

St. David's Presbyterian Church
98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8
September 03, 2017

Instrumental Prelude
Entry of the Bible
Announcements
Call to Worship:

Give thanks to God and tell of God's gifts.
We will sing praises for all that God has done.
Let your hearts be joyful!
We seek God's presence at all times.
Call to mind God's wonderful works.
We will always remember the blessings of God.

Hymn of Praise: #472 **We are God's people**

Prayer of Approach

Unison prayer of Confession:

Lord our God, forgive us for our part in the suffering of this world.
We have clung to old hurts and familiar habits instead of pursuing healing.
We have turned our backs on those in need.
Loving God, forgive me for my part in the suffering of those around me.
I have been selfish, proud, ungrateful, angry.
Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.
Forgive what we have been, and guide us toward what we may become.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord's Prayer

Children's Hymn: #773 **Jesus bids us shine**

Children's Time and Prayer

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Romans 12:9-21 (p.1689) Janet Calver
Matthew 16:21-27 (p.1462)

Responsive Psalm 103 (p.899)

Exodus 3:1-15 (p.84)

Hymn: #326 **Give to the winds thy fears**

Sermon: *"The Ideal Applicant"*

Responding to the Word

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

Depart to Serve

Hymn: #645 **Follow me, the Master said**

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.

CHOIR: The choir at St. David's will resume on **September 10th**. New members are more than welcome to join. Practice for the choir will be **Thursday @ 730 pm, September 7th**. If interested contact Brian Way at: brianway70@yahoo.com

GOOD COMPANIONS: The Good Companions will be resume on **September 14th at 2 pm**. For further information, please contact Kay Scott or the Church Office 722-2382.

VOLUNTEERS: We are in need of volunteers for the coffee hour this Fall. The sign up sheet can be found on the kitchen door in the Hall.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Welcome back to a new year of Sunday School! The kick-off start date for the year is **September 10** and we are excited to begin a new curriculum for the 2017/2018 year entitled Dig In: The Life of Jesus! Digging Into the Life of Jesus leads kids in walking in Jesus' footsteps from his birth to his resurrection and ascension. Kids don't just learn about the historical Jesus; they get to know him personally. They'll discover that Jesus is a real person—a real friend—who makes a difference in their lives today. If you have ever thought about volunteering, this is the year to start! User friendly lesson plans plus all the preparation work done for you, equals a minimal volunteer commitment and a great Sunday morning with our youngest members. We are in need of both youth and adult volunteers. Please contact Diana Wamsteeker (diana.wamsteeker@gmail.com or 763-4935) for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School needs 15-20 empty small (500mL) clear plastic water/pop bottles for the lesson planned for September 15. Please bring your empties to the upstairs Sunday School room before then so we can make lanterns to remind us of the light that Jesus brings. Thank-you.

September 3: September 8 is International Literacy Day

In Guatemala, the Francisco Coll School sits on a landfill site surrounded by shelters built by families trying to make ends meet by collecting trash. With the support of Presbyterian World Service & Development, Francisco Coll is providing vulnerable boys and girls with a proper education in a safe environment. Maria Herrera, a student at Francisco Coll, dreams of graduating from university and becoming an administrator. Her mother doesn't have a reliable income, but with support from PWS&D, she can continue going to the school she loves. In a letter thanking PWS&D for its support she says, "I ask God that every day you have good health and blessings and that you continue to be able to help adolescents achieve their dreams and goals, like me." *PWS&D supports education and literacy training*

BRIDGES TO HOPE

On Saturday, September 23rd, Bally Haly's Curling Rink will be transformed into a beautiful backyard setting complete with long tables and patio lanterns, where we can sit together and enjoy a family style meal...all while giving back to Bridges to Hope! We'll break bread with friends, play a few fun fundraising games, learn about the need for food security in our neighbourhoods, and keep our toes tapping throughout the night with live entertainment.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD AT BALLY HALY
COUNTRY CLUB**

OPENING RECEPTION: 6:30 PM

DINNER SERVICE: 7:00 PM

Can't make it to the event? Consider donating to our
Bridges to Hope Ambassador Program.

Despite the generosity of all those who support Bridges to Hope, we often don't have enough funds available to meet our spending requirements of up to \$2500 a month on food for our clients. By becoming an Ambassador to Bridges to Hope, you will commit to a monthly monetary contribution of your choice that will automatically be charged to your credit card and you will be sent a tax receipt at year end.

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 4th Thursday of every Month

Session 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

Women's Bible Study Fridays @ noon (Lori Kim den Otter)

Quilter Group, Willing Hands Wednesday afternoons @ 1:30 pm

Good Companions (Seniors) Thursday afternoons @ 2:00 pm

Choir practice Thursdays Evening @ 7:30 pm

Call the Church Office for more details 722-2382

Minister: Rev. David Sturtevant

Music Director: Brian Way

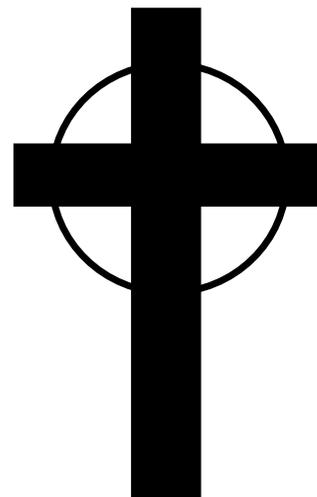
Session Clerk: Lillian Crawford

Manager on Duty: Anne Calver and Mary Bruneau

Elder on Duty: Janet Calver

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**