

ST. DAVID & ST. MARTIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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05 JULY 2026

11:30 AM EDT

6:30 PM EAT

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Leading Worship: David Mann

Music: Jennifer Channen

ENTRY OF THE BIBLE

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: The Lord is gracious and merciful,

People: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: The Lord upholds all who are falling,

People: And raises up all who are bowed down.

Leader: Let us worship the God who comes near,

People: The God who gives rest to the weary.

HYMN: *"Your faithfulness, O Lord, is sure"*

#104, v. 1-4

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: (UNISON)

Our purpose is: to seek to know God; to nurture spiritual growth; to love and worship God and to do God's work.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS *(See slides at the end.)*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

Leader: God of compassion and mercy, You call us out of winter into spring, Out of fear into trust, Out of burden into rest.

People: Yet we confess that we resist your invitation. We cling to old habits, old fears, and old wounds.

Leader: You come toward us with joy, leaping over the mountains that separate us from you.

People: But we confess that we often hide, afraid to be seen, afraid to be changed.

Leader: You uphold all who fall and lift all who are bowed down.

People: Yet we confess that we try to stand on our own, relying on our strength instead of your grace.

Leader: Like Paul, we do not do the good we want, and the very things we hate, we do.

People: Rescue us, O God. Lift the burdens we cannot carry. Heal the wounds we cannot mend. Forgive the sins we cannot undo.

Leader: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you who are weary, and I will give you rest.”

People: In your mercy, receive our confession. In your grace, restore our hearts. In your love, make us new.

All: Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

LESSONS FOR THE YOUNG

PRAISE IN THE AFRICAN WAY:

Baba Yetu - Stellenbosch University Choir from South Africa

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PSALM 145:8-14

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful,

People: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: The LORD is good to all,

People: and your compassion is over all creation.

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

People: and all your faithful shall bless you.

Leader: They shall speak of the glory of your realm, and tell of your power,

People: to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your realm.

Leader: Your realm is everlasting,

People: and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Leader: All the words of the LORD are faithful; all the deeds of the LORD are gracious.

People: The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:8–13

Listen! My beloved!

Look! Here he comes,
leaping across the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Look! There he stands behind our wall,
gazing through the windows,
peering through the lattice.

My beloved spoke and said to me,

“Arise, my darling,
my beautiful one, come with me.

See! The winter is past;
the rains are over and gone.

Flowers appear on the earth;
the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves
is heard in our land.
The fig tree forms its early fruit;
the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.
Arise, come, my darling;
my beautiful one, come with me.”

ROMANS 7:15-25A

I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God’s law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

MATTHEW 11:16–19, 25–30

“To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

“‘We played the pipe for you,
and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge,
and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon.’ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.’ But wisdom is proved right by her deeds.”

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At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

MATTHIEU 11:16–19, 25–30

»A qui comparerai-je cette génération? Elle ressemble à des enfants assis sur des places publiques et qui s'adressent à d'autres enfants en disant: 'Nous vous avons joué de la flûte et vous n'avez pas dansé, nous [vous] avons entonné des chants funèbres et vous ne vous êtes pas lamentés.' En effet, Jean est venu, il ne mange pas et ne boit pas, et l'on dit: 'Il a un démon.' Le Fils de l'homme est venu, il mange et il boit, et l'on dit: 'C'est un glouton et un buveur, un ami des collecteurs d'impôts et des pécheurs.' Mais la sagesse a été reconnue juste par ses enfants.»

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A ce moment-là, Jésus prit la parole et dit: «Je te suis reconnaissant, Père, Seigneur du ciel et de la terre, de ce que tu as caché ces choses aux sages et aux intelligents et les as révélées aux enfants. Oui, Père, je te suis reconnaissant car c'est ce que tu as voulu. Mon Père m'a tout donné, et personne ne connaît le Fils, si ce n'est le Père; personne non plus ne connaît le Père, si ce n'est le Fils et celui à qui le Fils veut le révéler.

»Venez à moi, vous tous qui êtes fatigués et courbés sous un fardeau, et je vous donnerai du repos. Acceptez mes exigences et laissez-vous instruire par moi, car je suis doux et humble de cœur, et vous trouverez le repos pour votre âme. En effet, mes exigences sont bonnes et mon fardeau léger.»

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

HYMN: *"My Shepherd is the King of love"*

#691 v.1,3,4,6

SERMON: *A Single Beautiful Truth*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OUR OFFERING

DOXOLOGY: *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

#830

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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. And lead us not into

temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. Forever. AMEN

HYMN: *"And can it be that I should gain"*

#352 v.1,3,4

COMMISSIONING : *"Go Now In Peace"* (Sung)

BENEDICTION

THREE-FOLD AMEN (Sung)

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The Saints Service Leaders

Regular Minister: Rev. Meg Patterson

Summer Guest Preachers:

July 5: David Mann

July 12: David Dempster

August 23: Rev. Dr. Blair Bertrand

Sept 6: Esther Ekong



Rev. Meg's Office Hours

Meg is on vacation from
June 29 – July 12.

Summer Office Hours:

The following Thursdays 9am-3pm

July 23, July 30

August 6, August 27