

**St. David's and St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Churches
98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8
December 25, 2016 /Christmas Day**

Enter to Praise God

Organ Prelude

Entry of the Bible

Call to worship

L: We gather in preparation

A: for good news is about to be proclaimed.

L: We gather in expectation

A: for joy is about to explode in our midst.

L: We gather in celebration

A: for we are people who have said yes to the manger,

L: yes to love made flesh,

A: yes to the God incarnate.

L: With preparation and in expectation,

A: let us join to celebrate

Prayer of approach

Hymn: #146 **Angels from the realms of glory**

Scripture: John 1:1-18 (p.1577)

The Candle of Hope

**A: Loving God, even as we celebrate Christmas,
we open all the dark places in our lives and memories,
to the healing light of Christ.**

Show us the creative power of hope.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,

That we may walk in the light of Christ.

Hymn: #148 **It came upon the midnight clear**

Scripture: Isaiah 7:10-16 (p.1029)

The Candle of Peace

**A: Loving God, in this time of celebration and anticipation,
we thank you for the hope and peace
you unfailingly offer us.**

Show us the creative power of hope.

Teach us the peace that comes from justice.

Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,

**his call and his promise
as clear to us as it was to his disciples so long ago.
Come to us, Lord Jesus,
Be born in us this day,
in our hearts, our minds, our lives.
May the light of your life be kindled in us,
And lead us to the shining truth,
of God with us, God for us, God in us.**

Hymn: #161 **What child is this**

Christmas Prayer

Offering and Dedication

Hymn: #165 **O little town of Bethlehem**

Benediction

L: The joy of the angels,

A: the eagerness of the shepherds,

L: the perseverance of the Magi,

A: the obedience of Joseph and Mary,

L: and the peace of the Christ child be yours this Christmas.

As you depart, go with the blessing of God almighty,

Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit,

May Christ be with you today

and remain with you always. Amen.

Postlude

WELCOME to you worshipping with us this Christmas Morning. May you find Peace and comfort in sharing this special time with your families & friends in God's presence. **Happy and Blessed Christmas to you all.**

Thank-you Versteeg den Otter family for the lighting of the candles.

There will not be a coffee hour today after the service today.

A sincere thank you to all who have supported Bridges To Hope this year by faithfully bringing in non-perishable food items each week. People are very generous at this time of year and we have a very good inventory of food at the moment, however we look forward to your continued support as we head into the leaner days of February and March.

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Elder on Duty: den otter and Versteeg family

Church Administrator: Monica McNeill

That we may walk in the light of Christ.

Hymn: #144 'Twas in the moon of wintertime

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10 (p.1070)

The Candle of Joy

**A: Loving God, we open ourselves to you,
trusting that this is how you made us:
you created us for joy-filled hearts and lives.
Show us the creative power of hope.
Teach us the peace that comes from justice.
Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained,
but must be shared.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Hymn: #136 The first nowell

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25 (p.1122)

The Candle of Love

**A: Loving God,
we open ourselves to you this Christmas season.
As these candles are lit,
light our lives with your imagination.
Show us the creative power of hope.
Teach us the peace that comes from justice.
Fill us with the kind of joy that cannot be contained,
but must be shared.
Magnify your love within us.
Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you,
That we may walk in the light of Christ.**

Hymn: #166 Once in royal David's city

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20 (p.1524)

The Christ Candle

**A: We rejoice in God's steadfast presence in our lives,
and in God's unique presence
in the life of Jesus of Nazareth—
born of Mary,
growing through childhood into an adult ministry,
in all his life manifesting
the peace, love, and justice of God;
his voice undimmed by the centuries**

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

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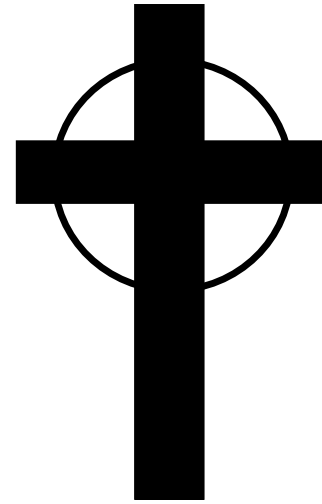
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St. David's Presbyterian Church ~ Welcomes All ~



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