

St. David's Presbyterian Church
98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8
December 08, 2019
Advent II

We Approach God

Prelude: "Contrapuntist #5" (from Art of the Fugue) J.S. Bach
"The Holy and the Ivy" arr. by Kirby Shaw
"In the Bleak Mid-winter" by Holst
"Mary's Little Boy Child" words and mus. Hairston
arr. Lojeski

Welcome and Announcements

Entry of the Bible

Introit: "Normandy Carol" Traditional Normandy Tune

Call to Worship:

One: We come to prepare the way for Christ;

All: Lord, enter our world.

One: We cry out together in the wilderness:

The kingdom of heaven has come near.

All: Lord, enter our hearts.

One: We come to be part of the light-
the light that shines in the darkness.

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn: **#118 Hark the glad sound**

Lighting of the Advent Candle: Michelle Sturtevant

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

We Hear From God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture readings: Isaiah 11:1-10 (p.1035)
Matthew 3:1-12 (p.1438)

Children's Hymn: **#154 Silent night**

Children's time and prayer

Scripture readings: Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19 (p.868)
Romans 15:4-13 (p.1692)

Hymn: **#741 Like a mighty river flowing**

Sermon: "Schooled in war"

We Respond To God

Anthem: "O Come All Ye Faithful" arr. Dan Forrest

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: **#730 Oh for a world where everyone**

Benediction

Choral Amen

Postlude: "Follow that Star" Brian Lewis

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: Anne Calver

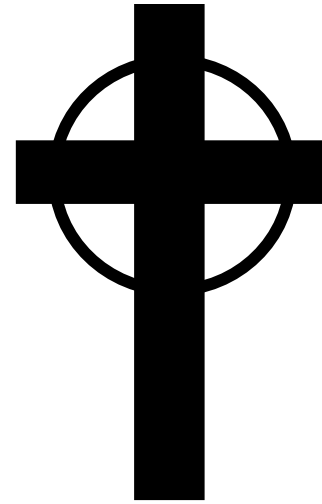
Elder on Duty: Penny Gillies

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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

Thank-you: We would like to thank Nathan Cook, the TSO and the Choir for the wonderful music this morning!

White Gift: Today is White Gift Sunday! Envelopes for donations can be found in the pews.

Choral Scholars: The Choral Scholars will be holding a concert after the Service today at 1 pm. All are welcome!

AMS Advent Service: Please come to celebrate the Christmas Story (with humor) in a play "A Christmas Story" on Tuesday, December 10th 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!

"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. If you would like to purchase meatballs, please call the office 722-2382 or speak with a WA member.

Treasurer's Update and Balance the Budget Campaign:

Last week on Sunday morning I spoke of the need for a Balance the Budget campaign for this year and that the goal was to raise \$20,000. Why do we need this campaign? We have lost several families over the past couple of years and donations to the church have dropped off. Meanwhile, our costs are also increasing and one very evident example is our heating bill. We are on a budget plan, paying equal amounts each month. This year we paid \$1,789 per month and next year we'll be paying \$2,029 per month. If you have any questions, concerns, ideas, or comments, please come have a chat with me.

There will be a thermometer showing our progress. It will be on the various bulletin boards and in the weekly bulletins.

Our goal is \$20,000 and to that end we ask for your help and support, please give as you are able.

Thank you
Anne Calver

Community Announcements

GIRL GUIDE CHRISTMAS SALE: Jellybean Row Girl Guides will hold their annual Morning Coffee and Christmas Sale at St David's Presbyterian Church Hall on Elizabeth Ave on Saturday Dec 14th from 10 –noon. Baked goods, crafts and morning coffee with treats will be available. We appreciate the organizations that give us meeting space. Help us support their activities that give back to the community at Christmas.

CLB BAND: The CLB Band will be holding its Christmas Concert on December 14th at 2pm at the CLB Armoury on Military Road.

Hope for the Holidays - Christmas with The Salvation Army

St. Mary's Anglican Church, 1 Cornwall Crescent, December 14th
Show time: 7:00 PM - Tickets: \$25 can be purchased at
holyhearttheatre.com or call the box office at 579-4424.

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 15th, 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.