



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers,
Halifax, N.S. (by Memorial Library)

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Minister Emeritus: Rev. Dr. John Pace

Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

Clerk of Session: Murray Alary

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day

Easter 4 May 15, 2011

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

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: *Meditation* by R Purvis

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

*Hymn "The Lord's my shepherd" **11**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: *We praise you, our Lord and great God, who brought us to birth, and who cares for us as a shepherd cares for the sheep. We praise you, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ - who came to rescue us, and lead us in safety through all dangers. We praise you, our Lord and life-giving Spirit - who convinces us that the Lord is God and that we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. We praise you, our Lord: the one true shepherd of the sheep. Acknowledging your shepherding care, we would again turn from our silly, sinful ways, and return to you, the shepherd and guardian of our souls.*

You know that we have not always walked in the paths you lay before us, but have flinched and turned from what seems difficult. We have cared more for ourselves than for being with the rest of the

flock. We have been greedy in our search for pasture and by our actions have denied others what they need to live. Forgive us our sin and grant that once more we may listen to your voice as you lead us..
One: Lord have mercy. All: Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Assurance of Pardon

We Hear God's Word

"Speak, Lord, in the stillness" (unannounced) **442**

First Reading: *Ezekiel 34: 10-16*

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

Gloria Patri (sung)

We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn "Saviour, like a shepherd lead us" vs 1-2 **485**

Conversation with the Young People *Welcome to the family*

Baptism: Introduction by elder

The meaning of baptism, questions, baptism and welcome

The rose is placed in celebration of the reception into Christ's family through baptism, Rory Joseph Henry Lassaline, son of Michelle Burhoe and Trevor Lassaline.

Hymn "Saviour, like a shepherd" (vs. 3) **485**

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

From the letters: *1 Peter 2:19-25*

Gospel: *John 10: 1-10*


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

Hymn "Praise Him, praise Him" **372**

Sermon: **“The Human Journey:
from lost to found”**

We Respond to God’s Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem  *Sanctus* by G Faure

*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” (sung unannounced) **446**

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (“debts & debtors”)

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: *“Amazing Grace”* **670**

*Commissioning

*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: *Exultate* by Kelly

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 elders** this morning are Jamie Campbell and Barbara MacKeigan. Our s for coffee hour this morning are Jane and Gordon Brown. The reader this morning is Murray Alary.

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

THIS WEEK - (May 15 – May 22)

Sunday 9:00 am Early service with communion: This ½ hour service of meditation, music and message will explore the Celtic style of worship. Please join us!

10:00 am Circle of Prayer

11:00 am Traditional Service with Baptism

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

Tuesday 7 pm Mission and Outreach committee will meet in the church hall. Please let the convener know if you can not make it.

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice

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

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11:00 am Traditional Service

The **flowers** in the sanctuary today are in loving memory of Bella Alexandra Jones and are placed by her daughters Donna Wainwright, Karen Dauphinee, Wanda Gray and their families.

It is that time of year again: **Graduation.** We want to remember all our graduates and help them mark this special time in their lives. If you have a member of your family graduating, please let Valerie Macdonald (455-1893) know who, from where, and when the graduation will take place.

First Baptist Church, 1300 Oxford Street, Halifax, is sponsoring a PERENNIAL PLANT SALE (rain or shine) on Saturday, May 21, 2011, 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. A large variety of home-grown, hardy stock will be available at reasonable prices.

Toni Dolfo-Smith, the head of Living Waters Canada will be in Halifax on May 15, presenting an afternoon seminar at Grace Chapel titled ‘Healing our hurts/Helping the hurting’ starting at 1:30. Grace Chapel is located at 225 Ross St in Clayton Park.



Halifax Community Chaplaincy is seeking volunteers to work with their Core Chaplaincy program and with a new program called Circles of Support and Accountability (CoSA). Volunteers are trained and supported in their work with offenders, victims, ex-offenders and their families. CoSA trains volunteers to provide support and friendship as ex-offenders work to live a pro-social, crime free lifestyle. Orientation evening at **All Nations Church (Robie and Charles) on May 17 or May 19, 7 to 9pm. Training will be held May 28th from 10-3.** Please contact **Shirley Dixon 492.0569.**

'Bringing Harmony to Homelessness' The Nova Voce Men's Choir, in partnership with Community Action on Homelessness, present an evening with the Choir and special guests, Ardyth and Jennifer. MC'd by Olga Milosevich, host of the CBC show, 'Connections'. May 15, 7 pm at St. Matthew's Church

Halifax Camerata Singers — May 28 at 7:30 pm, St. Patrick's Church, 2267 Brunswick Street. Intimate choral music from great mystical writers and contemporary composers. Also "A Mass Through the Ages" with Symphony Nova Scotia Chorus, and the premiere of the 2010 Young Composers Competition winning entry. Tickets \$20/\$10 at the door.

John and Margaret Pace will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary on June 2. If you would like to help them mark this happy occasion, a card would be most appreciated. Their address is 922-2615 Northwood Terrace Halifax B3K 3S5.

Here is your friendly reminder about the Bluenose marathon next week. Give yourself extra time next Sunday! Try to avoid the Halifax Commons and the Metro Centre area. Check the newspaper and /or website for race routes.

The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. To become a more environmentally friendly and "greener" church let's begin by **recycling** Blue Bag items such as glass bottles, tin cans, plastic containers and milk cartons. Please rinse these items

and put them into the **blue bins** provided in the kitchen. (No garbage or food to go in the blue bins) Your help **will** make a difference!

MISSION CAPSULES

PWS&D continues to work in partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank and Church World Service – Pakistan / Afghanistan to help victims of Pakistan's floods. A new video highlights relief efforts to date and some of the progress being made. Please continue to remember the people of Pakistan through your prayerful and financial support.

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PRAYER PARTNERSHIP

Thank God for music and for the choir members and musicians who share their gifts in our congregations on Sunday mornings.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

God has given us two hands--one to receive with and the other to give with. We are not cisterns made for hoarding; we are channels made for sharing.

Billy Graham

PASTORAL CARE

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



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