

St. David's Presbyterian Church
98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8
October 20, 2019

We Approach God

Instrumental Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Entry of the Bible
Introit: *Unto the hills around* (#81 vv 1,4)

Call to Worship:

One: God promises us justice,
Many: We shout to the Lord, "Come soon!"
One: God promises us deep assurance,
Many: We shout to the Lord, "Come soon!"
One: God promises to be with us
Many: We shout to the Lord, "Come soon!"
One: Together, let us worship our God of comfort and
challenge, our God of courage and compassion.
Many: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn: **#350 To God be the glory**

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Pardon
Passing of the Peace

We Hear From God

Prayer for Illumination
Scripture readings: Genesis 32:22-31 (p.50)
Luke 18:1-8 (p.1561)

Children's Hymn: **#294 Hallelujah**
Children's time and prayer

Scripture readings: Responsive Psalm 121 (p.926)
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 (p.1774)

Hymn: **#507 Break now the bread of life**

Sermon: *"Grumbling for Justice"*

We Respond To God

Anthem: *"My God Is So High"* arr. Moses Hogan

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

Unison prayer of Thanksgiving:
**Thank you God for all you give,
For food, for love, a place to live.
In sunshine and in rain or snow,
when times are good or bad we know
your hand provides, your heart forgives,
Thank you God for all you give.**

Closing Hymn: **#570 I have decided to follow Jesus**

Benediction
Choral Amen
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.

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

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

Bible Study Wednesdays (10 :30 am)

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

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

Choir practice Sunday Mornings @ 9 :30 am

Call the Church Office for more details 722-2382

Minister: Rev. David Sturtevant

Music Director: Brian Way

Session Clerk: Lillian Crawford

Manager on Duty: Tanya Shalaby and Andrea Crosbie

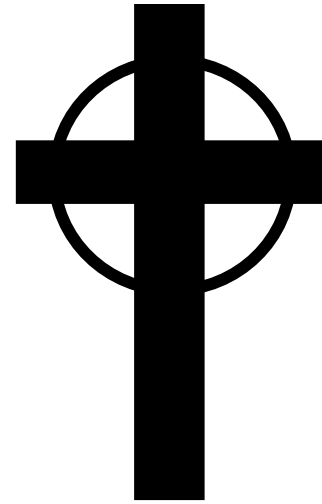
Elder on Duty: Ian Bruneau

Church Administrator: Monica McNeill

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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**

Church Announcements

Looking ahead to a busy Fall

Today, October 20, 2019 - Fellowship Lunch after worship service. Free will offering. **Following Lunch, Dr. Jane Green will give a presentation on her work in Medical Genetics that led to her being named to the Order of Canada.**

Saturday, November 16, 2019 - Afternoon Tea & Sale. Tickets available now at \$8.00 each. More details and requests for help later.

Sunday, December 1, 2019 - Advent Lunch after worship service. Free will offering.

Treasurer's Update: This has been a year of change, as we have lost several families and have gained some new members of our congregation.

Our givings have not kept up with our budget, even though a deficit budget was passed at the 2019 Annual General Meeting. Since the 1st of September, a sheet showing our monthly and various annual expenses has been available on the bulletin board in the lobby, outside Monica's Office. Please take a minute or so to take a look at it.

This year we will need to have a Balance The Budget campaign, and this is the first notice that it will be coming. If you have any questions about our finances or if you have any ideas about how we can save money, please have a chat with me.

Anne Calver
Treasurer

Food for Thought will meet this Tuesday evening, October 22, at 7:15 at 16 Polina Rd. Come join this gathering of young adults for an evening of food, Bible study and prayer. Contact Marcella Rollmann for more information and for transportation: marcellarollmann at [gmail.com](mailto:marcellarollmann@gmail.com).

If you can provide a meal for this group for any Tuesday from now to the end of November, it would be greatly appreciated! Just pick your date and add your name to the sign-up sheet outside the office and/or contact Marcella. Many thanks!

November 3 All Saints Sunday: On Sunday November 3rd, we will be celebrating our **All Saints Sunday**, remembering all of those who are united to us in serving Christ even though they cannot be by our side. Saints are not just on stained glass windows, everyone who lives a life

transformed by Christ is a saint. This year, in addition to our service, we would like to remember all of those witnesses to Christ who are in our hearts but not in our pews by placing pictures of them in the display case outside the office. Please bring in a picture for us to include, with your name and the name of the saint on the back! We may be separated by death or by distance, but in Christ we remain always united to the faithful of every time and place.

Thank-you: We would like to thank Dr. Kristina Szutor for leading the music this morning!

Muffin Monday: We will be making muffins once again on **Monday, October 28**. If you are interested in helping please call the office. We have fun and it is for a great cause!

Sox & 'ssentials for Stella! This October St. David's AMS need YOUR help to fill the Sanctuary with socks and personal hygiene items for the clients of Stella's Circle. This is a vital community organization that helps people who face barriers to fully participate in their community. These barriers might include poverty, homelessness, addictions and mental health issues. So please let's fill the church with socks in all sizes, shampoo/conditioner, brush and toothpaste, deodorant, body wash/soap and more.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Help!! We need help! We have received a request from another Charitable Organization for scarves, hats and mittens. The problem is that we lost three knitters over the summer. To fulfil the needs of these organizations, we need your help. Come and join us. If you don't knit, we will teach you. Not so good at knitting, you will get better at it. If you can't come to the meeting but have some free time, you can knit at home and that will help! Anyone who can help us is very welcome!

Community Announcements

Canadian Council of Churches turns 75. In celebration they are invited Christians across the nation to gather for a **Cross Canada Conversation** on the Theme: ***What is the place of Christianity in Canada today?*** This event is simulcast coast to coast live, our local site is The Crossing Church, formerly West End Baptist, (314 Topsail Rd) @ 2:15pm Saturday October 26 ending about 4:30pm. Speakers include: Mary Fountaine, Presbyterian Church in Canada, Ken Shigematsu, Christian and Missionary Alliance Church in Canada, Bishop Noel Simard, Roman Catholic Church, and Dr. Marie Wilson, TRC commissioner. Come celebrate 75 years of Christians intentionally working together across denominational lines.

The Synod

The Synod is the second highest court in our Presbyterian Church in Canada system. Its membership includes all ministers, members of the Order of Diaconal Ministries and representative elders on the roll of the presbyteries in its area. Synod oversees the Presbyteries, ensuring that business is conducted properly, and provides support and advice as needed. We belong to the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, which contains six presbyteries: Cape Breton, Pictou, Halifax-Lunenburg, New Brunswick, Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island.

Our Synod promotes opportunities for our children and young people to come to know Christ in a safe and caring place by providing funding to Presbytery camps in Cape Breton and PEI as well owning and operating Camp Geddie, near Merigomish, NS. Camp Geddie is also used for events and retreats during the off-camping season. We employ a full-time Camping and Youth Consultant Mrs. Whitney Canning, who organizes events for our young people and also serves as the Executive Director at Camp Geddie.

Synod also supports a chaplain for the Halifax hospitals on a part-time basis, pastoring and caring for those who come to Halifax for treatment from throughout the Synod, and for their families.

The Synod encourages, organizes and helps fund educational events and mission programs throughout the Atlantic region, with workshops designed to assist congregations, particularly those in transition in these changing times

The Synod meets once a year, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of October; business is usually complete by noon on Wednesday. This year we meet in the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island hosted by Zion Presbyterian Church, Charlottetown, from Monday, October 21st, 2019 through to Wednesday, October 23rd. Please pray for the commissioners and those who do the work of Synod as they meet in Charlottetown this year.

Synod Mission Committee, October 2019.

Prayer for Sunday before Synod, October 20, 2019

Almighty God, Christ Jesus your Son came to walk with us;

He came to show us how much we're loved, and to call us to show your love to others;

He promised that we're never alone; that your Holy Spirit is with us always to give us comfort and power, guidance and strength.

We pray today for guidance for your Church:

As the Atlantic Synod meets this coming week,

Guide all that is said and done, we pray.

Open the hearts and minds of the commissioners to hear your still, small voice.

By your Spirit give them wisdom and understanding;

Give them vision and knowledge,

Give them compassion and courage.

Open their eyes to your presence and leading for your Church.

Help all of us to be faithful followers, looking to Christ who not only shows us the way, but is our way.

May your love be shown to all the world by the decisions made at Synod and how we live them out as your people.

We give you praise and thanks, Holy and Triune God, now and forever, Amen.