

**St. David's Presbyterian Church**  
**98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8**  
**March 12, 2017**  
**2nd Sunday in Lent**

Instrumental Prelude

Entry of the Bible

Announcements

Introit: *Glorify Thy Name/Father we love You*

Lenten Liturgy: Ernst Rollmann

Call to Worship:

One: Into lives snared in darkness and stagnation bursts our God,

**All: and growth cannot be resisted.**

One: Into the air of self-certainty and pride blows the wind of the Spirit,

**All: and the church is renewed.**

One: Into habits of thoughtlessness and hardened hearts comes the Word of God,

**All: and God's people are born again.**

One: We stand in awe as we encounter the magnitude of God's grace and glory.

**All: Let the journey begin. Let us worship God.**

Hymn of Praise: **#195 Come ye Disconsolate**

Prayer of Approach, Confession, Assurance of Pardon

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem: *Kyrie* John Leavitt

Children's Hymn: **#292 Father I adore you**

Children's Time and Prayer

**The Word of God Proclaimed**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a (p.16) (ending with him)

Romans 14:1-5, 13-17 (p.1691)

Responsive Psalm 121 (p.926)

John 3:1-17 (p.1580)

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

Sermon: *"How can these things be?"*

**Responding to the Word**

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

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

**Depart to Serve**

Hymn: **#262 Come to us, beloved Stranger**

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, staffed by volunteers, 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.

**The Annual Report is now ready, please pick a copy up in the Narthex and bring your copy to the Annual Meeting next week, March 19 following the service.**

**AMS announcement:** Heather Elliott, Executive Director, Bridges To Hope, is joining us this morning. She is talking to the children about Bridges to Hope and what they do. The children will also be dividing pasta, tea bags, sugar and other food into portions that are given to those in need in a hamper when they go to Bridges to Hope. Heather will be staying during coffee to answer any questions that the congregation may have about Bridges to Hope. The congregation will also have the opportunity to help with portioning food for hampers during coffee time. We are thankful to have Heather here this morning.

**YOU ARE INVITED** to the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue, *Religion's Place in a Secular Society*. Free event, all are welcome. CBC's Ted Blades, moderator. Dr. Sean McGrath, Dr. Mahmoud Haddara, and Rabbi Jim Bennett, speakers. Q&A with the audience, followed by refreshments. Learn more about the three Abrahamic religions and building understanding and respect in our community. Tuesday, March 14, 7:30-9:30 p.m. At MUN Medical School Main Auditorium. Use the beautiful new glass entrance to the Medical School on Clinch Crescent. Free parking next to the entrance in campus Lots 9 and 9L.

**The Tax Receipts are available in the Narthex, please pick them up by March 19<sup>th</sup> and then they will be mailed.**

**Eighth Annual Memorial Service** Cougar Flight 491 Sunday, Tonight @ 7:00 p.m. Pre-service music begins at 6:30 p.m. Corpus Christi Church, 260 Waterford Bridge Rd., St. John's NL

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

## The Hussein Family - Update

The Hussein family from Syria, sponsored and supported by St. Andrews - a project joined, and supported financially, by many in St. David's, has now completed their first year in Canada. Other than the family allowances that every family receives for their children, the one year of financial support from the Federal Government has ended and the relevant support of that kind now comes from the government of this province. It has been a busy and eventful year for the family and for many in both congregations. St. Andrew's continues to help as appropriate, and the family can continue to live in the apartment occupied since their arrival. When the family arrived, the eldest boy, Mohammad, qualified for kindergarten, moving up to grade 1 in September when his brother, Yassine, entered kindergarten, both at Rennie's River Elementary.

The birth of Hassan on November 6 has to be the most important event in their Canadian lives so far. Hassan is now a strapping boy of over 6kg! During her pregnancy Bahijeh, the mother, had dialysis six times a week. That involved a rotation of drivers from both congregations including – from St. David's - Pam Bruce, Janet Calver, Penny Gillies, Kathy McKay, Christine and John McLean and Tanya Shalaby. Elke and I co-ordinated much of that as well as many appointments at doctors and dentists for all the family. Others were much engaged in a variety of other ways, including shopping and child-minding.

The development of language skills in English remains important. Mostafa, the father, Mohammad and Yassine have made progress. Dini den Otter was much involved as liaison and helper and now Jeanette Laaning, a retired teacher, has volunteered language lessons for Bahijeh twice a week or when Bahijeh has been up to it. All who visit and/or drive have used the opportunity to support this through basic conversation.

Mostafa now owns a car and has a cleaning job on Saturdays and Sundays. The family's independence is increasing. While some Saturday journeys from dialysis have continued to be provided by volunteers, transport co-ordination is no longer needed, and Elke and I have ended our formal involvement. We keep in touch, and have responded willingly when called on for help, as we are from time to time.

This project has been greatly assisted by several speakers of Arabic, all graduate students, acting as interpreters and communicators in various ways, not least in emergencies. There has been some financial recognition of this. St. Andrew's is considering another sponsorship through the Presbyterian Church in Canada, as was the case for the Husseins. February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017

St. David's is a lively congregation of people from many backgrounds, young and old, from Newfoundland, from mainland Canada and other places around the world. A very old congregation, begun in 1775 as "The Dissenting Church of Christ at St. John's", it became part of the Presbyterian Church in Canada in 1938, and took the name St. David's in 1959.

Our historic roots nourish a mission-minded, scripture based church which seeks to express the faith for the modern day. Our aim is to foster a welcoming, loving and joyous spiritual community where all worshippers feel comfort and enjoyment.

**Church activities – Newcomers welcome**

Board of Managers fourth Thursday of every Month

Session every 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 Fridays @ noon (Lori Kim den Otter)

Quilter Group, Willing hands Wednesday afternoons @ 1:30 pm

Good Companions (Seniors Group) Thursday afternoons @ 2:00 pm

Choir practice Thursdays Evenings @ 7:30 pm

Call the Church Office for more details 722-2382

Worship Leader: Rev. David Sturtevant

Music Director: Brian Way

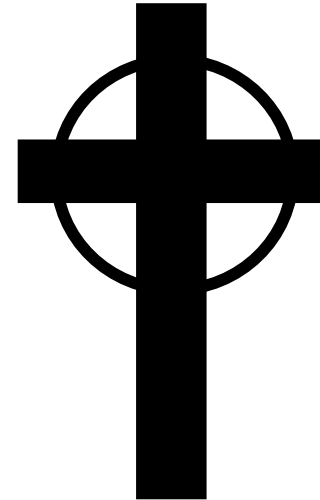
Session Clerk: Lillian Crawford

Manager on Duty: Rollmann Family

Elder on Duty:

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*



# St. David's Presbyterian Church ~ Welcomes All ~



**St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador  
Congregation founded in 1775**