# St. David's Presbyterian Church 98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8 January 1, 2017 Epiphany of the Lord

#### **Enter to Praise God**

Instrumental Prelude Entry of the Bible Announcements Call to Worship (Psalm 95)

Leader: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

All: Let us come before him with thanksgiving

and extol him with music and song.

**Leader**: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

All: In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

**Leader:** The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Together: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker; for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Hymn of Praise: #410 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee Prayer of Approach, Confession, Assurance of Pardon

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Hymn: #164 O Little Town of Bethlehem

Children's Time and Prayer

#### The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6 (p.1113) Aubrey Bonnell

Ephesians 3:1-12 (p.1742)

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (responsive) (p.868)

Matthew 2:1-12 (p.1436)

Hymn: #389 Breathe on me Breath of God

Sermon: "The Wonder and Beauty of the Christmas Story"

### **Responding to the Word**

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

## **Depart to Serve**

Hymn: # 670 Amazing Grace 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.

The **Good Companions** will begin again on January 5 <sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome!

The vouchers help me survive "In Syria, I could do anything." Now settled in Lebanon with his daughter Rihan, Mousa remembers his peaceful home before the war. Mousa has not been able to find work because of restrictions placed on Syrian refugees. To get by, he picks fruit for local farmers but does not earn enough to cover his expenses. With partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, Presbyterian World Service & Development is providing food vouchers to Syrian refugees so they can purchase groceries at local stores and save money for rent. For Mousa, this assistance has been an answer to his prayers. During the uncertainty of war, knowing he can provide a warm dinner for his daughter is a source of comfort and strength. *PWS&D responds to refugees* 

Minister: Rev. Jim Russell
Music Director: Brian Way
Session Clerk: Lillian Crawford
Manager on Duty: Rollmann Family
Elder on Duty: Aubrey Bonnell
Church Administrator: Monica McNeill

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 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 Cresent)
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



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~Welcomes All ~



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