



# 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 September 25, 2011  
**PRESBYTERIANS' SHARING SUNDAY...**

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

### We are all God's people...

we are God's potential in this world.

God asks us to share what we have and  
promises us much more will be done with the gifts we give.

### God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Choral 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: I'm gonna live so God can use me

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession: *We return with grateful hearts to You this day. Beginning anew with you the miracle of grace that breaks afresh upon us each day. In this time of prayer with its quiet patience and holy*

*waiting, remove from our hearts and minds the jangling distractions and the pressing worries that crowd our minds and hearts. Let the light and stillness of your presence flood our lives with calmness once more. We bless you for Your unfailing presence in our lives; turn us, once more, to face Your mercy, not through fear but with anticipation; not through overwhelming guilt, but with steady trust. Forgive us our disjointed lives, Forgive us our petulant participation in worship, Forgive us for our unpredictable witness. Recall us to the rhythm of service and hope that enables our obedience to your call, And brings that steadiness of purpose and intention without which our living and our faith is hopelessly confused. Lord God, your love for us is everlasting and the signs of your grace fill us in this time of prayerful waiting. In the stillness of this moment, we wait, once more, upon you, our Lord and our God... (silence)*  
*We pray all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

### We Hear God's Word

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

First Reading: 1 Kings 17: 7-24 Val

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

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 126*

*When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.*

**Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.**

Gloria Patri (sung)

\*Hymn: Saviour teach me day by day (vs. 1-3)

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Conversation with the young people:

You've got Potential! **Laura Blaikie**

Hymn: Saviour teach me day by day (vs. 4)

**698**

Gospel: Mark 4:30-32  
One: *The Gospel of the Lord.* All: **Praise to you, O Christ**  
\*Hymn: What does the Lord Require? **709**  
Sermon: Every Little bit...

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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: My Lord, What a Mornin Arr. by Harry Burleigh

**Music Note:** My Lord, What a Mornin is an African American spiritual. It is believed to have come from Richard Allen's hymn Behold the Awful Trumpets Sound. Richard Allen was the founding bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church that began in 1794. The hymnal which was gathered and created in 1801 was called *A Collection of Spiritual Songs and Hymns Selected by Richard Allen, African Minister.*

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

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

Announcements:

A Moment for Presbyterians' Sharing... Phyllis  
"O Lord, hear my prayer" (*sung unannounced*) **446**

Prayers of the People: *Mighty God, we come before you in prayer as your people. You, O God, know who we really are and the potential we contain.*

**Merciful God, we bring before you now the cares and concerns of this congregation as we seek to discern the future you have for us. We also pray for our community outside these walls as we see the changing face of our city and seek our place within that changing scene.**

*Compassionate God, we ask for the same mercies and healing on all those people we do not know, but who are in need of the peace of Christ.*

**Loving and gracious God, we thank you for our church, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and for the many congregations that are a part of it. May we be true witnesses to the love of God that we know in Jesus Christ.**

We pray for the mission and ministries supported through Presbyterians Sharing. We pray for the work of our international mission staff and partners around the world who are working to share the good news of the gospel. We pray for those serving in ministries of education and health, translating the gospel, and building up the church around the world. We pray for the work of Canadian Ministries/The Vine as they build and support congregations in Canada, support ministries in our inner cities and rural and remote regions, and care for native people, university students, refugees and others. We pray for regional staff and those at the national church offices who support congregations, presbyteries and synods in their various ministries. We pray for those who are working on matters of justice, speaking out for the voiceless, and bringing their concerns to the world. We pray for the students, faculty and staff at our theological colleges. We pray for the General Assembly and its courts and committees, serving the church so that it may remain faithful and strong in its witness to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. **O God, for the joy of participating in the transforming work of Jesus Christ, we give you thanks. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

### **We Go Out to Serve God**

\*Hymn: Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go **652**

\*Benediction: Go now into the world to share the good news and to live out God's vision of a new heaven and a new earth. And may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit

\* Irish Blessing

Choral Amen:

Postlude: Nancy by Stephen Chatman

**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 Anne Sommerville (welcome back Anne!) Our reader today is Val Macdonald.

**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.

**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 - (September 25-02)**

**Today** we are celebrating Presbyterians' Sharing... Sunday and the wider work of our denomination.

**Sunday School:** 11:15 .

**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)

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

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** celebrating World Communion Sunday

**David's Place** is looking for a volunteer to purchase inventory items on a regular basis. The items can be purchased any time and delivered to the church at your convenience. Most items are purchased at the Atlantic Wholesaler (Armdale Rotary) or grocery stores. We have a list of basic supplies needed and you would be reimbursed for all purchases. You may be interested in David's Place and have not been able to attend on Fridays. This is one way you could assist with David's Place. Please contact Marg Craig if

you are interested in helping. We look forward to hearing from you.

**The Royal Canadian College of Organists-** Halifax Centre presents Organist, Thomas Annand, "In Recital" on Tuesday, Sept. 27th - 7:30 p.m. at St. James Anglican Church, Halifax (in-the-Rotary). Admission \$10. A warm welcome to all!

**Calvin Presbyterian Church's** Mission and Outreach Committee invites you to join them this Saturday October 1, 2011, for a light breakfast at 9 AM followed by an interactive learning experience called The Blanket Exercise, beginning at 9:30 AM. This event will be facilitated by Rev Kenn Stright. We wish to deepen our understanding, and enrich our communication, and connection, with our First Nations neighbours. Kairos Canada has developed the Blanket Exercise as a way of retracing historic relationships between Europeans and indigenous people. The exercise will demonstrate how first nations lost their nation hood, their access to land, and were prevented from practicing their own forms of worship. We will gain a deeper understanding of the impact these losses had on these communities both in the past and continuing to this day. We look forward to sharing this powerful experience with you. In order to have sufficient food we'd be grateful if those interested in attending would RSVP to Committee Chair, Lilla Tanner at 869-0105 or by E mail: lftanner1@bellaliant.net

Dear Jesus, you are the answer to my heartfelt prayer.  
You came to me when my life was in total despair.  
Jesus said: "Come to me my child, my arms are open wide."  
I cried "Dear Jesus, I come to you. No longer will I run and hide!"

*The prayer above was written by Peggy Sue - a regular at David's Place*

**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*



Parkland began as a Bible Study group in the mid-1990's and officially became a congregation in 1997. In 2005, with support from Presbyterians Sharing, they called their first minister, Mark Chiang, a recent graduate from Knox College (also supported by Presbyterians Sharing through grants to our theological colleges!). From their beginnings in Stony Plain they moved to Spruce Grove where they have been serving families, young people, seniors and more in this growing community. The seeds from this church plant continue to grow as members of the church follow Christ in their daily lives and reach out to the wider community in word and action.

This past year Parkland was given a \$700,000 grant from Presbyterians Sharing to purchase land and a building in a rapidly growing area. They took possession April 1, 2011 and are beginning renovations and looking forward to continued growth.

**MISION CAPSULES: CANADA: Community in Christ**

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help create new ministries like Cloverdale Korean Church in Surrey, British Columbia. This church began with the dream of encouraging first and second generation Koreans to use their talents to build the Korean Christian community, and to help and encourage the Korean Christian community to be an important and active part of the local community. Cloverdale's ESL program for Koreans has been very successful, even resulting in new families joining the church! Cloverdale also reaches out to the community through a homeless

ministry in the downtown area. Let us pray for Cloverdale as it reaches out to neighbours in the name of Christ.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** *Thank God for the many congregations across Canada who enable, through financial gifts and prayers, the mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. May these ministries honour God.*

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS** *When thinking about stewardship consider: On average, American Christians enjoy an annual household income of \$42,409, while 1.2 billion of the world's poorest people must survive on \$1 a day. Ronald Sidner, The Scandal of the Evangelical Conscience*

**PASTORAL CARE**

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



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