

St. David's Presbyterian Church
98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8
May 6, 2018
Ascension Sunday

Instrumental Prelude
Announcements
Entry of the Bible
Introit: "*Sing Praise to the Lord*"

Call to worship:

One: Let us sing to the Lord a new song,
All: for God has done marvellous things.
One: Let us make known the Lord's victory,
All: God's steadfast love covers the whole earth.
One: Let us sing joyous praises,
All: God's holiness inspires worship in all of creation.

Opening hymn: **#63 Oh sing a new song to the Lord**

Prayer of Approach

Unison prayer of confession:

Loving God, we confess that we often treat your commands as burdens.
We have said we wanted to do your will, but then put ourselves first
We have worked for our own comfort over the wellbeing of others.
We chose self-fulfilment over the common good.
We justified our self-interest at the expense of neighbours and strangers.
Forgive us, when we fail to obey your commandments
And help us to always be bearers of your love in the world.

The Lord's Prayer, Assurance of Pardon,
Anthem: "*God of love and peace*" W.A. Mozart arr. Hal Hopson

Children's Hymn: **#625 Seek ye first**

Children's Time and Prayer

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Acts 10:44-48 (p.1638)

Psalm 98 (p.896)

1 John 5:1-6 (p.1819)

John 15:9-17 (p.1607)

Hymn: **#706 Come let us sing**

Sermon: *God's Love and "Hot Potato"*

Responding to the Word

"Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee" Eric Thiman (Noelle Slaney)

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Depart to Serve

Closing Hymn: **#757 Come sing, O church, in joy!**

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 **Nursery** for infants and toddlers is available through the door at the front right hand side of the Sanctuary. A **Fellowship Time** is held after worship in the Hall. Please come and join us.

There is additional parking available for Sunday Mornings next door at Elizabeth Tower's parking lot and across the street at the English School District parking lot.

"Use your smile to change the world; don't let the world change your smile."

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Thank-You to Noelle Slaney for her solo this morning.

AMS: The AMS will be holding its monthly meeting after the worship service on May 13th at 12:30.

Theme Tea: Tickets are now available for this year's Theme Tea - Saturday, May 12, 2018 at 2 P. M. it's a **Nautical** theme this year! Remember, there are only 120 tickets available and they cannot be purchased at the door; get them early so you won't be disappointed. Tickets, at \$10 each, are available at the Church Office or any W. A. member. Join us for a lovely Nau-TEA-cal afternoon of good food, fun and fellowship!

An added attraction at our Theme Tea is the very popular **Surprise Bags!** For \$2, you purchase a paper bag which contains "who knows what" - a surprise! The only guarantee we make is that it is worth more than the \$2 you pay for it. If you would like to contribute items for the bags, please feel free to bring them to the Church and place them in the container in the front porch. We will be happy to put them in bags and add them to our stock. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Food for Thought - Food for Thought is continuing to meet on Tuesday nights at 71 Stirling Cres from 7-9:30pm until May 22nd. We will finish the study on the kings of Judah and Israel and wrap up with a social on the last day. Thank you to Kyle Sampson, Lori-Kim den Otter-Versteeg, and Sheena Findlay for the meal provisions in April. If you are able to offer a meal for May 8th or 15th, please contact Amy Palmer at amyralpalmer@gmail.com

Children's Ministry: Training and Info Sessions: June 7, 7-7:45pm Helping kids stay safe. For all parents and children's ministry volunteers. This training will review the signs and symptoms of child abuse, how to respond when a child discloses abuse or neglect, followed by a brief Q&A time
June 7, 7:45-8:30pm VBS Polar Blast: Where Jesus' Love is Cool: For all summer VBS volunteers. This time will be used to review the VBS summer program, distribute materials and preparation for the summer even

Supplies and Skills Needed for summer VBS program:

Carpentry Skills: We are in need of three, stand-alone, wooden crosses approximately 3-4 ft tall to be constructed

White Bedsheets: We are in need of 5 white old bedsheets that can be used for games

Large Cardboard Boxes: We need large cardboard boxes (ex. shipping boxes, moving boxes), that will be turned into giant iceblock/ice cubes for our polar-themed stations
Please contact Diana W at diana.wamsteeker@gmail.com at to RSVP to the training, and if you can help with some of the above supplies. Thanks!

Coffee Time: Thank-you to all members of the congregation who have helped with coffee hour. It is a wonderful time of fellowship.
We will continue to keep the roster in the kitchen to sign if you can help. All supplies are in the kitchen, coffee, tea juice, milk & 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

Bridges to Hope: Save the date Sat., June 16th Last year's **Backyard Benefit for Bridges to Hope** was such a success that we're doing it again this year! This summer, we will be coming together to help those in our community who need an extra hand. We invite you to join us and enjoy entertainment, games, and a lovely meal, all a wonderful cause. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

PASTORAL CARE: For Pastoral care, please call Rev. Sturtevant at 722-2382 or 699-36

Church activities - Newcomers welcome

Board of Managers 4th Thursday of every Month

Session 3rd Tuesday of every Month

Prayer Shawl Ministry 1st Tuesday of every Month @ 10 am

AMS 2nd Sunday afternoon of every Month @ 12 :30

WA last Tuesday of every Month @ 12 noon

Food for Thought Tuesdays @ 7-9:30 pm

Women's Bible Study Wednesdays @ noon (Lori Kim den Otter)

Quilter Group, Willing Hands Wednesday Afternoons @ 1:00pm

Good Companions (Seniors) Thursday Afternoons @ 2:00 pm

Choir practice Thursdays Evening @ 7:30 pm

Call the Church Office for more details 722-2382

Minister: Rev. David Sturtevant

Music Director: Brian Way

Session Clerk: Lillian Crawford

Manager on Duty: Mary Bruneau and Kyle Sampson

Elder on Duty: Lori Kim and Andy den Otter

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

Community Announcements

Aurora Women's Choir will hold their 4th annual Spring Concert on **Saturday, May 12, 7:30pm at St. James United Church**, Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's. Special guests the Trinitas Chamber Ensemble - Michelle Cheramy (flute), Nathan Cook (cello), & Phil Roberts (piano). Tickets \$20 Regular, \$18 Student/Senior, Children 12 & under Free. For more information or to purchase tickets online, please visit [or](#) .

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

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

Three Flipper Dinners - Wesley Church Wesley United Church will be holding three separate Flipper Dinners (with dessert, tea & coffee), on Thursday, May 10th, Thursday, May 24th and Thursday, June 7th, all at 6:00 pm. Eat in only, there are no takeouts available. Tickets are \$25 and will only be valid on the night for which they are purchased. Call Pheobe Sheppard at 726-1689, Joan Strickland at 368-0434 or the Church office at 579-3682.

The Blue Door is having a 5/10k walk and run as a fundraiser. The Blue Door works "to support individuals, primarily between the ages of 14-29, to exit sex trade activities, and/or sexually exploitative situations including trafficking." The run begins at 9 AM, Saturday May 26th, at Bowring Park Fountain pond. For more information, go to <https://verafin.com/BlueDoor>.

CHUC Dessert & Silent Auction Party: Sunday May 6th at 6:30 pm. The evening will be highlighted with music by Whizgiggin. Tickets are \$15. Join us for an evening of fun & fellowship. Come Celebrate 37 Years of History. *For Tickets, please contact the office - 745-2817 or Sharon Collins - 682-7973*

GRIEF AND BEREAVEMENT INFORMATION SESSION- Tuesday, May 8, 2018 from 7 - 9 in the Cafeteria Conference Room L.A. Miller Centre.