



Sunday October 3rd 2021

Our Sunday service is at 11 am with in-person worship, we also stream the service live and record it for later viewing. The recording of the service will be available on Sunday and can be found on our YouTube channel by typing "St. David's Presbyterian Message for October 3, 2021" into Google. Copies of the hymns and scripture readings are included in the email sent out each Friday. The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

Psalm 8; Mark 10:2-16

Church Office Hours: Rev. Sturtevant is in the office Tuesdays through Fridays from 10 am to 2 pm. For pastoral care, please contact him at 699-3661. Monica McNeill, our Office Administrator, is in the office each weekday from 9 am to 1 pm, if you need to drop off or pick up something.

Prayer Partnership: The Presbyterian Church in Canada offers a prayer partnership that may form part of a daily devotional, please consider these prayer partnerships:

Sunday, October 3 (World Communion Sunday) We pray for the church throughout the world. May God renew its worship, nurture its growth, empower its witness and restore its unity.

Monday, October 4 (National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls) We pray for the insight and strength to work for an end to colonial racism and misogyny that targets and harms Indigenous women, girls and LGBTQI2S+ people.

Tuesday, October 5 We pray for the children of Residential School Survivors who suffer from the generational effects of that era. May they heal through God's protection, guidance and love.

Wednesday, October 6 We give thanks for those who participated in Ride for Refuge in support of Presbyterian World Service & Development's food security projects around the world.

Thursday, October 7 We pray for God's protection, comfort and healing for the people and lands recovering from severe natural disasters.

Friday, October 8 As **Coming Out Day** (October 11) approaches, we pray that LGBTQI+ people who are planning to come out for the first time receive love and support from their families, friends and church communities.

Saturday, October 9 We pray for The Presbyterian Church in Canada's church planting support initiatives.

Message From the Minister



This past Sunday we celebrated a wonderful Baptism. It is always a joy to welcome a new child into the family of God, to show God's great love by Water and Word, and remind us all of the unity we share through baptism into the one body of Christ. Baptism is both joyful and solemn, a profound moment with family dressed in their best, a chance for prayer, pictures, and congratulations.

But one of my memories of first performing a baptism isn't about the actual baptism itself: it was a question of the water. You see, as Presbyterians, we are part of the Reformed tradition of churches that split from the Catholic church in the 1500s to get 'back to the basics' of reading scripture and participating in worship together. The early Reformers didn't like how so much of worship was just the priests doing things no-body else really understood up at the front of the chapel, and so you can still see today that many Reformed churches are aesthetically very simple, and have straightforward worship services without what I jokingly refer to as "bells and smells". But

with that being said, there is still some sense of holiness, and when I was preparing for my first baptism, I was faced with the question of where to get the water for the baptism.

Truth be told, our baptism water just comes from the tap. I use hot water, so that by the time it reaches the baby's head it is pleasantly warm and hopefully causes less tears. I say just a few words of prayer over it, because it feels like that's something I should do, but it still always feels a little sneaky when I'm filling up the baptismal bowl in the sink, almost like I need to worry that someone will catch me in the act and get me in trouble for not using the right water.

But really, the water from the tap is perfectly suitable. After all, baptism reminds us that God's love for us isn't based on our worthiness. Babies have no strength or faith to justify them, no works to earn them praise, but God's love is poured out on them for all to see. The water is inadequate for the task, the child is inadequate for the blessing, but all this points to the one thing that is always, always enough: God's love. God's love makes up for all the shortcomings in our worship, all the shortcomings in our prayers and in our past. Even the most undeserving things can be used by God for greatness. That is Good News, isn't it?

Rev. David Sturtevant

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services

St. David's has had in-person services each Sunday since September 2020 with a brief break from February to April 2021. Our morning worship is at 11 am. We also live-stream the service, or you can access it later. With the move to "Level 2 Re-opening", the number of people who can be in the sanctuary is increased provided we can maintain social distancing. For those members of St. David's unable to participate in virtual worship for one reason or another, we invite you to attend in person when you are comfortable doing so. Those of you who join us virtually via Zoom may certainly continue to follow us that way or if you are comfortable joining us in person, we welcome you back.

Getting the Service and Bulletin using our website

This bulletin is placed on our website as soon as the Rollmann family get Monica's email. The website is **stdavids.nf.ca** and if you type this in as your search, our website will be right there. At the top of the main page is a "Sunday Service" which will take you to this week's service link and bulletin. Since our Sunday services are now live-streamed, the link is already posted so people can experience the Sunday service at home live beginning at 11 am on Sunday. If you click on Video Service for Oct 3rd you will see the screen and the note: live in "a number" of hours. After the fact, you can see the YouTube video of the service. If you would like to catch up on previous services all are available, simply scroll through the services and choose the Sunday service or bulletin that you would like to see or read.

How can we help you at this time? Do you need any help getting groceries, having something picked up, or having something dropped off (like this bulletin or the minister's weekly sermons)? Would you just like to

have a chat with the minister or your elder? You may call the church at 722-2382 or email us at stdavids@nfld.com and we'll see what we can do to help. Monica is at the church during regular office hours from 9 am to 1 pm each weekday, if you want to drop by for any reason.

Treasurer's Report

Thank you to all who are continuing to donate to your church through your envelopes on Sunday mornings, by e-transfers, or through your monthly PAD contributions. My thanks go out to elders and friends who happily and gladly pick-up envelopes from those not able to get out and help by dropping them off at the church office.

By the way, the sole email address we are using to accept donations is stdavidsnfld@gmail.com and this one is linked to our bank account and it will automatically accept all donations.

Announcement:

The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be holding it's meeting on Tuesday morning, October 5th at 10 am in the Armour Room. All are welcome!

Bridges to Hope

REMINDER

Thanksgiving Food Drive Drive Through - Rain or Shine!

St. David's Presbyterian Church, 98 Elizabeth Avenue

Saturday, October 9, 2021 - 10 A. M. - 2 P. M.

In support of Bridges To Hope Food Aid Centre - the largest food bank in St. John's!

Wondering what to bring? Here are some suggestions:

Canned milk, Canned beans, Soup, Dry Pasta/Rice, Canned pasta, Pasta sauce, Canned meat/fish, Crackers, Cereal, Canned vegetables, Kraft Dinner, Cookies/Snacks, Juice, Canned fruit, Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Peanut butter, Cheez Whiz, Jam, Pudding snacks ... the list goes on!

Personal care items: Toilet tissue, tissues, shampoo, bar soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine hygiene supplies, dishwashing/laundry detergent, etc.

Monetary donations and gift cards are also acceptable.

If you are unable to come by on Saturday but wish to contribute, food may be dropped off at the Church Office during the week! Office hours are 9 AM to 1 PM, Monday to Friday. If pick-up required, please call the Church Office at 722-2382.

Help us respond to the growing need!

Specials This Week (Sept 30 -Oct 6) – Good buys for Food Trolley or Food Drive!

Colemans – Heinz Tomato Soup – \$0.77

Sobeys – Green Giant Vegetables - \$0.99

Maple Leaf Flakes of Ham - \$0.99

Unico Tomatoes \$0.99

Lawtons – Heinz Tomato Soup – 2/\$1.20

Kraft Dinner – 5/\$5

Cloverleaf Tuna – 4/\$5

Walmart – Franco-American Canned Gravy - \$0.67

Dominion – Catelli/Barilla Pasta - \$0.99

Unico Pasta Sauce - \$0.99

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Condolences

The sympathy of the congregation goes to Andy (Andem) Effiong on the passing of his Aunt on September 20, 2021 at the age of 66. She lived in Michigan and was a General Internal Medicine physician, actively practising until just a few days before her passing. She played a big role in Andy's professional and personal life and we know that Andy will miss her dearly. Our thoughts and prayers are with Andy at this difficult time.

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

First, a correction from last week. I had the wrong date for Bob Taylor's birthday. Bob's birthday is actually September 13th (not the 20th). So sorry Bob! Next year I'll get it right the first time!

Happy Birthday, belated, to Calvin Bekoe, who celebrated his 1st birthday on September 27th, just one day after his baptism here at St. David's! (See pictures below.) Calvin celebrated this big day with his mom, Mavis, and dad, Collins. Best wishes Calvin from your St. David's family and we hope you had a great day!

Happy birthday wishes to Jacqueline Brockerville who will be celebrating her birthday on Tuesday, October 5th. She will be celebrating with her family including her mom and dad, Jean and Clayton Collins, and her sisters, Jennifer and Janet (long-distance) and of course their families. Your St. David's family wishes you a very Happy Birthday – and many more!

Happy Birthday to Julie Gill. Julie will be celebrating her birthday with family and friends on October 5th as well. Julie is the daughter of Shelley Gill. Best wishes Julie from everyone here at St. David's. We hope you have a great day!

Happy Birthday to Pam Bruce who will be celebrating her birthday on October 4th! Pam will be celebrating the day with her family and friends. As many of you know, Pam is a long-time member and supporter of St. David's. Pam has given countless hours to our Church archives and has documented and catalogued thousands of documents and pictures over the years. Pam is a great gardener and that shows in the care and attention she and Penny give to our flowers and bushes around the church. Pam is always there to lend a hand – from helping to organize the plant sale in the Spring, to creating our Advent Wreath at Christmas time, to helping with the Good Companions group. Pam is a dear friend to many here at St. David's and an inspiration to all. Happy Birthday, Pam from your St. David's family! All our love and we hope you have a wonderful birthday!

Happy Anniversary to Rev. David Sturtevant and Michelle who will be celebrating their 8th wedding anniversary on October 5th! Best wishes, Rev. David and Michelle on this special occasion. We hope you enjoy the day together and may there be many more years of happiness for you both!

Happy Anniversary to Mildred and Darrin Greeley who will be celebrating their 32nd wedding anniversary on October 6! Mildred and Darrin were married by Rev. Ted Thompson. Congratulations and best wishes on your anniversary from everyone here at St. David's! (Mildred is the daughter of the late Ralph and Olive Melendy.)

Happy Anniversary to Monica and Michael McNeill who will be celebrating their 9th wedding anniversary on October 5th! As you all know, Monica is our hard-working Church Administrator who keeps us on track and keeps things organized! Best wishes, Monica and Mike on this special occasion. We hope you enjoy the day with family and friends and may there be many more years of happiness for you both!

Congratulations to Rukiya Yusuf who completed her high school diploma three weeks ago! Rukiya has started working in home care and according to Thomas, she is VERY busy. Well done Rukiya – we are so proud of what you have accomplished!

If you know of someone who is going to have a birthday or an anniversary in the coming days or weeks, please call or email the church.

News from the Pews

Bridges to Hope Newsletter

As many of you know, there is a great connection between St. David's and Bridges to Hope and we are always delighted to hear all their news. Here is their Fall newsletter.



Feeding our neighbours
for over 30 years

Bridges to Hope Fall Newsletter

Did you know that Bridges to Hope has been providing food aid assistance and reducing the effects of poverty in our community for over 30 years? During my time as manager, I have seen repeatedly the selflessness of people willing to help strangers. From little kids donating their birthday money, to offices holding food drives, to businesses offering financial support, and even clients themselves donating when they found themselves in a position to do so, I have learned that kindness is contagious due to the psychological benefits of helping others. I invite you right now to be a part of the solution. Our community needs you now more than ever as we remain steadfast in our mission to relieve hunger and restore dignity for our friends and neighbours. Thank you from all of us at Bridges to Hope.

- Jody Williams, Manager

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Bag to School

In September we wrapped up our annual Bag to School campaign, and thanks to the support of our donors we helped send over 350 students back to class equipped with top-quality school supplies. We would like to extend a special thanks to our community partners: Dicks and Company Ltd., Verafin, Hebron, VOXM Cares Foundation, NL Chiropractic, and Artforce NL.

Thanksgiving Food Drives



There are two community food drives coming up in support of Bridges to Hope. If you would like to donate non-perishable food items for our food pantry, you can visit:

First United Church: 221 Park Ave, Mount Pearl

Saturday, October 9 - 10am-2pm

St. David's Presbyterian Church: 98 Elizabeth Ave, St. John's

Saturday, October 9 - 10am-2pm

If you would like to organize a food drive in support of Bridges to Hope, please reach out to us by phone at (709) 722-9225 or by email at info@bridgestohope.ca.



Volunteer Spotlight

Steve has been volunteering with Bridges to Hope for 3 years. Every Thursday he prepares approximately 100 bowls of soup and 50 servings of pre-portioned meals like lasagna. Steve's contribution allows us to offer fresh, homemade options in our food pantry as part of our Healthy Hamper program. When asked about his experience volunteering at Bridges to Hope, Steve said he enjoys supporting the organization and the services we provide in the community. Thanks so much for your dedication, Steve!

Baptism

On Sunday, September 26th, 2021, we welcomed the newest member of our Church family, Calvin Darko Bekoe, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Calvin's mom, Mavis Owusu-Damprane and dad, Collins Bekoe, also participated. It was a very special day for all and we are delighted to welcome, Mavis, Collins and Calvin to our Church family!



Rev. David, Mavis Holding Calvin, and Collins



Mavis, Collins and Newly Baptised Calvin



Mavis, Collins with Calvin – Lots of Smiles

Archival Moment

This week we have another great picture thanks to Gracie Wood. Let's see how many people you can identify. The names will be in next week's bulletin.



WA Christmas (2006?) Luncheon at Edith Peach's Home

Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: In the very early days John Jones was upset by two things, what were they?

The answer is: John Jones was concerned by the disrespect of the Sabbath and by the way the church attendees left the church to go directly to one of the nearby taverns.

This week the question is: In the winter of 1775, a new member joined the little Society, one who would become its first elder. Who was it, where did he come from and what was his occupation?

Recent History:

Last week I got it wrong – in the answer to the question of the items built by Angus Bruneau. **The Archives Cabinet in the lobby was built by Ralph (Bill) Barnes.** My thanks to Glenn Barnes for his email!

Last week the question was: At the back of the church in the gallery, is a model of the current church. Who made it?

The answer is: I have no idea and no one I speak with knows either! So, perhaps someone out there can help me. If you do know, please get in touch with Monica at 722-2382.

This week the question is: What happened on May 6, 1973? Hint, it involved fire.

Do you have any ideas for some church trivia? Email or call the church!

Offerings While COVID-19 keeps us from church each Sunday, please consider other ways to keep up your weekly donations. For those of you who are not on PAD, please consider signing up. Simply email the church and we will put you in touch with Ian Bruneau, our Envelope Secretary. He will answer any questions you may have. Alternately, you can donate via e-transfer to stdavidsnfld@gmail.com. Using your bank's comment section, you can specify information like your envelope number and how you would like your money distributed; to Current, Presbyterian Sharing, or any of our outreach programs. You may also donate through Canada Helps. You may also mail your donation, drop it off at the church, or call the church and someone would be pleased to pick it up for you.

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Ideas to keep in touch Do you have any ideas how we can keep in touch with one another or what you'd like to see us do now that things are starting to re-open. Call and let us know! Please keep in touch!

Web Site We'd like you to visit our web site, which is the place to find past services and any number of interesting things. The Sunday services are found on the web site and the text of the sermon is also available in the comment section. Our web site is **stdavids.nf.ca**

Once there, choose ministries and look for the service you'd like to see or hear. There are over 600 services on-line too listen to or see.

How to reach us:

Minister: Rev. David Sturtevant – Cell phone: 699-3661

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Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/stdavidsstjohns>

Groups:

Women's Auxiliary – Lillian Crawford

Good Companions (Seniors) – Kay Scott

Bible Study Group – Sheena Findlay

Atlantic Mission Society – Kathy McKay

Session – Lillian Crawford

Board of Managers – Ken Templeton (Session rep)

Prayer Shawl (Knitters) – Bouwina Fogwill

Willing Hands (Quilter Group) – Patsy Carmichael

Food For Thought (University and Early Career) – Ernst Rollmann

Session: the elders are:

Lillian Crawford Jim Steele Ken Templeton

Sue Templeton Janet Calver Kathy McKay

Penny Gillies Steve Bruneau Ian Bruneau

Aubrey Bonnell Eleanor Bonnell Jenny Griffioen

Jennifer Waterman Ed Vanderkloet Tanya Shalaby

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