name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

## **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: Micah 6:1-8

I Corinthians 1:18-25

L> 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:

Loving God, you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup and made us one with Christ. Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Hymn:** O for a world where everyone 730

## Blessing:

Deep peace of the running wave to you, L> deep peace of the flowing air to you, deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you, deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

ALL> Amen.

### Micah 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup> "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses,

Aaron, and Miriam.

what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." <sup>6</sup> "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? <sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" <sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

## I Corinthians 1:18-25

<sup>18</sup> For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

<sup>20</sup> Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,