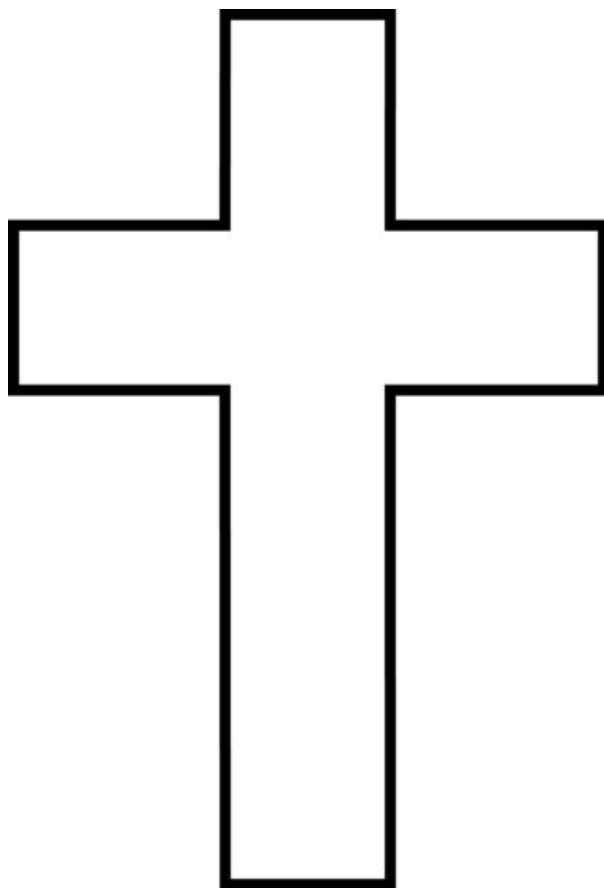


St. David's Presbyterian Church
98 Elizabeth Avenue, St. John's, NL A1B 1R8

Order of Service for
Sunday, December 31st, 2023



Elder on Duty: Janet Calver

Manager on Duty: Ken Templeton

Instrumental Prelude
Welcome & Announcements

Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship:

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from the heavens!

Praise God in the heights and the depths!

Praise God, all creatures of earth and sky!

Praise God, all ye peoples, together!

Let us praise the Lord and worship God's holy name!

Hymn: # 106 Let all creation bless the Lord

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession:

God of our lives,

we know you are with us through thick and thin,

in times of great joy and at moments of disappointment.

Yet we can feel abandoned when Christmas Day has passed.

Our hope gets folded away with the gift wrap,

our energy for the future feels a bit tattered,

and we dwell on long winter nights ahead.

**Forgive us when our faithfulness flickers like a candle burning
down.**

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

Children's Hymn: # 466 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet

Children's Time and Prayer

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 61:10 – 62:3	(p. 1116)
Psalms 148 (responsive)	(p. 942)
Galatians 4:4-7	(p.1736)
Luke 2:22-40	(p.1525)

Hymn: # 543 Here, O my Lord, I see thee

Sermon: "Darkness yields to Light"

Collection of Offering

Doxology Hymn # 79

Offering Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Hymn: # 808 Come in, come in, New Year

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.