

St. David's Presbyterian Church
98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8
March 04, 2018
Second Sunday in Lent

Instrumental Prelude
Announcements
Entry of the Bible
Introit: (737) *Dona Nobis Pacem*

Call to worship:

Leader: In what we have seen and what we have heard,
All: We have noticed God's presence
Leader: From doubt and uncertainty,
All: We search for greater faith
Leader: Let us worship God who fills us up,
All: and learn from the ways of our Saviour.

Opening hymn: **#298 Glory be to God the Father**

Prayer of Approach
Unison prayer of confession:

God of truth and justice,
we confess that we have been distracted
and our attention has wandered from your way:
we have served false gods and sacrificed our time,
energy and resources in pursuit of idols.
We have been lured from you by ways that lead to
death,
harming both ourselves and those we love.
Forgive us, O God.
Fix our attention on you.
Restore us to abundant life,
and open our eyes to see you this week.
Give us the strength to walk in your ways.
This we pray in Jesus name.

Reading of the Lent Liturgy – Bulletin insert (Lillian Crawford)

The Lord's Prayer, Assurance of Pardon,

Anthem: "*We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet*" (202)

Children's Hymn: **#363 All hail the power of Jesus' name**
Children's Time and Prayer

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Ken Templeton
John 2:13-22 (p1580)
Psalm 19 (p.817)

Exodus 20:1-17 (p.110)
1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (p1697)

Hymn: **#189 As when the Hebrew prophet raised**

Sermon: "*Foolishness*"

Responding to the Word

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

Depart to Serve

Closing Hymn: **#651 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer**

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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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.

Prayer Shawl Ministry The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be holding its monthly meeting on March 6, @ 10 am in the Armour Room

Sunday School - Mark your Calendars: a free children's Easter Break Bash is being planned for **April 6, 1-4:30**. Please contact Diana W to see how you and/or your children can become involved. We also need some recycling for this event. Specifically: 2 or 4 hole buttons that have a flat back so kids can glue them onto paper, 28 FL oz. washed cans with no sharp edges, empty toilet paper rolls and leftover ribbons. Please bring your cleaned items up to the Clouston Room Closet. Also, the date has been set for **Polar Blast: Where Jesus' Love is Cool Vacation Bible for July 26, 27 & 29**. Keep an eye out for further announcements with how you can help make this summer time outreach event a smash-hit success. **Thank-you** for all the empty water bottles for Sunday school. We now have enough for the remaining projects of the year.

Food for Thought - Food for Thought would like to thank the people who have provided the monies necessary for making a hot meal once a week for between 6-12 hungry students. We meet on Tuesdays at 71 Stirling Cres for the hot meal and a study on the book of Micah. We've been discussing the cycle of judgement and restoration that is expressed by this minor prophet especially in light of our eternal hope in Jesus. We finish with prayer. If you would like to join us, please contact either Amy Palmer or James Munroe.

ACM-The annual Congregational meeting will take place on Sunday March 11th immediately following the Church service. You are invited to bring sandwiches, cookies or other light luncheon foods. We will supply the tea, coffee and juice/milk for the children.

Bridges to Hope - invites you to Give 30! We challenge the community to give up a daily perk for 30 days, and to then donate the money you would have spent on those perks to help feed a neighbour in need. It could be the money you would have spent on a store bought coffee, or you can even

just put aside a dollar or two day if you can't think of anything you should cut out of your life. Bridges to Hope has provided extra envelopes to your church office to keep your Give 30 funds in a safe and easy to remember place. We invite you to follow Bridges to Hope on Facebook where there will be extra ways for you to join in the Give 30 initiative. If you are social media savvy please search for #bridgesgive30 on your chosen network starting Monday, February 19th.

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.

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.

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.

Annual Congregational Report- In preparation for the ACM, copies of the annual Congregational report are ready for pick up in the narthex.

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

Community Announcements

Atlantic String Quartet at the Cathedral -The Atlantic String Quartet will present a special evening of music to commemorate the Easter season on Sunday March 11, beginning at 8PM at the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 16 Church Hill, St. John's. The program will feature Haydn's "The Seven Last of Words of Christ, Op. 51" with oration by special guest Chuck Herriott. The concert also includes Fratres by Part.

Tickets are \$23 for adults / \$20 for students and seniors and are available at the Arts & Culture Centre box office in person, by phone at 729-3900, or at the door.

St. John's Choir Afternoon Tea-The St. John's Choir annual Afternoon Tea will take place on Sunday, 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 .

Choral NL Join Choral NL for its inaugural Winter Sing, Saturday, March 11th, 4pm at Gower Street United Church. Featuring performances by Cantus Vocum Chamber Choir, Les Ms., St. Bonaventure's Kindergarten and Grade One Classes, St. John's Choir, and the Holy Heart of Mary Alumnae Choir. Tickets \$20 adults / \$15 students & seniors. Available at the door or online at holyhearttheatre.com (+ \$2 box office surcharge), 55 Bonaventure Avenue, 579-4424. \$5 discount for Choral NL members (when purchased at the door). Choral NL is a volunteer, not-for-profit umbrella organization dedicated to celebrating and supporting the singing culture of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Grief and Bereavement Information Session

Time: 7 – 9 p.m.

Location: In the New Cafeteria Conference Room at Dr. L. A. Miller Centre

Date: March 13, 2018

Celebration of Hope Join us on Thursday, **March 8** for the launch of the Celebration of Hope journey. All ages are welcome and no RSVP is needed! **Celebration of Hope with Will Graham Launch**, Bethesda Pentecostal Church, 1 Escasoni Pl, St. John's, Thursday, March 8, 7:00 p.m.
Multi-Church Worship Team: Justin Parsons, Matt Carroll & Kathy Stock
Creative Arts Ministry Team: Avodah
Guest speakers: Giulio Gabeli, executive team leader of the 2017 Greater Vancouver Festival of Hope Kevin Cavanaugh, executive team member and lead pastor at Cedar Grove Church in Surrey, BC.