

St. David's Presbyterian Church
98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8
March 18, 2018
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Instrumental Prelude
Announcements
Entry of the Bible
Introit: *"Spirit of the living God"*

Call to worship:

One: Come, all who desire to know God.
All: We have come to learn of our Creator
One: Come, all who yearn to see Jesus.
All: We come to meet with our Redeemer
One: Come, all who thirst for the Spirit.
All: We come to be filled to overflowing.
All: Let us worship and enjoy the Lord our God.

Opening hymn: #332 How great thou art

Prayer of Approach
Unison prayer of confession:

Merciful Lord, we confess that we have ignored your voice. We have turned away from the life-changing path you have created for us. Motivated by worldly success, we clung to our plans and held to our own will instead of being molded by your grace. Lost in our busyness and our worries, we neglected to show the love and willingness to sacrifice that should mark us as your people.

Forgive us, loving God. Break our hearts of stone, and renew us for your service, so that we may be drawn to you and live abundantly through your grace. Amen.

Reading of the Lent Liturgy – Bulletin insert Sylvia Hudson

The Lord's Prayer, Assurance of Pardon,

Anthem: *"God will make a way"* Don Moen arr. Mark Hayes

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

Children's Time and Prayer

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Ken Templeton
Hebrews 5:5-10 (p.1785)
Psalm 51:1-12 (p.849)

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (p.1182)
John 12:20-33 (p.1602)

Hymn: #374 Oh for a thousand tongues to sing

Sermon: *"Evangelism to the Stuffed-up"*

Responding to the Word

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

Depart to Serve

Closing Hymn: #210 Man of sorrows, wondrous name

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.

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Concert Presentation Come join Brian Way and the St. David's Choir for a Concert Presentation of Jed Blackmore's "*He is Risen*". March 31 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary. There will be a free will offering.

Choral Scholar Recital On April 7th @ 7 pm there will be a Choral Scholar recital here at St. David's. Everyone welcome to come and support our Choral Scholars!

Session: The Session will be holding its monthly meeting on Tues., March 20th at 7:30 pm in the Armour Room.

Sunday School - Recycling continues to be needed for upcoming children's events? Specifically, empty toilet paper rolls, cleaned 28fl oz and larger cans with sharp edges removed, and cardboard boxes (shoe boxes, cereal boxes and larger). Please bring your recycling up to the Clouston room. Thanks.

Food for Thought - Food for Thought is looking for meal providers for April 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th. If you could provide a hot meal for hungry university students, please contact Amy at amypalmer@gmail.com or (709) 730-3676. Thank you!

Food for Thought is a group of young adults in university or early career who meet once a week on Tuesdays from 7-9:30pm at 71 Stirling Cres for a hot meal and bible study. We are currently studying the kings of Israel/Judah. If you'd like more information, please contact Amy Palmer.

Bridges to Hope - On Saturday April 7th, Bridges to Hope will be holding a Mooseburger Fundraiser at St. Andrews church on Longs Hill, from 4:00 - 7:00 pm. The cost will be \$5.00 for a Mooseburger or \$7.00 for a Mooseburger, drink and a bag of chips. The goal is to sell 350 burgers. We are asking people to pre order to ensure we do not have wastage. You can pre order on a sign-up sheet here outside the office on the bulletin board, or go to the website: www.bridgestohope.ca

St David's Discussion Group The St. David's Discussion Group will be meeting on Wednesday, March 21st at 7 pm in the Armour room. Our topic this month will be "Christianity and Anti-Semitism", with a look at scripture, Newfoundland history, and other contemporary issues.

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

Plant Sale - As a sign that spring and hence summer cannot be too far distant, we have set a date for the Plant sale. It is June 2nd. We will be reminding you of this in May but this is just a "head's up"

Income Tax Receipts for 2017- Income Tax Receipts for 2017 are completed and can be picked up in the Narthex.

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

Upcoming services and Events

Today March 18, 11:00 am 5th Sunday in Lent

Sunday March 25, 11:00 am Palm Sunday

Thursday, March 29, 7:00 pm Joint Service at St. Andrew's

Good Friday, March 30, 11:00 am Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 31, 7 pm Concert Presentation "*He is Risen*"

Sunday, April 1, 11:00 am Easter Sunday Communion

April 7, 7 pm Choral Scholar Recital

Community Announcements

St. John's Choir Afternoon Tea-The St. John's Choir annual Afternoon Tea will take place today, March 18th, at 2:30 pm at Cowan United Church on 141 Frecker Dr. (doors open at 2:00 pm). Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained by calling Paulette at 747-4760, Linda at 579-6585 .

GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT Information and Support Program
Eight Week Program, Beginning Every Monday, March 19 – May 7, 2018 @ 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Facilitators: Sister Betty Morrissey, Sister Diane Smyth, Pastor Shawn Bowers

Session I:	Understanding Grief
Session II:	Helping Ourselves and Helping Others
Session III:	Healthy Grieving
Session IV:	Spirituality and Grief
Session V:	Grief, Mental Health and Depression
Session VI:	Coping with Traumatic Loss
Session VII:	Grief and the Family
Session VIII:	The Grief Recovery Process

The main purpose of this program is to provide information and support to people who are grieving the death of a loved one

Location: St. Clare's Mercy Hospital, Room 6140. For information or to register: Mag Snook at 777-8972 or Email: margaret.snook@easternhealth.ca

Good Friday Ecumenical Prayer Service For Life March 30, 9 am-10am at St. David's Church 98 Elizabeth Avenue The Centre for Life invites the community to gather in a spiritual fellowship of prayer for all human life, especially the most vulnerable members of our society . For information please call 579-1500.

The Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek The Rev. Dr. Naim Ateek, former Canon of St. George's Anglican Cathedral, Jerusalem speaks on his latest (2017) book: "A Palestinian Theology of Liberation, The Bible, Justice, and the Palestine-Israel Conflict" on **Friday, April 27, 7 pm** with a reception to follow at Queen's College, Memorial University Campus, Prince Philip Drive. Free Admission, donations will be accepted towards expenses and Books will be available for purchase.

The Canadian Federation of University Women. (CFUW St. John's)
Giant Book Sale is now collecting gently used books. Please donate by

delivering your books to the Woodgate Plaza, 58 Kenmount Road (entrance next to Quiznos).

Hours: Monday to Saturday: 11am to 3pm; Sunday: 1pm to 3pm. during March and April

We accept fiction and non-fiction – for all ages and interests. (We cannot take encyclopedias, textbooks, Readers' Digest Condensed Books, magazines, outdated technology manuals.)

The Great Big Book Sale is May 14-16. *New location:* St. John's Curling Club (ReMax Centre) 135 Mayor Avenue.

Proceeds from our annual book sales go towards community outreach and scholarships. www.cfuwstjohns.org