

St. David's Presbyterian Church
98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8
Sunday before New Year's Day
December 27, 2015

Enter to Praise God

Instrumental Prelude
Entry of the Bible
Call to Worship
Hymn of Praise: **#162 Oh Christmas night**
Prayer of Approach, Confession, Assurance of Pardon
The Lord's Prayer
Children's Hymn: **#811 Standing at the portal**
Children's Time and Prayer

The Word of God Proclaimed

Scripture Readings: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 (pp.996-997)
Revelation 21:1-6a (p.1849)
Psalm 8 (responsive) (p.807-808)
Matthew 25:31-46 (p.1479-1480)

Prayer for Illumination
Hymn: **#143 Infant lowly, Infant holy**
Sermon: "*What's New about it?*"

Responding to the Word

Offering, Offertory Prayer of Dedication, Doxology Hymn # 79
Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Depart to Serve

Hymn: **#169 Il est né**
Benediction
Choral Amen
Instrumental 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.

Syrian Refugee update.

We are pleased to say that our Syrian family of 4 will be arriving in the coming weeks. The schedule is a bit uncertain, but it could be soon! We have support groups in place for their various needs, and are keen to help them transition to a healthier, safer life in Canada. Members of St. Andrew's and St. David's congregations can make donations to the CHOSN fund (Churches Helping Our Syrian Neighbours) through regular church envelopes (noted appropriately) or through the church office directly. These donations will be blended into a dedicated project account for the family support. With year-end fast approaching, it's a good time to make donations for the 2015 tax year. We very much look forward to seeing this mission project move forward, with the enthusiastic support of the project volunteers and the local Presbyterian community

If you would like to make a **donation for 2015**, please forward it to the office by 12 noon on December 31st. The office will be open from 9-1 December 29, 30 and 31st.

Thank you for your gifts!

Thank you for your generous gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing!* Together with Presbyterians across Canada, you are encouraging and equipping congregational renewal and development; supporting inner city, native and refugee ministries; sending mission personnel to work with our international partners; developing innovative ministries for children and youth; equipping ministers and lay leaders to do effective ministry; bringing people together to share experiences and learn new skills through events like *Stewards by Design* and *Canada Youth*; supporting healing and reconciliation ministries... and so much more! As we participate together in the life-giving mission of God, we are making a difference, in Canada and around the world.

Presbyterians Sharing is making a difference

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

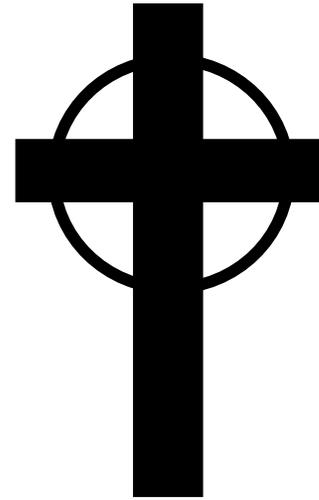
Elder on Duty: Penny Gillies

Church Administrator: Monica McNeill

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In case of emergency, St. David's has an Automated External Defibrillator (AED)! It is located on the wall just outside the Church Office



St. David's Presbyterian Church ~ Welcomes All ~



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