

# The Presbyterian Church of

# Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers. Halifax, N.S. (by Memorial Library) 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 Pentecost June 12, 2011

\* All who are able are asked to stand.

### God Calls Us to Worship

Ae Fond Kiss by Patriquin Prelude:

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to Worship: God says: I will pour out my Spirit on all people. THE SPIRIT HAS COME. ALLELUIA! Christ says: I will ask the Father and he will give you another Counsellor to be with you forever. THE SPIRIT HAS COME, ALLELUIA! Come, Holy Spirit, gentle as a dove, burning with fire, powerful as the wind.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, COME.

"O breath of life" \*Hymn

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

As we wait in silence, Fill us with your Spirit.

As we listen to your word, Fill us with your Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty, Fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your refreshing, Fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your renewing, Fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your equipping, Fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your empowering, Fill us with your Spirit.

Silence is kept.

One: Lord have mercy. All: Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

#### Assurance of Pardon

#### We Hear God's Word

"Speak, Lord, in the stillness" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: Acts: 2:1

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 104:24-34** O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures. Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it. These all look to you to give them their food in due season; when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the ground. May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works - who looks on the earth and it trembles,

who touches the mountains and they smoke. I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.

Gloria Patri (sung)

(1-3)"Holy Spirit, hear us" Hymn 381

Family Conversation Turn the light back on! "Holy Spirit, hear us" Hymn (4-5)381

From the letters: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23 and John 7:37-39

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

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness" \*Hvmn 399

"A Presbyterian Pentecost" Sermon:

#### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Deep River

by Moses Hogan

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"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" \*Doxology: The Apostles' Creed – inside back cover – Book of Praise

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

"O Lord, hear my prayer" (sung unannounced)

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Prayers of the People: Loving God, We ask for the gift of your Holy Spirit to help us pray as we ought. Holy Spirit: Help Us. We ask for the energy and vision of your Spirit for those who are tiring in the battle against injustice and oppression: for those exhausted by the struggle with poverty and hunger. Holy Spirit: Help Us. We ask for the hope and comfort of your Spirit for those whose lives are overshadowed by illness or pain; for those whose lives are darkened by sorrow or bereavement. Holy Spirit: Help Us. We ask for the peace and joy of your Spirit for those living in the shadow of war and violence; for those eaten up by guilt and anxiety and whose Christian life has become hard and dry. Holy Spirit: Help Us. We ask for the guidance and strength of your Spirit for those uncertain how to use their time, talents and gifts; for those tempted to do what is wrong. Holy Spirit: Help Us. We ask for the love and courage of your Spirit for those reaching out to comfort the distressed; for those reaching out to others with the Good News of Christ. Holy Spirit: Help Us. Loving God, We ask for the assurance of your Spirit to know your presence with us in our daily lives: in our relationships; in our work and service; in our worship; in our times of joy and pain. Holy Spirit: Help Us. In Jesus' name: AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

### We Go Out to Serve God

\*Hymn: "I'm gonna live so God can use me" 648

\*Commissioning

\* Benediction: Deep Peace by Bill Douglas

Postlude: O Magnum Mysterium Choral Amen: (Please be seated for the Amen)

Postlude

Worship is now ended, let our service begin!

Communion will be celebrated at the June 19<sup>th</sup> Traditional service (11 am). Communion is celebrated every Sunday at 9 am.) The Mission and Outreach Committee will host a fundraising luncheon after church today (Chilli and soup and dessert) in support of the Halifax Refugee Centre.

Did you know that the Halifax Refugee Clinic is a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization offering free legal and settlement services to refugee claimants who are unable to afford a lawyer? In fact, for the past ten years the Clinic has made a true difference in the lives of some of the most vulnerable people in the world. The clinic's client base is diverse; encompassing people from over 60 countries. They work with men, women, teenagers, and children who are looking for a safe place to call home, free from persecution. Some of the typical cases they see are women who have fled domestic violence, children who are escaping the demands of violent drug cartels, and people whose religion, politics, or skin color are different than the accepted norms. St. David's has established a relationship of friendship and support with the clinic and hope to see this grow in the months ahead.

Come along to the Great Banner Send Off in support of KAIROS' action for United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples on Saturday June 18. Gathering from 10:45 a.m. Programme begins at 11:00 a.m. at Cornwallis Park by the statue of Edward Cornwallis. In Ottawa on June 20, Kairos will join all the banners (including ours from St. David's!) from across the country together and parade through the streets to ask government to implement and act upon UNDRIP.

A Beautiful Garden One of our members has begun the process of weeding the garden on our property and she could use a little help. Saturday June 25th from 9 am to 11 a.m. please bring your gardening tools for digging and weeding, and come along. Can you donate soil (we need 4 large bags), manure, annuals (for example geraniums, impatience in bright colours for visibility) and are you dividing perennials you would like to share (we have quite a few iris, and hostas already)? If you cannot attend but would like to donate, you can drop donations off at the church. There will be

a sign up sheet during coffee hour. Thanks for your interest and help!

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 Mac and Davida MacKay. Our hosts for the luncheon are the members of the Mission and Outreach Committee. The reader this morning is Shelley MacDonald-Parsons.

The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.
This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.

THIS WEEK - (June 12 – June 19)			
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	
Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes			
Thursday	7:30 pm	Choir Practice	
Friday	10:00 am –	- 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)	
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	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer	
	11:00 am	Traditional Service with communion	

# What we believe as Presbyterians

The Holy Spirit accompanies us on our journey of faith. We may not always be sure of this presence. Yet God's Spirit is with us, sometimes gently, sometimes powerfully, guiding us in the midst of life, our comfort and our help. Christian life is a pilgrimage: it begins, continues, and ends in God. (Living Faith 4.2.2)

#### **Total Offerings**

Giving Goal for May:	\$ 9,286
Amount given in May:	\$12,859

Thank you for your generosity. The money you give helps Saint David's move on into 2011, with our programs and under the leadership of our new minister.

Presbyterians Sharing

Giving goal for 2011:	\$25,000
Given up to May 31st:	\$12,190

Thank you for your generosity to Presbyterians Sharing. Please remember the money you give here goes to benefit the many programs of our National Church. MISSION CAPSULES Almanarah Church: Creative youth ministry Our gifts to Presbyterians Sharing support Almanarah Presbyterian Church in London, Ontario, an Arabic Christian community that draws together people from many countries, including Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine and Syria. Both adult and youth attendance are growing. Almanarah's youth have started a puppet ministry, writing plays and skits and putting them on DVD. These videos are used in the church and are also posted on their website, drawing international viewers. The project brings gifted, artistic Christians together, allowing them to use their talents while learning and experiencing more about God. Let us pray for Almanarah as they bring Christ's message of love, hope and salvation to Arabic and non-Arabic speaking families and individuals in London and beyond. .

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** With the Presbytery of Temiskaming, thank God for those who minister to our congregations in the northern communities of our country. May they be blessed with wisdom and understanding.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS** Render to God not a tenth, not a third, not a half, but all that is God's, be it more or less, by employing all on yourself, your household, the household of faith, and all people, in such a manner that you may give a good account for your stewardship when ye can be no longer stewards. John Wesley

### PASTORAL CARE

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



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