



Sunday January 9th 2022 First Sunday After Epiphany

Our Sunday service is at 11 am and this week we will 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 January 9, 2022" into Google. Copies of the hymns and scripture readings are included in the email sent out each Friday.

Church Office Hours: Rev. Sturtevant is on vacation in Ontario until January 14th 2022. For pastoral care, please contact the office and leave a message on the church's phone number (722-2382) or email us at stdavids@nfld.com.

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, January 9 (Baptism of the Lord) Let us remember our baptism and pray that we will live in ways that fulfill the promises made on our behalf, and may we boldly confess Jesus as our Lord and Saviour.

Monday, January 10 We pray for congregations across Canada as they faithfully support the ministries made possible through Presbyterians Sharing.

Tuesday, January 11 As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Rev. Dr. George Leslie Mackay's arrival in Taiwan, we pray for peace and justice for the people of Taiwan.

Wednesday, January 12 We pray for Syrian refugees and host communities in Lebanon, and we give thanks for the church's support of Presbyterian World Service & Development programs and partners that provide aid to this deeply struggling country.

Thursday, January 13 We pray for the members and work of the International Affairs Committee.

Friday, January 14 We give thanks for the leadership and ministry offered by LGBTQI2+ people in the church.

Saturday, January 15 We pray for the people who gather and serve at Edmonton Urban Native Ministry in Alberta, and we give thanks for their mission and ministry.

Message From the Minister

Rev. Sturtevant and his family are currently in Ontario spending some of the Christmas holidays with their families and friends. The Minister's Message will return the middle of January.

From the Board, Session and Treasurer

In-person Church Services

St. David's has again suspended our in-person church service. We are following the guidance of Public Health and our own Covid-19 Best Practices Committee. Like February and March of 2021 when we also stopped our in-person services, we will move back to in-person services when it is safe to do so.

Getting the Service and Bulletin using our website

This bulletin is placed on our website as soon as the Rollmann family receives a copy on Friday morning. 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 Jan 9th 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.

Can We Help? Do you need help getting your QR code or getting it in the format you want (on your phone, a paper copy or a wallet size copy)? Do

you need help with any small jobs around the house or garden? Do you need any help getting groceries perhaps? Or maybe you would just like to have a chat with an elder? If so, give the church a call at 722-2382 or email us at stdavids@nfld.com and we'll see what we can do to help.

Treasurer's Report, Session and Board of Managers (BoM) Update

Treasurer's Notes

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.

We have received some of the 2022 envelopes and I'm expecting the rest any day. If you received a boxed set of envelopes last year, we have you on our radar for this year, please contact me at acalver@nf.sympatico.ca and I'll find a way to get your envelopes to you.

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.

Session Report

Early Services in January 2022

We welcome Rev. Jim Russell and thank him for taking our service this Sunday while Rev. Sturtevant is in Ontario. It's always a pleasure to have him with us – even virtually – and we look forward to his time with us.

And thank-you to everyone who is helping out with our virtual church services again, including Brian Way, our scripture readers, our lead singers and our techie people! We owe you a depth of gratitude for all that you do.

Board of Managers Update

The Board and Session will start actively looking for a new church administrator soon. A job description is available, we're still considering job web sites for advertising and distributing it. We will be asking for applicants to apply.

Bridges to Hope

A NEW YEAR Same challenges and even more!

With the return to Alert Level 4, **Bridges To Hope** is temporarily suspending its **volunteer** activities for the next two weeks. The Food Pantry will remain open, with the staff of four (4) filling the food hampers so that clients can still receive service.

While weekly donations of non-perishable food items may be reduced as churches and businesses experience reduced activity, cash/gift card donations are invaluable, particularly during the winter season when expenses for many of our clients are at their highest!

We know that the year ahead will still be challenging but with your ongoing participation, we will endeavour to help those in our community who are in need.

P. S. We will return to publishing supermarket "specials" which are useful to Bridges To Hope when we return to regular operation, hopefully in a few weeks.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Birthdays and Anniversaries and Graduations

Happy Birthday greetings to Alexander Bassler who will be celebrating his 9th birthday on January 14th. Alexander is the son of Sarah and Paul Bassler, brother of Timothy and Julia, and grandson of Gerhard Bassler. Best wishes Alexander for a great birthday spent with family and friends and Happy Birthday from your St. David's family!

Happy Birthday to Jayce Froude who will be 6 years old on January 12th! A big day for sure and celebrating with him will be mom, Karen, siblings, Madelyn and Drayton and of course proud grandparents, Sue and Ken Templeton. Your St. David's family wishes you a fun-filled birthday Jayce! All our love.

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

David Artiss

The thoughts and prayers of the entire congregation are with David Artiss and his wife, Gracie. David is currently in the hospital as a result of an incident that happened last week. Thankfully, Gracie and David have super supportive friends at Elizabeth Towers, including Kay Scot and Eric Cumby, who have readily come to their assistance. We hope that David continues to

make a steady recovery and we'll make sure to keep you posted on his progress.

Note from the Wamstecker Family

We were delighted to get a note from Diana and Mike Wamstecker – their Christmas note – that described the past year for their family. It was BUSY!! We know many of you still have a special place in your hearts for them and of course, we wanted to share Diana and Mike's letter with you! We know you'll enjoy the read! And check out their pictures – the boys are growing up and there is a new “star” in the family!

December 2021

Christmas Greetings from the Wamsteckers

We hope our annual Christmas letter finds you in good spirits and health, with those you love close by.

We had an exceptional time this year with the boys and their ongoing growth and development. While we had originally made a “(mountain) peak a month” challenge for our family this summer, we were distracted by the new experience of backcountry camping, as well as many canoe adventures. It has been very rewarding to watch the kids grow and be able to participate in some truly awesome adventures together over the past year.

Cameron began Grade 6 this year and just turned 12! Over this past year he enjoyed being on the Biathlon team with Foothills Nordic and had his first racing experience early this winter, which was tremendous fun for

spectators and participants alike. Cam participated with the local canoe and kayak club this summer, which was a big highlight for him. He played flag football nearby, and was one of the quarterbacks for his team. Cam also recently completed his babysitters certificate course and is looking forward to earning some money! Lots of learning and growth all round as he eases into the tween years.

Grant joined Cam for the canoe and kayak camps over the summer and was also busy with soccer with Mike as his coach. He played flag football as well and loved being part of a team and won the championship match. He is now in Grade 4 and is particularly enjoying computer coding at school. Grant completed his Prep B exam for Piano and is intending to take his Grade 1 exam shortly. He continues to amaze us with his musical ability. Grant also enjoys cross country skiing with Foothills Nordic.... the other day I picked him up and his binding was twisted right off his ski. The folks at the ski shop advised me that bindings only look like this when people are doing jumps on their skis...

Marcel leapt into Grade 2 full force ahead and brings his joie de vivre to school every day. He works so hard at his learning and we are impressed with how everything is taking off. He particularly enjoyed swimming lessons and participated in a bike camp this summer. He's had great fun with cross country skiing, soccer, flag football and piano this past year. He was a super trooper this summer with all our hiking up and down mountains, and he would often be the pace setter for the group, enjoying his time in the limelight.

Mike and I are both doing well ... flexing our work life between home and office. Mike continues to work for ExxonMobil and is focused on the East

Coast. He particularly enjoyed the opportunity to coach Grant's soccer team and plan out some of our back country camping and hiking trips this summer. I am enjoying my private work at Calgary Therapy Services, which provide lots of flexibility to become engaged in volunteering with the boys' school and ski club.

We sadly had to put our beloved Kitty down in March after 16 years of love. Late August we were able to welcome Sigi, a Norwegian Forest Cat, into our family. Sigi is a wonderful addition and gives us so much love and enjoyment. She has an easy going temperament and is often being carried around by one of the boys.

We hope all is well with you and yours and that you find a restful way to celebrate the holiday season.

Warmly,

Mike & Di

Cam, Grant & Marcel Wamsteeker



Archival Moment

Last week we presented a couple of pictures from the dedication of the new doors and ramp (December 16, 2018). This week, we have a couple of other pictures from that same event. The first one shows Kay Scott speaking about the contribution the Good Companions Group made towards the project. The next picture shows Rev. David introducing Mr. Dyke, representing Jordan Construction, the company that built the ramp. Thanks to Pam Bruce and Hans Rollmann for the pictures and Steve Bruneau for filling me in on the identity of Mr. Dyke.



Church Trivia Questions

Way back when:

Last week the question was: What were those voluntary contributions for?

The answer is: A major upgrade to the chapel which had fallen into some disrepair. By the way one of the items on the list of items was, take a deep breath, rum. A gallon of rum was listed as costing 4 shillings.

This week the question is: The work building the chapel in 1789 also included expenses for rum. Would you like to take a guess at how many gallons it took?

Recent History:

Last week the question was: When did Rev. Sturtevant arrive in St. John's to become our minister?

The answer is: Rev. Sturtevant arrived to begin his ministry at St. David's in March 2017.

This week the question is: What year did the planning for the stained glass windows in the church hall start? Hint: It was a while ago!

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

Offerings Your church donations can take many forms including using the Pre-Authorized Donation (PAD), if you'd like to have your donations made using 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.

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? Please call the church at 722-2382 or email us at stdavids@nfld.com and we'll see what we can do to help.

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 re-opening. 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:

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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) - The Rollmanns

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

Board of Managers: the members of the Board are:

Ken Templeton Ed Vanderkloet Steve Bruneau

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Treasurer: Anne Calver

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