

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

Instrumental Prelude

Announcements

Entry of the Bible

Introit: #89 "Bless All Who Trust in God"

**Call to worship**

**Leader:** We begin our journey through Lent.

**People:** We gather to seek sure knowledge of God's presence on the way.

**Leader:** We come to find light in the shadows and strength in our weakness,

**People:** joining in praise as we remember God's faithfulness.

**Together:** Let us worship God.

Opening hymn: # 192 "The glory of these forty days"

Prayer of Approach

Unison prayer of confession:

**God of new beginnings,  
though tempted, Jesus refused to turn stones into bread.**

**Save us from using our power  
to satisfy the demands of selfishness  
in the face of the greater needs of others.**

**Though tempted, Jesus refused to leap from the temple top.**

**Save us from displaying our skills  
to win instant popularity and gratitude  
in the face of nobler calls on our abilities.**

**Though tempted, Jesus refused to bend the knee to a false  
god.**

**Save us from offering our lives to ways that are popular and  
easy  
in the face of the harder path on which you bid us follow  
you.**

Reading of the Lent Liturgy – Bulletin insert

The Lord's Prayer, Assurance of Pardon,

Anthem: "Down To the Water To Pray" arranged By Pepper  
Choplin

Children's Hymn: # 201 "We come to ask your forgiveness, O  
Lord"

Children's Time and Prayer

**The Word of God Proclaimed**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Ian Bruneau

Genesis 9:8-17 (page 12)

1 Peter 3:18-22 (pages 1808-1809)

Psalms 25:1-10; (page 823)

Mark 1:9-15 (page 1488-1489)

Hymn: # "195 Come, ye disconsolate"

Sermon: "The Theology of the Roller Coaster"

**Responding to the Word**

Offering, Offertory Prayer of Dedication, Doxology Hymn #79

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

**Depart to Serve**

Closing Hymn: # 749 "Be still, my soul"

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.

**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 child (ren) 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.

**WA Moose Dinner** - St. David's W.A. is planning a Moose Dinner for the last week in April but we need your help! The plan is to present a variety of moose dishes rather than the traditional meat/potatoes/gravy type meal. We have the moose, and plenty of it, but are looking for cooks! Do you have a favourite recipe or special moose dish that you'd like to prepare and share as part of the Buffet? Some suggestions already are braised moose, moose chili, moose stroganoff, sweet and sour moose - you get the idea! If you are able to assist us, please contact Becky Quinton at 895-3557. More details on the event later.

**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.

**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.

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

**Community Announcements**

**The Wesley Men's Choir** -The Wesley Men's Choir and Rev. Bill Mercer along with special guests Deborah and Keith Collins will hold a service on Sunday, March 4th starting at 6:50 pm with a sing-a-long. All are welcome