

St. David's Presbyterian Church
98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8
December 22, 2019
Advent IV

We Approach God

Prelude
Welcome and Announcements
Entry of the Bible
Introit: *The hands that first held Mary's child* (#158)

Call to Worship:

One: In Christ, we find hope for the future.
Many: The Lord is with us!
One: In Christ, we find peace for our world.
Many: The Lord is with us!
One: In Christ, we find joy for our hearts.
Many: The Lord is with us!
One: In Christ, we find love for our neighbours.
Many: The Lord is with us! Let us worship God!

Opening Hymn: **#146 Angels from the realms of glory**

Lighting of the Advent Candle: John Hammond

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Passing of the Peace

We Hear From God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture readings: Romans 1:1-7 (p.1672)
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (p.879)

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

Children's time and prayer

Scripture readings: Isaiah 7:10-16 (p.1029)
Matthew 1:18-25 (p.1436)

Hymn: **#499 Tell me the old, old story**

Sermon: "Love"

We Respond To God

Anthem: *"Candlelight 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.**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn: **#558 The Son of God proclaim**

The Apostles Creed #539

Book of Praise # 564 Communion Service

Closing Hymn: **#141 Good Christians, all rejoice**

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: Anne Calver

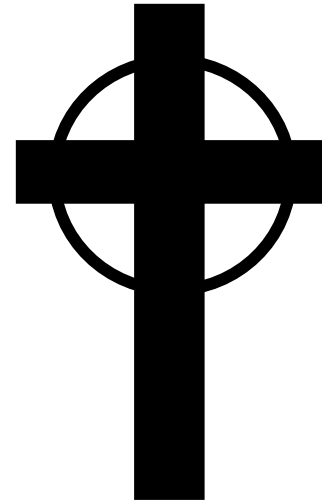
Elder on Duty: Penny Gillies

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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

Upcoming services:

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

December 29th – Regular Sunday Service 11am

Communion: Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Communion.

Thank-you: Thank-you to Becky Quinton for her hard work making the moose meatballs and to Janet Calver for the moose meat pies!

Hamper Thank-you: Thank-you to everyone who helped in any way with the preparation (Friday) and packing/delivery (Saturday) of our Christmas Hampers. Special thanks to those who worked beforehand to project manage, purchase, deliver and make happen the major undertaking this weekend.

Flowers: Flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary in loving memory of Fiona and Melvin Mercer by Michelle, Joe and Julia.

Flowers have been placed in the Sanctuary in loving memory of Dr. Joseph Craig from the Craig Family.

Christmas Eve Service: St. David's would like to thank the following for their participation in this very special service. The Prelude will feature **Noelle Slaney**, the opening carol "Once in Royal David's City" will be feature **Mia Pike (Rudofsky)** and our special guest artist is **David Pomeroy** whose selections are "Gesu Bambino" by Pietro Yon and "O Holy Night" by Adolphe Adam, the final carol or postlude is "The First Noel" with David and the congregation.

Condolences: St. David's would like to extend our sincere sympathy to Dr. Suzanne Brake (Seniors Advocate) and her family on the passing of her husband, Robert John O'Brien. Suzanne is the mother of Tim and Nick Crosbie.

Community Announcements

Concert: Gambade concert of viols presents medieval and renaissance Christmas music at St David's on the afternoon of Dec 29th at 3 pm. Guest soprano Catherine Cornick. Admission by donation.