



# The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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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 **October 9, 2011**  
**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

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



### **The living God is Lord,**

Creator of all, Sustainer and Ruler of the universe.

In the seasons and the harvests, in the rise and fall of nations,

God's goodness and judgment are present.

All events in this world

are under the sovereign care of the eternal God.

### **God Calls Us to Worship**

Prelude: *Climat* by Jehan Alain

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to Worship: *As God sent Christ to us, so Christ sends us into the world. We are here to proclaim Christ in word and deed.*

*Come and listen, and we will tell you what God has done!*

\*Hymn: Lord as I wake I turn to you **4**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: *Loving God, Creator of heaven and earth, you offer healing and wholeness to your people. You lift us from the dust and make us little less than the angels. You forgive our sins and grant us new life each day. Truly your steadfast love*

**endures forever - and we thank you for it.** *Grace us, we pray, on this special day with hearts and minds that embrace the truth you have revealed in your Word and with souls that seek your presence and rejoice in the wonders you have created. Give us hearts that celebrate your goodness and hands that are as generous and as open as your own. We ask it for today - and for every day - through Christ Jesus our Lord and our Saviour. Amen.*

### **We Hear God's Word**

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

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

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

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 100*

*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness;*

**come into his presence with singing.** *Know that the Lord is*

*God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.*

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks**

**to him, bless his name.** *For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and*

*his faithfulness to all generations.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

\*Hymn: Can a little child like me (vs. 1-2) **441**

Conversation with the young people: Attitude!

Hymn: Can a little child like me (vs. 3) **441**

Letters: Philippians 4: 4-9

Gospel: John 6: 25-35

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

\*Hymn: Let all things now living **338**

Sermon: **Bringing the Best**

### **We Respond to God's Word**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Voices of Earth* by Stephen Chatman

\*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: Now thank we all our God 457

\*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)

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Postlude: Variations on Holsts Jupiter



**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.

Our Welcoming Elder this morning is ---  
Our reader today is Andrew Lappin. You are invited for Refreshments immediately following the service in the church hall.

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

### **THIS WEEK - (October 9-16)**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Sunday School:</b> 11:15 .
<b>Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b>	9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00 pm Session
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30 pm Choir Practice
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 am – 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:00 am Early service with communion:</b> This ½ hour service consists of meditation, music and message. Please join us! We are celebrating the Season of Creation. 10:00 am Circle of Prayer. Please join us for conversation and prayer 11:00 am Traditional Service marking the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

**The 3 R's at Saint David's** - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

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

**The church parking lot is to be used for church business only!**

**Please ensure that people meeting here have a place to park.**

In preparation for the National Truth and Reconciliation Event to be held at the World Trade and Convention Centre October 26-29 there are local hearings across the province with the closest to us at Indian Brook on October 12. Please talk with Kenn for more details and how to get there.

The **Synod of the Atlantic Provinces** is meeting in Lower Sackville First Presbyterian beginning Monday October 17 at 7 pm. This is an open meeting and all are invited to attend all sessions from Monday to Wednesday.

### **Pollok Lectures:**

The Courage to Lead October 19-20 AST October 19 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm October 20 at 7:30 pm with Tony Robinson

**Women's Inter-Church Council: FALL RALLY and Fellowship of the Least Coin INGATHERING SERVICE 2011.** Theme: "Pray and Act For Change" Monday, October 24, 2011 – 7:00pm **St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church** 216 School Street, Dartmouth NS **Guest Speaker Sister Mary Morris co-founder of Marguerite Centre** a long-term residential facility for women in recovery from addictions and abuse.

### **Presentation on Alzheimer's Disease October 26, 2011**

The Pastoral Care Committee and Session of First Sackville Presbyterian Church invite you to attend an information session on Alzheimer's Disease on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 from 9:30 to 11:30 am. The presenter will be Linda Bird from the Alzheimer Society of Nova Scotia. It is anticipated that this would be of interest to Ministers, Members of Session and Pastoral Care Committees and members of your congregation who find themselves facing this situation. In order to prepare for this presentation we would like to know the number of attendees. If you plan to attend please contact Judi Mehlman at 865-6605 or

Shirley MacKay at [william.mackay@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:william.mackay@ns.sympatico.ca) by Sunday, October 16, 2011.

**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 October 31, 2010. 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, or by E-Mail: [stdavids.office@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:stdavids.office@ns.sympatico.ca) after October 1, 2010

**Food Fight: Food Security, Human Rights & Ending Poverty**  
**Join us to commemorate October 17th, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. A weekend of engaging Halifax events for the entire community:**

Saturday Oct 15 @ 11am-4pm: Community Fair, Speakers & Panels on Poverty at Home and Abroad. Halifax North Memorial Public Library. Sunday Oct 16 @ 1-4pm: Fair Food Fair hosted by Oxfam at the Seaport Farmers Market. Fundraiser for the East Africa Famine Relief. Sunday Oct 16 @ 7pm (Doors open at 6:30): Concert Fundraiser & Social at The Company House, Gottingen St. Proceeds to local poverty advocacy and East Africa Famine Relief. \$10 Suggested donation or PWYC at the door.  
Monday, Oct 17 @ 9:30am: First Voice First: A practical workshop for First Voice Advocates and Allies. Brunswick Street United Church. @ 12 noon: Rally and March beginning at Brunswick Street United Church For additional information, or to get involved please contact [mphhalifax@gmail.com](mailto:mphhalifax@gmail.com) or [waynemaughton@gmail.com](mailto:waynemaughton@gmail.com)

Christmas Chowder Lunch and Sale Planning Meeting: It is time to begin our planning for this annual fundraiser and time of fellowship which supports the work of our church, including our Christmas Families project. Please join us in the parlour after church during coffee hour for an initial planning meeting Sunday October 16th. All are welcome, you need only have an interest in being involved in this festive community event.

### **MISION CAPSULES: UKRAINE: Equipping children**

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Dr. David Pándy-Szekeres as he serves with the Reformed Church of Sub-Carpathian Ukraine (RCCU). David coordinates four Christian secondary schools and helps to post and supervise RCCU missionaries serving communities in Ukraine. A special class run by RCCU missionaries for Roma children in the village of Nagyberég has been a great success. Nine students who went through the first session passed their final exams and were enrolled in regular classes. A multifunctional building which will serve as a prayer hall and kindergarten is being constructed to serve this Roma community. Let us pray for David and the important work that the RCCU is doing with Hungarians in Ukraine.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** *Thanksgiving Sunday* Pray for The Rev. Glynis Williams and the staff at Action Réfugiés Montréal as they work in solidarity with refugees and refugee claimants.

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS** *Your money follows your heart.* Yet you can bring your heart—and thereby your life—closer to God by reallocating your treasure from earthly possessions to eternal blessings. Giving shifts your focus from internal to external ... *to eternal.* [Genrousgiving.org](http://Genrousgiving.org)

### **PASTORAL CARE**

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



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Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893



### **The Presbyterian Church of Saint David**

**Our Vision:** *A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community*

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