

**St. David's Presbyterian Church**  
**98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8**  
**December 01, 2019**  
**Advent I**

**We Approach God**

Instrumental Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Entry of the Bible

Introit: *"We cannot own the sunlit sky"* #717

Call to Worship:

One: In our own lives and in our worship

**All: We are hoping for light**

One: In our families and in our work

**All: We are hoping for light**

One: In our nation and in our world

**All: We are hoping for light**

One: Jesus Christ, light of the world, we come to you

**All: We find light in Christ. Let us worship God.**

Opening Hymn: **#122 Oh come, oh come, Emmanuel (v 1-3, 6)**

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Penny and Stewart Gillies

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

**We Hear From God**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture readings: Isaiah 2:1-5 (p.1021)  
Matthew 24:36-44 (p.1477)

Children's Hymn: **#149 Away in a manger**

Children's time and prayer

Scripture readings: Psalm 122 (p.926)  
Romans 13:11-14 (p.1690)

Hymn: **#375 Fairest Lord Jesus**

Sermon: *"Unpredictable"*

**We Respond To God**

Anthem: *"Nativity Carol"* John Rutter

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

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.**

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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

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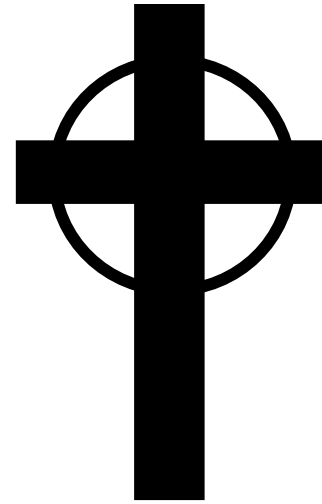
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**St. David's  
Presbyterian Church  
~ Welcomes All ~**



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

## **Church Announcements**

**Flowers:** Flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary in loving memory of Bill and Mary Barnes.

**Condolences:** Our condolences are extended to the family of Clarence Connolly, brother of Eric Connolly (Carol Gibbons).

**Choral Scholars:** The Choral Scholars will be holding a concert after the Service on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 1 pm. All are welcome!

**Advent Lunch** Come join us for the Advent lunch after the service today. Free will offering.

**AMS Advent Service:** Please come to celebrate the Christmas Story (with humor) in a play "A Christmas Story" on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm followed by Christmas goodies in the Armour room. The cast include members from St. David's, St. Andrew's and the Food For Thought group. All are welcome!

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Will be holding its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 am in the Armour Room.

**Food for Thought** Note Christmas party venue. Food for Thought will hold its last meeting of the fall term on Tuesday, Dec 3, beginning at 7:15, at 30 Oxen Pond Road, the Rollmann house. We are hoping to chat on FB with Ernst in Chile and meet some of his classmates.

The Food for Thought group sends out a huge thank-you to all those who have supplied Food this fall. Thank you Penny Gillies, Anne and Janet Calver, Kay Scott, Sarah King, and the WA. And a special thank you to Andy Effiong for leading the discussions.

**"Piggy Banks" due:** The AMS Auxiliary members are reminded that their "piggy banks" or donations should come in over the next couple of weeks. You may give them to Bouwina Fogwill or any member of the AMS.

**Moose meatballs for sale:** The WA with help from the Board are selling moose meatballs. There is a sign-up sheet outside Monica's office. Samples were available at the WA Afternoon Tea.

## **Community Announcements**

**The Terra Nova Grannies:** Please note the letter from the Terra Nova Grannies regarding The World AIDS Day and their program to help Grandmothers in Africa. The letter can be found on the bulletin board in the Tower Entrance.

**Hope for the Holidays - Christmas with The Salvation Army**  
St. Mary Anglican Church, 1 Cornwall Crescent, December 14<sup>th</sup>  
Show time: 7:00 PM - Tickets: \$25 can be purchased at  
hollyhearttheatre.com or call the box office at 579-4424.

**Breakfast with Santa:** Topsail United Church Men's Club annual Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday December 7 from 8 until 11 A.M. Usual Great Menu. Adults \$8, Children \$4, Face Painting and Coloring for the Children. Pictures with Santa. All are Welcome.

**Händel's Messiah:** A Christmas tradition; the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Marc David, together with the Philharmonic Choir of the NSO presents Händel's Messiah - set in the historic and captivating Basilica and presented by Cox & Palmer. The Messiah takes place at 8PM on Friday, December 6, 2019 and Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist. Tickets are available at the ACC Box Office (729-3900), online at artsandculturecentre.com and at the door.

**Noël! Noël! – The St. John's Choir Christmas Concert:** The St. John's Choir presents their Christmas concert "Noël! Noël!" at 7:30 pm, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at St. Andrew's Church, (The Kirk), 76 Queens Road. The concert will feature Christmas songs both old and new. Doors open at 7:00, tickets are \$20, \$12 for children under 12, and may be obtained from any Choir member or at the door.

**Lunch With Santa:** Wesley United Church UCW will hold a "Lunch With Santa" and mini bake sale on Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm. Hot dogs, soft drinks and ice cream will be served and there will be a fish pond and loot bags. Tickets are \$5.00 and are available from Phoebe at 726-1689, the church office at 579-3682 or from any member of the UCW.

# **Coming in December**

December 1<sup>st</sup> – First Advent Sunday  
**Choir Soup Lunch**

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Second Advent Sunday  
**TSO and Choir and White Gift Sunday**

December 10<sup>th</sup> – **AMS Advent Service**  
**(7:30 pm)**

December 15<sup>th</sup> – Third Advent Sunday  
**Christmas Pageant**

**December 20-21<sup>st</sup> – Christmas Hampers**

December 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fourth Advent Sunday  
**Communion**

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Eve  
**Candlelight service 6:30 pm**

December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day  
**No Service**

December 29<sup>th</sup> – **Regular Sunday Service**



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