

St. David's Presbyterian Church
98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8
December 10, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent

Instrumental Prelude

Entry of the Bible

Announcements

Introit: *"Comfort, Comfort you My people"*

Call to Worship

L: Now is the time to get ready

P: Now is the time to prepare the way of the Lord!

L: Now is the time to be changed

P: Now is the time to repent and seek forgiveness

L: Now is the time to welcome God into our midst.

P: Now is the time to worship.

Hymn of Praise: **#122 Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prayer of Approach

Unison prayer of confession:

We confess that we are resistant to having our hearts and minds changed by your transforming power and that we are more comfortable remaining as we are than becoming who you would have us be. You have called us into relationship with you and into communion with all people; forgive us for the walls we build that prevent us from seeing you and each other. Forgive us for our reluctance to embrace your promise of wholeness and for not forgiving each other as we have been forgiven. Call us again to come to you, to be transformed by your great love and mercy. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem: *"Wise Men Still Seek Him"* Robert W. Thygeson

Children's Hymn # **149 Away in a Manger**

Children's Time and Prayer

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

2 Peter 3:8-15; (Page 1814)

Responsive Psalm 85 (Page 884)

Isaiah 40:1-11; (Pages 1077-1078)

Mark 1:1-8 (Page 1488)

Hymn: **#751 Forgive our sins as we forgive**

Sermon: "Peaceful Anticipation"

Responding to the Word

Offering, Offertory Prayer of Dedication, Doxology Hymn **#79**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Depart to Serve

Closing Hymn: **#118 Hark the glad sound**

Benediction

Choral Amen

Instrumental Postlude

Minister: Rev. David Sturtevant

Music Director: Brian Way

Session Clerk: Lillian Crawford

Manager on Duty: Anne Calver

Elder on Duty: Lori-Kim den Otter and Andy Versteeg

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

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Coffee Time Volunteers Needed: Thank - you to all who hosted coffee hour during the fall .A new roster is in place now for December. All supplies for coffee hour are in the kitchen----coffee, tea, milk, juice & cookies.

AMS: The AMS will be having an evening Advent service on **12 December at 7:30pm**. All are welcome. Please mark the date in your calendar. Tea and treats will be served after the service.

Christmas Hampers- We hope to distribute 40 or more hampers this year! We need your support for this project. If you're interested in delivering hampers or packing hampers please contact Kathy McKay at 579-0721. The Hampers will be packed and delivered on December 16. Thanks for considering helping with this project. Hamper donations will be accepted right up to December 16th. The hampers will be prepared and distributed on Saturday Dec 16th. It is a bit early, but with the following Saturday being Dec 23rd, if someone was not home that day or we were not able to locate them, they may not get their hamper before Christmas.

White Gift Sunday-The White Gift Sunday will take place this week Sunday Dec 10th.Donations will be included in the hampers. Financial donations can be made using the "White Gift Sunday" offering envelopes in the pews.

Christmas activities at St.David's

Dec 12 AMS evening Advent service 7:30 pm

Dec 16th Hamper preparation and distribution, Sunday School pageant rehearsal

Dec 17th Sunday School Pageant

Dec 24th 11 am Communion

Dec 24th 11:30 pm Midnight Candlelight Service

Offering Envelopes – The offering envelopes for 2018 are now available for pick up. They are located on the two tables in the Narthex. Please remember to pick up your box on Sunday.

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

FINANCIAL STATUS Report:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Presbyterian Sharing	\$ 17,611	\$14,463	- \$ 3,148
Current Envelope			
Sept	\$ 5,700	\$ 2,896	- \$ 2,804
Oct	6,000	4,970	- \$ 1,030
Nov	6,400	4888	- \$ 1,512
Dec	9,500	1,138(*)	

(*) only one week to date

Summary: Givings for the last quarter are well below what the congregation approved in the budget back in March. Unless there is a major change in contributions for Presbyterian Sharing during December, it is unlikely we will meet our commitment except by taking funds from the Current Envelope.