



# The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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**Minister:** Rev. Kenn Stright

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

**Organist:** Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

**Clerk of Session:** Murray Alary



*If we have stretched out our hands in greed, or lust, or love of money Lord, cleanse us by your mercy. If our hearts have been sullied by pride or resentment, Lord, cleanse us by your mercy. If we have turned aside from our pilgrimage to follow the world's ways, or to seek false gods, or spirits other than your Holy Spirit Lord, cleanse us by your mercy. Lord, you forgive the sins of all who turn to you in sincerity; you cleanse the penitent heart of all un-cleanness. Lord, set our course according to your word so that we may take up afresh the challenge of the journey to the holy city. Give us new strength to follow you on your way, so that even we may pass the gates of righteousness and stand upon holy ground Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

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

## WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

**Palm/Passion Sunday April 17, 2011**

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

### God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Improvisation by R Purvis

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to Worship:

Jesus is coming	<b>Shout Hosanna</b>
He's riding on a donkey	<b>Shout Hosanna</b>
Open the gates	<b>Shout Hosanna</b>
Open the ancient doors	<b>Shout Hosanna</b>
Don't be afraid	<b>Shout Hosanna</b>
Wave the branches	<b>Shout Hosanna</b>
Spread out your coats	<b>Shout Hosanna</b>
Peace on earth	<b>Shout Hosanna</b>
Glory in the highest heaven	<b>Shout Hosanna</b>

\*Hymn "Ride On Ride on in Majesty"

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**Our Lenten Journey:** Lenten Liturgy

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

*Your word promises us entrance through gates of righteousness but who are we to do that? On our journey through life our hearts and our hands have become stained and dirtied.*

### We Hear God's Word

*"Speak, Lord, in the stillness"*

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Responsive Reading: **Psalm 118** *O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord, we beseech you, give us success! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever. Gloria Patri (sung)*

Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" vs. 1-2

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Conversation with the Young People **The Palm Branch!**

Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (vs. 3)

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

Gospel: *Matthew 21: 1-11*


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

\*Hymn: "All glory, laud and honour" **214**

Sermon: "The Palm Sunday Parade"

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem  *Prepare The Way* by Margareta Jalkeus

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

The Apostles' Creed – inside back cover – Book of Praise

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: "My song is love unknown" **220**

\*Commissioning: Before this week ends, the Palm branches will be drying on the roadside. The joyful crowd will become an angry mob, and Jesus will replace robes of victory with a crown of thorns. So then, go in the knowledge that whatever comes to you in this week, you are held in the hand of God, held tight, held close, and so, may God, the Three-in One, bless you, uphold you and give you strength for the road ahead...

\*Benediction: "Irish Blessing" by James Moore

*May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back.*

*May the sun shine warm upon your face, The rains fall soft upon your fields.*

*And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Choral Amen: (Please be seated for the Amen)

Postlude: *Now Thank We All Our God* by Karg-Elert

**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.

Our Welcoming elder this morning is Jamie Campbell. Our hosts for coffee hour this morning are Di and Fred McClintock. Our reader this morning is Nancy Tindall

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

**The flowers in the sanctuary are placed by the choir in loving memory of Ross Nelson (Larry) MacLean. A gift to the organ fund in memory of Larry MacLean has been gratefully received from Cecil Publicover**

### THIS WEEK (April 17-24) See also the Holy Week Schedule

**Tuesday** 7:30 am Service and breakfast

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

**Wednesday** Noon Final Fish Chowder luncheon

**Thursday** 7:00 pm Choir Practice

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

**Sunday** **See Holy week schedule:** Next Sunday as part of our Easter celebrations we will be sharing a time of refreshment with our friends in the Korean congregation. They will be bringing Korean finger food and we are asked to provide sandwiches and sweets. Please let Valerie Macdonald (455-1893) know If you are able to help provide either of these.

Nova Sinfonia presents its spring concert on Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. at St. James Church, Joseph Howe Drive at the Armdale Rotary in Halifax. For more information, please call 456-7749.

AST is pleased to present H. I. F. Biber's **Rosary Sonatas** A Holy Week concert celebrating the mysteries of the rosary **Monday, April 18, at 7:30 p.m.** St. Columba Chapel 634 Francklyn Street.

**ESL (English as Second Language)** classes begin again on Monday April 25, from 4:30 – 6 pm here at St. David's. Can you help? Assistance is needed to set up, make coffee, assist in class or teach! Contact Kenn or Pastor Lee for more information.

**Nova Voce** the Nova Scotia's provincial men's choir, presents *Deep Harmonies II* in **Halifax** (Saturday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mark's Anglican Church. Tickets are \$20 regular and \$15 for students and seniors, available at Bookmark (5685 Spring Garden Road, Halifax), Westphal Family Music (119 Main Street, Dartmouth) and the St. Mark's church office (454-0207 on Wednesday and Thursday mornings

**The Helen M. Watson Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Saint David:** Applications for financial assistance from the Helen M. Watson Fund will be received prior to April 30, 2011. The Helen M. Watson Fund of The Presbyterian Church of Saint David produces income to be used “exclusively for local missionary work in Nova Scotia”. If you have any questions, please contact either Mac Mackay- (902) 422-5481 or David Craig- (902) 477-8751. Application Form and Guidelines Document, may be obtained from the Church Office (902) 423-1944, by E-Mail [stdavids.office@ns.sympaticoca](mailto:stdavids.office@ns.sympaticoca) or from the Web site, after April 1, 2011.

The annual **Geddie Spageddie** is fast approaching! Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 4-6 p.m. the chefs will present the culinary delights of the feast at Camp Geddie. This year the money raised is for Smith House.

The Ladies Guild of Calvin will be holding their Spring luncheon and Bake sale on Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 1:00 Admission \$ 7.00

**KAIROS Halifax** will hold its annual service on Sunday May 1st at 7:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church, Theme: The Land, Our life: Indigenous Rights and our Common Future. We look towards the Halifax meeting of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in October. Speaker: The Reverend Russell Daye, Co-chair of the Living into Right Relations National Task Group of UCC The offering will support the work of Kairos. All Welcome. Refreshments and fellowship following worship.

### **Holy Week Ecumenical Services (7:30 a.m.) (Service and Breakfast)**

Monday, April 18: Cathedral Church of All Saints  
Tuesday, April 19: Presbyterian Church of Saint David  
Wednesday, April 20: St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica  
Thursday, April 21: First Baptist Church Halifax  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> Good Friday Ecumenical Service at St. Andrew's United 10:30 am

### **Holy week services at the Presbyterian Church of St. David**

April 21<sup>st</sup> Maundy Thursday communion service 7 pm (Hall)  
April 24<sup>th</sup> Sunrise service at the Citadel 6 am. (brief service to welcome the resurrection)  
April 24<sup>th</sup> Taize Easter Communion service 9 am  
April 24<sup>th</sup> Easter Breakfast 9:30 am  
April 24<sup>th</sup> Combined Easter Communion service with the Nova Scotia Korean Congregation 11 am

### **MISSION CAPSULES NICARAGUA: Mike Birks**

*Presbyterians Sharing* supports Mike Birks, a Young Adult Intern working in Nicaragua with The Council of Protestant Churches in Nicaragua (CEPAD). CEPAD serves poor communities by promoting justice and peace and helping communities improve their quality of life. Mike is working with one of CEPAD's new agricultural projects in Jinotega. He is helping to set up a small company to sell certified, good-quality, indigenous bean seeds to local farmers. Mike is helping create a marketing plan for the seeds, under the company name Demitierra Frijoles CEPAD. He is also responsible for tracking the results of this project to determine whether or not it will be a viable option to continue, and possibly expand, in the future.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** As we enter this week of passion, pray that faith and understanding will be deepened and strengthened.

### **STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS**

We are rich only through what we give: and poor only through what we refuse and keep.  
Anne Swetchine

## JESUS ON PALM SUNDAY EVENING

This time  
there will be no flight into Egypt.  
This donkey has too much to carry,  
and too far.

The shadows wait for me,  
around the table at Passover,  
among those in high places  
in the condemned cell,  
on the hill outside.  
Fear haunts my waking moments  
and I cannot sleep.  
Why has God forsaken me?

The crowd today is with me,  
but not for long.  
They are the powerless ones  
(the ones who matter).  
The ones who count  
are counting.

Time is running out.  
This time  
there will be no flight into Egypt.

## PASTORAL CARE

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



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