

**St. David's Presbyterian Church**  
**98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8**  
**December 13, 2015 11 a.m. Service**  
**Advent III**

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord our God, you have chosen to dwell not only in heaven on high

**All: but also down on earth with us;**

Leader: not only to be exalted and mighty,

**All: but lowly and poor like us;**

Leader: not only to reign,

**All: but also to serve us;**

Leader: not only to remain the eternal God,

**All: but to be born, to live and to die as a man for our salvation.**

Leader: You surprise us when you act in the world in ways we don't expect.

**All together: For the Lord declares, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are you ways my ways."**

Hymn: #119 - **Hope is a star**

Advent Liturgy Benjamin and Marijke

Opening Prayers and the Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #139 **Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

Scripture Reading

Old Testament: Isaiah 55:6-13 (pp.106-107)

Psalms 126 (unison) (pp.927-928)

**Christmas Pageant:** *How do we respond to God's surprises?*

Offering, Doxology (#79) and Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn: #141 **Good Christians all rejoice**

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude

We **WELCOME** everyone to our worship today and pray that this hour might be one of refreshment and spiritual joy. Please make yourself known to us by signing our register near the church door as you enter our sanctuary. A **CRECHE** for infants and toddlers, staffed by volunteers, is available through the door nearest the Memorial Tree of Life. A **Fellowship Time** is held after worship in the Hall. Please come and join us.

We would like to **thank** Benjamin Versteeg and Marijke den Otter for reading the Advent Liturgy and lighting the candle.

**Food for Thought** is breaking for Christmas. Our last get-together is on Tuesday, December 15th at 71 Stirling Cres. Blessing on your exams, travels and time with family and friends!

**Thank you** to the fantastic children, amazing parents, incredible teachers, and enthusiastic congregation for the Sunday School Christmas Pageant. It is a culmination of work and play the past 6 weeks as we did art workshops, drama workshops and music workshops to prepare for this Sunday. The children have worked hard and had fun while learning about the Christmas story from different perspectives: How do we respond to the surprise of Jesus? We have a great group of children. Thank you!

**Thank you Youth** for leading us in worship this Sunday. Your presence in the service makes it a more wonderful experience. Thank you for reading Scripture, leading the prayers, taking up the offering and calling us to worship.

**Flowers** have been placed in the Sanctuary in loving memory of Blanche and Roy Chancey and Rita and Fred Stevens by the Emberleys.

A **donation** has been given in to the Memorial Fund, in Memory of Alma, Hugh and Douglas Hamlyn by Sandra Hamlyn.

To the Glory of God, and as a memorial to **Harold Hammond**, Millie and John have made a contribution to the Choral scholar fund for 2015.

St. David's is a lively congregation of people from many backgrounds, young and old, from Newfoundland, from mainland Canada and other places around the world. A very old congregation, begun in 1775 as "The Dissenting Church of Christ at St. John's", it became part of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in 1938, and took the name St. David's in 1959.

Our historic roots nourish a mission-minded, scripture based church which seeks to express the faith for the modern day. Our aim is to foster a welcoming, loving and joyous spiritual community where all worshippers feel comfort and enjoyment.

**Church activities – Newcomers welcome**

Board of Managers fourth Wednesday of every Month

Session every 3rd Tuesday of every Month

Prayer Shawl Ministry 1st Tuesday of every month @10 am

AMS 2nd Sunday afternoon of every Month @ 12 :30

WA last Tuesday of every Month @ 12 noon

Food for Thought Tuesdays @ 7-9 :30 pm (71 Stirling Crescent)

Women's Bible Study Wednesday Mornings @ 11 :45 (Lori Kim den Otter)

Quilter Group, Willing hands Wednesday afternoons @ 1:30 pm  
Good Companions (Seniors Group) Thursday afternoons @ 2:00 pm

Choir practice Thursdays Evenings @ 7:30 pm

Bible study Sunday mornings @ 9:30 am

Call the Church Office for more details 722-2382

Minister: Rev. Dr. Jonathan Dent

Music Director: Brian Way

Session Clerk: Lillian Crawford

Manager on Duty: Anne Calver

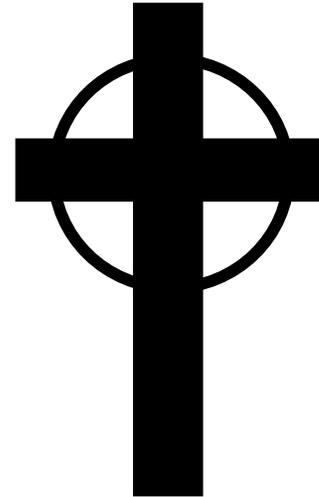
Elder on Duty:

Church Administrator: Monica McNeill

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**St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador  
Congregation founded in 1775**