

St. David's Presbyterian Church
98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8
December 15, 2019
Advent III

We Approach God

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship:

One: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

Many: **O come, let us adore him.**

One: God is the one who can bring light to our lives and our world.

Many: **O come, let us adore him.**

One: We celebrate, for God gives the gift of joy.

Many: **O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!**

Opening Hymn: **#159 O Come, All Ye Faithful**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Christmas Pageant

Pageant Songs: (see booklet)

#171 The people that in darkness (v. 1-3)

#156 The angel Gabriel from heaven (verses 1 and 4)

#165 O Little Town of Bethlehem 1 & 2

#139 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

#150 Jesus our brother, kind and good v. 1-3,6

#133 Go tell it on the mountain

We Respond To God

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: **#153 Joy to the World**

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.

We would like to thank Susan Templeton and Leslie Stuckless and everyone participating in the Pageant today!

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

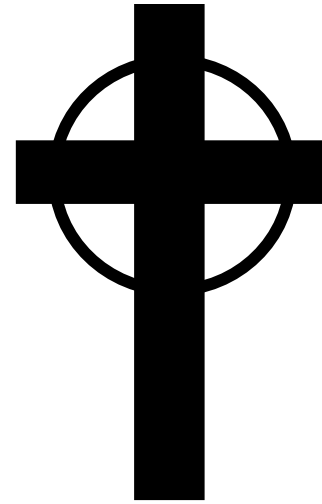
Elder on Duty: Penny Gillies

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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: Merry Christmas from the Staff, Board of Directors and Volunteers of Bridges to Hope Food Aid Center. The generosity of your congregation's food and financial donations is the backbone of the important work we do and allows us to relieve hunger and restore dignity in our community.

WA Moose Meatballs: The WA Moose Meatballs are ready for pick up. The office is open fro 9-1, Monday to Friday. Come by and pick up your order and pay at the office. Thanks!

Treasurer's Update and Balance the Budget Campaign

For several weeks now I've spoken about a Balance the Budget campaign for this year and that the goal was to raise \$20,000. Last week we received \$2,000 towards that goal. This week there are Balance the Budget envelopes in each pew, they will be available until the end of this year. There are thermometers showing our progress on bulletin boards around the church and hall.

Why do we need this campaign? I've spoken of several things – the approval of a deficit budget for 2019, the loss of several families over the past couple of years, our increasing operating costs, and an overall drop in donations. If you would like to contribute to specific outreach programs, like Wheels to Worship, or our c-horal scholars, please note that on your envelope.

Our budget cycle will begin again very soon. If you would like to contribute ideas, thoughts, comments, and concerns or if you have any questions, please come have a chat with me or with any member of the Board.

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

December 15th – Third Advent Sunday
Christmas Pageant

December 20-21st – Christmas Hampers

December 22nd – Fourth Advent Sunday
Communion

December 24th – Christmas Eve
Candlelight service 6:30 pm

December 25th - Christmas Day
No Service

December 29th – **Regular Sunday Service**



Community Announcements

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.