



## The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers,  
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**Minister:** Rev. Kenn Stright

**Minister Emeritus:** Rev. Dr. John Pace

**Organist:** Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

**Clerk of Session:** Murray Alary

### WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

**Transfiguration Sunday March 06, 2011**

*\*All who are able are asked to stand.*

### God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: *Benedictus* by CM von Weber

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to Worship: *Let us worship God who rules over all;*

**We praise God's great and holy name.**

*God is a lover of justice and righteousness;*

**We bow down before God whose name is holy.**

*God answered when Moses and Aaron cried out for guidance,*

**God spoke to them, hidden in a cloud, but God speaks to us now in Jesus Christ.**

*We worship and adore you, O God, and joyfully praise your holy name.*

\*Hymn "We have come at Christ's own bidding" **187**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

*God of the valley we take comfort today in Your willingness to come down to walk with us on our level and share the very depths of life,*

**God of the cross who chose to make the journey to Calvary we are thankful that you endured that lonely path that we might be forgiven and set free,**

*God of light who shone like the sun we seek your help to reflect your grace and goodness to all who hear us speak and see us act,*

**God of the clouds, we pray that we might listen, follow and act upon the Word of your beloved son,**

*God of earth and God of heaven we look forward with hope and joy to entering your holy presence and savouring forever your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, God's glory and love shone through you that day on the mountain, and you persisted in revealing that glory and love through your words and deeds, through your life of humble service. We hear again these words of God: "This is my Son, the beloved, with whom I am well pleased, listen to him!" - and we confess our failure to listen to you and our capacity to conceal rather than reveal your glory and your love. Lord Jesus Christ, help us to renounce any shameful attitudes of mind and heart so that we reveal your glory in and through all we do and say and are. This we pray in your name, and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

*One: Lord have mercy. All: Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Assurance of Pardon*

### We Hear God's Word

*Speak, Lord, in the stillness*

**442**

First Reading: *Exodus 24:12-18*

*One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.*

Responsive Reading: (Psalm 99) *The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.*

*Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he! Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.*

*Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he! Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.*

*He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them. O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.*

*Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain; for the Lord our God is holy.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn “*Lord, the light of your love is shining*” (1-2) **376**

Conversation with the Young People Mountain Climbing

Hymn “*Lord the light of your love is shining* verse 3” **376**

*(the young people leave for church school during the singing of this verse)*



From the letters: 2 Peter 1: 16-21

Gospel: Matthew 17: 1-9

One: *The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ*

\*Hymn “*Swiftly pass the clouds of glory*” **186**

Sermon “**Take Time on the Mountaintop**”

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem  *Praise His Holy Name* by Keith Hampton

\*Doxology: “*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*” **830**

The Apostles' Creed – inside back cover of hymnal

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

“*O Lord, hear my prayer*” **446**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (“debts & debtors”)

### We Go Out to Serve God

\*Hymn: “*We've a story to tell to the nations*” **765**

\*Commissioning

\*Benediction: “*Irish Blessing*” by James Moore

Choral Amen: (Please be seated for the Amen)

Postlude: *March* by Mark Williams

**Worship is now ended, let our service begin!**

**We welcome** all who are worshipping here today! If you are here for the first time, please sign the Guest Book at the main entrance. (Envelopes are available in the pews or in the church entrance for those who wish to use them). **We welcome**

younger children to our services! St. David's is a breast feeding friendly facility. If desired a **nursery room** is available with an audio link.

The **welcoming elder** this morning is Murray Alary. **The reader** is Abongnwen Abianui. Our host for coffee hour this morning is Diane McClintock.

**This is a ‘scent free’ zone for the comfort of all.**

**Readings and Message for next week:** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
Psalm 32 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4: 1-11

**Message: Tempting Times**

### **THIS WEEK (March 6 – March 13):**

**Sunday** 10:00 am Circle of Prayer Minister's Study

**Monday** 7:00 pm Elders' Workshop

**Tuesday & Thursday** 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes

**Wednesday** Kirk Session in the minister's study 7 pm.  
See below for chowder announcement.

**Thursday** 7:30 pm Choir Practice

**Friday** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)

**Sunday** **9:00 am Early service with communion**

**10:00 am Circle of Prayer**

**11:00 am Traditional Service**

Thank you to everyone who came to the Annual Congregational Meeting and participated in the ongoing life of our congregation.

We have been offering prayer for St. David's Presbyterian Church, Springhill since Synod in October. Here is a brief note of thanks: “I'm writing for the Springhill pastoral charge: we received a delightful letter from the Church of St. David in Halifax!... One matter that concerns us just now is the election of new elders for our Session - prayers for the Lord's guidance

in this process and for the elders-to-be would be appreciated.”  
Rev. Elizabeth Davies”

**Hymn Sing – *The Bible through Song*** Today – 3 pm  
United Memorial Church Kaye Street below Gottingen.  
*Accessible Parking and elevator available.* Favourite hymns and  
sacred songs led by members of the Royal Canadian College of  
Organists – Halifax Centre - Reception to follow.

Clan Donald sponsored **Ceilidh** to be held at St. Andrew's  
Church Hall, 216 School St., Dartmouth on Thursday, March 10  
at 7 p.m. There will be an excellent line-up of entertainers  
including the Kilted Choir, Metro Fiddlers, Cassie & Maggie  
MacDonald and much more. Admission is a donation for Feed  
Nova Scotia.

**Lenten Chowder Luncheons** will once again be served  
starting this Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. For more than 20 years the  
chowder luncheons have been a major fundraiser for St.  
David's. Helpers are needed on Tuesday mornings (in the  
kitchen) and Wednesdays at any time (in the hall and kitchen).  
All who can help are asked to give your name and interest to  
Don Knox (423-2067) or Colin MacPherson (434-1674). Can  
you bake gingerbread?( recipe in the hall) Can you spare a  
pound of butter? Can you provide bake goods or jams for the  
bake/craft table? Help provided in any of these ways will be  
invaluable to the success of the enterprise!

**Early Morning Service** starts next Sunday at 9 am - a half hour  
service of meditation, message and music as well as celebrating  
the sacrament of communion on regular occasions. This service  
will explore such Reformed/Presbyterian movements as Iona  
worship, Taize worship, along with others.

**Hymn/Song contest:** Ever write a hymn or compose a song?  
For our Anniversary Sunday (April 3) we are inviting  
submissions of material that reflects who we are and who we

hope to be as a people of God. Submissions need to be in the  
hands of the ‘judge’ (Tristan) by March 19.

**Anniversary Sunday** will be celebrated on April 3 this year so  
as not to conflict with Easter. Worship and Church Life also  
plans to create a historical display for the hall. While there are  
many artifacts and information around the church we are sure  
that some of you have items that would be a real treat for  
everyone to see. If you are able to share something for this  
anniversary display, please contact Rev. Stright or Valerie  
Macdonald (455-1893).

The Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg invites congregations  
to make donations to the Sharon Church, Dean, **Ministerial  
Assistance Project**. These gifts will be given to Rev. Michael  
Henderson who is the minister of the Upper Musquodoboit  
Harbour Pastoral Charge. The manse recently was destroyed by  
fire; all his belongings were lost. Please send gifts to: The  
Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg 4 Pinehill Rd., Dartmouth,  
NS B3A 2E6. Thank you very much for helping!

The Bayers Road **Adult Day Program** “Care you can Trust”.  
Located at the former Bayers Road Shopping Centre. Also  
check out the Dementia Day Programs run out of Northwood.  
Check out our bulletin boards or phone 454-7373.

**Ever sing in your shower?** Or perhaps you sang a lot in your  
youth? Ever find yourself bored on a Thursday evening? If  
you've answered yes to any of these questions, than maybe the  
Church Choir of Saint David's has a solution. We're looking for  
people to commit to join the choir for the Lenten period until  
Easter Sunday. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 730  
until 9. We have a lot of fun and get to learn music from all  
centuries and countries. Only requirements are to have an open  
mind, and a general understanding of music. If you or some  
beautiful voice you hear around you, or even a friend or  
neighbour in the community is interested, either let our organist

Tristan know, or just show up at 730 at the front doors of the church on Thursday evenings.

“Well, I don't know what will happen now. We've got some difficult days ahead. But it doesn't matter with me now. Because **I've been to the mountaintop.** And I don't mind. Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, we will get to the promised land! And so I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man! Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord! (Martin Luther King Jr.)



“**Transfiguration Sunday** might best be seen as a moment of transition in the liturgical year as we begin to move from our reflection in Epiphany on Christ's birth and early ministry to that precious season of Easter preparation, the season of Lent. This dramatic and unexpected moment in Christ's earthly story is too, a turning point for the Saviour as he reconciles himself to the coming turbulent journey to Calvary.”

## MISSION CAPSULES

**Brock University's Ecumenical Chaplaincy: Building connections** Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Brock University's Ecumenical Chaplaincy. The chaplaincy at Brock is all about connection: providing a safe place where people can have honest conversation, cultivate friendships, and develop positive group dynamics. Put these three together with a program like the Toonie Supper - a Wednesday evening, home-cooked style meal that serves a maximum of 20 students - and there are great opportunities for connection and spiritual growth. Let us pray for Brock's Faith and Life Centre as it helps enhance the presence of The Presbyterian Church in Canada on

campus and establish a place in student life.

## PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Celebrate with Parkland First Presbyterian Church in Edmonton as it moves forward in faith and ministry in its new building.

## STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

When we think of stewardship we start with the point that everything - even the air that we breathe - is not ours; it's given to us. Mike Graves

## PASTORAL CARE

*Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact one of the following:*



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