

St. David's Presbyterian Church

98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8

Order of Service

Sunday July 16, 2023

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Minister: Rev David Sturtevant

Organist: Brian Way

Welcome to St. David's

In July we welcome the congregation of St. Andrew's (The Kirk) who will be worshipping with us this month. If you are new to this church, please let our managers or elders on duty know, they would be pleased to have a chat with you.

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Instrumental Prelude

Entry of the Bible (*Please stand when the Bible enters the sanctuary, if you are able*)

Call to Worship:

God's Word is a lamp to our feet;
and a light to our path.

God's Word is made visible in Christ;
in him we are rooted in truth.

God's Word is revealed through The Holy Spirit;
and lived out in faithful service.

Come and listen for God's Word in this time of worship.

We come to receive the Word of Life. Let us worship God!

Hymn #435: **All things bright and beautiful**

Prayer of Approach

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Faithful God,

You have planted the seeds of faith in us,

but we confess we have not tended those seeds well.

We fail to keep studying your Word,

satisfied instead with what we already think it means.

We consider that we already know enough,

rather than pursue ever deeper encounters with you.

Forgive us, God,

for thinking you have nothing more to offer us.

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name! Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory, forever, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn #570: **I have decided to follow Jesus**

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 55:10-13 (page 1106)

Psalms 65 (*responsive*) (page 860)

Romans 8:1-11 (page 1681)

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (page 1455)

Hymn #256: **Now the green blade rises**

Sermon: "Jesus loves me? Sow what!"

Collection of Offering

Doxology (Hymn #79): **Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn #775: **Sent forth by your blessing**

Benediction & Postlude

We **WELCOME** everyone to our worship today and pray that this hour might be one of refreshment and spiritual joy.

An unstaffed **Nursery** for infants and toddlers is available through the door at the front right hand side of the Sanctuary.

A **Fellowship Time** is held downstairs after worship. 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.