

**St. David's and St. Andrew's  
Presbyterian Churches  
98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8  
July 16, 2017**

Instrumental Prelude  
Entry of the Bible  
Announcements  
Call to Worship:

One: God's Word is a lamp to our feet;

**All: and is a light to our path.**

One: God's Word is made visible in Christ;

**All: in Christ we are rooted in truth.**

One: God's Word is revealed through The Holy Spirit;

**All: and lived out in our faithful response.**

Hymn of Praise: #476 Praise, my soul, the God who crowns you

Prayer of Approach

**Unison prayer of Confession:**

**We confess that we often choose strife instead of peace. We forget your truth, and are distracted by worldly goals. Preoccupied with comfort and unwilling to work for change, we neglect to stand up to injustice. Tempted by lives of ease, we fail to protect the earth and our global neighbours. In your mercy, give us the wisdom to walk in your way, the will to seek after things that endure, and the grace to begin again with you and one another.**

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Hymn: #377 Come children, join to sing

Children's Time and Prayer

**The Word of God Proclaimed**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Genesis 25:19-34 (p.36)

Romans 8:1-11 (p.1681)

Responsive Psalm 65 (p.860)

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (p.1455)

Hymn: # 478 To Abraham and Sarah

Sermon: *"The Sower and the Seeds"*

**Responding to the Word**

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

**Depart to Serve**

Hymn: #775 Sent forth by your blessing

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 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.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE:** General Protestant cemetery, Topsail Rd.,  
Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**PASTORAL CARE:** For Pastoral care, please call Rev. Sturtevant at 722-2382 or 699-3661.

**BAG TO SCHOOL** Each year Bridges to Hope provides curriculum based school supplies and school bags to North East Avalon students in kindergarten to high school and Adult Basic Education. The filled backpacks are distributed to community members through service organizations, Community Centres, and Bridges to Hope. Many of these students would not be able to put together a full complement of school supplies without the **Bag to School** program.

In 2016 Bridges to Hope provided over 750 school bags to students who otherwise would not have been adequately equipped to start a new school year. Being ready to start in September allows all students to feel good about education and learning.

This year, Bridges to Hope is once again reaching out to our faith based community with a request for specific school supplies and are asking for donations of **Pencil Cases for St. David's and St. Andrew's have been asked to bring pencils and pens.** We are hoping you can help us to help students get a good start in 2017. Thank you for your continued support.

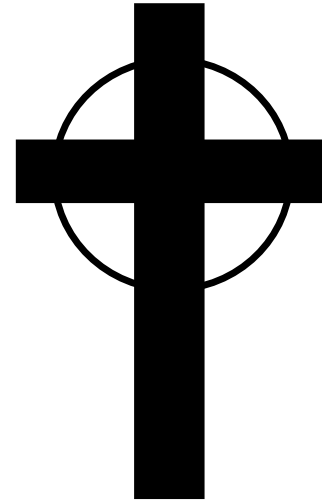
St. David's is a lively congregation of people from many backgrounds, young and old, from Newfoundland, from mainland Canada and other places around the world. A very old congregation, begun in 1775 as "The Dissenting Church of Christ at St. John's", it became part of the Presbyterian Church in Canada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

Call the Church Office for more details 722-2382

Minister: Rev. David Sturtevant  
Music Director: Brian Way  
Session Clerk: Lillian Crawford  
Manager on Duty: Andrea Crosbie  
Elder on Duty: Lillian Crawford  
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  
Presbyterian Church**  
~ Welcomes All ~



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