

St. David's Presbyterian Church
98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8
March 11, 2018
Fourth Sunday in Lent

Instrumental Prelude

Announcements

Entry of the Bible

Introit: *"As when the Hebrew Prophet raised"*

Call to worship:

One: The reign of God is here.

All: God welcomes us in.

One: A celebration is prepared,

All: A celebration together with all God's people.

One: Let us worship God together!

All: Let us join the crowd in the praise and worship of our God.

Opening hymn: **#324 Great is thy faithfulness**

Prayer of Approach

Unison prayer of confession:

We confess that we take your gracious acceptance for granted.

We are careless with our relationships and more focused on ourselves than on you or those around us.

We spend our days in darkness rather than living in your light.

Forgive us.

Draw us near to you.

Awaken our dull spirits and kindle the flame of compassion within us.

Give us a new vision of your purposes and our place within them,

so we may walk and live in your light. Amen.

Reading of the Lent Liturgy – Bulletin insert Sarah King

The Lord's Prayer, Assurance of Pardon,

Anthem: *"The Light of the World"* Nancy Price/Don Besig

Children's Hymn: **#570 I have decided to follow Jesus**
Children's Time and Prayer

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Ken Templeton

Numbers 21:4-9 (p.230)

John 3:14-21 (p.1581)

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22 (p.907)

Ephesians 2:1-10 (p.1741)

Hymn: **#194 Come, let us to the Lord our God**

Sermon: *"That's not how it works"*

Responding to the Word

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Depart to Serve

Closing Hymn: **# 635 Brother, Sister, let me serve you**

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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ACM-The annual Congregational meeting will take place today following the Church service. You are invited to join us for a light lunch before the meeting begins.

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.

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 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 judgment 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 a 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.

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

Sunday 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

Community Announcements

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 .

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

Ninth Annual Cougar Flight 491 Memorial Service

At 9:48 a.m. March 12, 2009, the accident of Cougar Flight 491 off the coast of St. John's, NL, resulted in the loss of life of 17 people. This year marks the ninth anniversary of this loss of life. On Monday, March 12, 2018, EZRA Chaplaincy will join families, friends and co-workers of those lost for an annual memorial service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Time: 7:00 p.m. **Date:** March 12, 2018 **Location:** St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church, Craigmillar Avenue, St. John's, NL

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 Canadian Federation of University Women, (CFUW St. John's) Giant Book Sale is scheduled for **May 14-16** at the **St. John's Curling Club (ReMax Centre) on 135 Mayor Ave.** Please note the change of venue.

The collection and sorting site will be the same as last year, the former TD Bank at Woodgate Plaza next to Toys R Us. Books can be dropped off beginning Monday March 12th.

Drop off times for your books: Mondays to Saturdays 11am to 3 pm and Sundays 1-3 pm.

Please donate your gently used Fiction and Non-Fiction for all ages and interests, (but **not** Reader's Digest condensed books, text books, out dated technology manuals, or magazines).

The proceeds from these yearly book sales go toward financing educational projects and scholarships and to Community Outreach.

Sale times are Monday, May 14th from 7pm to 9:30 pm; Tuesday, May 15th from 10 am to 9pm; Wednesday, May 16th from 10am to 1pm. Note that all items are half-price on Wednesday.