

# The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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

**Organist:** Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

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## WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day October 16, 2011

**WORLD FOOD DAY SUNDAY**

**Eradication of Poverty (Oct. 17)**

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

Many find it hard to believe in a loving God in a world where so many suffer. Many live with despair. The bible witnesses to God in Christ, entering deeply into human suffering...God is with us in our anguish.

### God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Melodie by R Purvis

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

\*Call to Worship: *If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. Let us worship God!*

\*Hymn: Arise your light is come

**712**

Prayer of Adoration and Confession: *Creator of all, Essence of all, Lover of all, Holy Trinity, God; we sit in awe of the mystery of you, and the mystery of life. Just as we use words to describe you and understand you better, we use words to describe others. We use words like poor, homeless, unemployed, mentally ill, disabled, needy, drug dealer and addict.*

*The words we use for you do not come close to the complexity of you, and the words we use for others do not come close to describing the complexity of each*

*man and woman, whom you have created. We all live in the mystery of your abundant love. We confess that our actions do not always reflect your abundant love for all people. Many who live among us are vulnerable. They live in fear, and with very little support. We do not understand their hardships. We confess that we do not show every man and woman the same level of respect. We reject some members of our society.*

**Your grace calls us to live as one community, with dignity, respect and love. Too often we fall short of this vision. Help us to reflect in our thoughts, words and deeds, your abundant love for every person. Open our ears so we hear the cries of your children rejected in your world. Soften our hearts, so we may empathize with their experiences. Guide our hands and feet, so we may walk with our brothers and sisters, in their struggle for respect and dignity.**

*As you are a companion to each of us, help us to be companions, struggling together, so no one feels as though they struggle alone. Help us to loosen the bonds of injustice, and undo the thongs of the yoke. We faithfully proclaim your good news for vulnerable people and we work to build your kingdom. Poverty can be reduced. Be with us as we praise your name. Be with us as we receive your word. We pray in the name of your suffering son, Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.*

### We Hear God's Word

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

**442**

First Reading: *Isaiah 58:6-11*

*One: The Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 22: 1-11*

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were not put to shame. But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others, and despised by the people. All who see me mock at me; they make mouths at me, they shake their heads; "Commit your cause to the Lord; let him deliver— let him rescue the one in whom he delights!" Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. On you I was cast from my birth, and since my mother bore*

**me you have been my God.** *Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

\*Hymn: When the poor ones (vs. 1-3) 762

Conversation with the young people: Poverty is...

Hymn: When the poor ones (vs. 4) 762

Gospel: *Matthew 22: 34-40*

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

\*Hymn: Lord whose love 722

Sermon: **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR (as yourself)**

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Requiem by Eliza Gilkyson arr. by Craig Hella Johnson

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

Statement of Faith: For some today "God" is an empty word.

They have no knowledge of a relationship with God. They do not feel the Spirit of God in the world. Many find it hard to believe in a loving God in a world where so many suffer. Many live with despair. The bible witnesses to God in Christ, entering deeply into human suffering. As we behold our saviour on the cross, we are convinced of God's love for us. God is our suffering companion. God is with us in our anguish. When we experience God we are compelled to speak of God moving powerfully in life. Our faith is a response to the searching presence of God. Our belief brings new meaning into our lives. We are here to proclaim Christ in word and deed, to honour Jesus as Lord, and to permeate all of life with the compassion of God.

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: Lord in this broken world 723

\*Benediction:

*"Irish Blessing"* by L. MacLean

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: Meditation by Bedard

### **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 Shelley MacDonald Parsons  
Our host for refreshments this morning is Colin MacPherson

**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 **flowers** in the sanctuary this morning are in loving memory of A.W. Bill Cox from "The Family"

**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!**

A Memorial Service will be held for the late Bev Smart at 11 am on October 22 at Snow's Funeral Home (Lacewood Ave.)

David's Place says "Thank you" to Elizabeth and Abigail Molyneaux who have volunteered to purchase inventory item!

### **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.

**The Synod** is the second highest court of our church. It is comprised of all ministers, members of the Order of Diaconal Ministries and elders on the roll of the presbyteries within its bounds. It meets once a year and deals with matters of concern and oversees the presbyteries and offers advice when necessary and handles complaints, appeals and the disposal of

overtures. We are the part of the Atlantic Synod which is composed of the six presbyteries including the Presbytery of Halifax-Lunenburg. This year we will be meeting in First Presbyterian Church, Lower Sackville, N.S. from October 17th to the 19th.

*Almighty God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to walk with us. He promised that we would never be alone. Hear us as we pray that your presence will be with your faithful servants who will be meeting at the Atlantic Synod. May your presence guide them in all that they do and may your spirit give them wisdom and understanding, vision, and knowledge. Grant them compassion, courage and the desire to unite in love and peace. Teach them and all of us, Lord, to be faithful stewards of your kingdom here on earth. May they follow your will so that your people may be uplifted and confirmed in their faith. And may your love be declared to all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

**THIS WEEK - (October 16-23)**

**Today** Sunday School: 11:15 am.  
**Monday** ESL classes at 4:30 pm  
**Tuesday & Thursday** 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes  
**Wednesday** 4:00 pm Finance Committee  
**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 marking Bible Society Sunday

**Women's Inter-Church Council: FALL RALLY and Fellowship of the Least Coin** 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. If you plan to attend please contact Judi Mehlman at 865-6605 or Shirley MacKay at 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 after October 1, 2010

**Elders' Workshop** at Knox Presbyterian, Saturday October 29 from 9:30 till 12:30. The workshops are for new elders and those who have served many years, exploring the duties and responsibilities of eldership and how to live it out in session and congregation. The workshops are sponsored by the Presbytery and will be an opportunity to meet the new Mission and Educational Consultant, the Rev. Ruth Houthby.

November 1 A **Games Night** is Planned with our Korean friends at 7 pm. Active and passive choices: Badminton and Table Tennis as well as Scrabble in English and "Learning Korean" Lots of fun for all ages!

**Total Offerings**

Giving Goal for October: \$10,591  
 Amount given in October: \$8,943

Thank you for your generosity. Your generous giving 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 October 31st:* \$17,869

*Thank you for your generosity to Presbyterians Sharing. Please remember that what you give here goes to benefit the many programs of our National Church.*

The giving goal for October is \$13,589.

The Halifax-Lunenburg AMS Presbyterial meeting will be held at Calvin Church, Halifax on Tuesday, October 25 at 1:30 p.m. The speaker, Ruth Ann Sutherland, will speak about "Grandmothers to Grandmothers". Everyone is welcome.

**Halifax Camerata Singers** present *A Requiem for Peace* Sat., Nov. 5 at 7:30 pm, First Baptist Church, 1300 Oxford St., Halifax. A favorite concert to celebrate the lives of loved ones and remember the victims of war and conflict. Tickets \$20 & \$10 (students) at [www.halifaxcamerata.org](http://www.halifaxcamerata.org) and at the door. In addition, to celebrate Halifax Camerata Singers 25th anniversary, season subscriptions are available. For just \$50, receive a ticket to each of the three major concerts presented this season.

***The National Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearings*** are at the World Trade and Convention Centre from October 26-29. The entire schedule can be found at [www.trc.ca](http://www.trc.ca)

*Two Fall Studies begin in November. These studies will invite us to get back to the basics of the Christian faith. The study will meet on Mondays at 7 pm and Wednesday mornings at 10:30. Hope to see you at one of these studies!*

**MISION CAPSULES: CANADA: Being part of the neighbourhood** *Presbyterians Sharing* supports St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Thompson, Manitoba as it reaches out and welcomes people from the surrounding community. Directly across the street from a high school, St. Andrew's decided to host a student BBQ for the hundreds of students who pass the church each day. Invitations were delivered to the school office a week in advance, and members of the congregation were excited to prepare food for the students. This is part of an intentional effort to help build community and establish a neighbourhood presence, so that St. Andrew's can be seen as more than just a place to go on

Sundays. Let us pray for St. Andrew's, Thompson as it continues to reach out and grow.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Pray for the partners of Presbyterian World Service & Development as they work with Canadian Foodgrains Bank to end hunger around the world..

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS** The Bible uses the word *believe* 273 times. It uses the word *pray* 371 times. *Love* appears 714 times. *Give* appears 2,172 times. *Herb Miller, TheParishPaper.com*

### **PASTORAL CARE**

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



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

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

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