



ENTRUSTED WITH THE GOSPEL

The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day **October 23, 2011**
BIBLE SOCIETY SUNDAY

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

The Bible

has been given to us by the inspiration of God to be the rule of faith and life. It is the standard of all doctrine by which we must test any word that comes to us from church, world, or inner experience. (Living Faith)

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: The Glad Sound by Smith

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: *All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. Let us worship God!*

*Hymn: Thy word is a lamp 496
Prayer of Adoration and Confession:
Assurance of Pardon

We Hear God's Word

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

First Reading: *Leviticus 19: 1-2, 15-18*

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 1**

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Sing them over again to me (vs. 1-2) 498

Conversation with the young people: Here's a WORD

Hymn: Sing them over again to me (vs. 3) 498

From the Letters *1 Thessalonians 2:1-8*

From the Gospels: **John 20:30** Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. **31** But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

*Hymn: Open my eyes that I may see 500

Sermon: **Entrusted with the Gospel**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Ubi Caritas by Ola Gjeilo

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

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

(inside back cover of the Book of Praise)

*Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

“O Lord, hear my prayer” (sung unannounced) **446**

Prayers of the People: *Wonder-speaking God, you created all there is by the power of your word and renew us daily by your life-giving Spirit. We give thanks for the Scriptures that teach, train and correct us. We pray for all involved in the translation, distribution and production of the Bible worldwide, and for all who help people understand and live by it. Lord, so shape your people by your word that we will bring life and hope to all around us through Jesus, your living Word. We ask this for your glory, loving God. (Our prayers continue...)*
The Lord’s Prayer (“debts & debtors”)

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Be thou my vision **461**

*Benediction:

“Irish Blessing”

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: Te Deum by Lind

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

Our host for refreshments this morning is Olive Clark.

Our reader for today is Robbie Stewart. Thank you to Jack Stewart for reading last Sunday.

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 LIFE OF OUR CONGREGATION IN THE COMMUNITY

THIS WEEK - (October 23 - 30)

Today	Sunday School: 11:15 am.
Monday	Final ESL classes at 4:30 pm
Tuesday & Thursday	9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes
Wednesday- Saturday	The National TRC hearing at the WTCC
Thursday	7:30 pm Choir Practice
Friday	10:00 am – 1:00 pm David’s Place (Hall)
Saturday	9:30- 12:30 Elders’ workshops Knox Presbyterian
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
	7:00 pm Coffee and Conversation (formerly the lecture series) “Afterword: debriefing the TRC hearings” with Sydney McDonald and others.

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.

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 Houtby.

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!

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 favourite concert to celebrate the lives of loved ones and remember the victims of war and conflict. Tickets \$20 & \$10 (students) at www.halifaxcamerata.org and at the door.

For All The Saints, Sunday 6, November 2011, 7.30 PM
Cathedral Church of All Saints. Grammy award-winning musician Paul Halley directs the King's College Chapel Choir in a performance of Sergei Rachmaninov's ethereally beautiful *Vespers*, a setting of texts from the Russian Orthodox "All-Night Vigil". Other music includes pieces by Edward Elgar, Josquin des Prez, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Arvo Pärt. The Maritime Brass Quintet will be the guest artists for this concert.

who Did He Think He Was? Nov 5, 9 am – 12 noon with Dr Craig Evans. He is the Payzant Professor of New Testament at Acadia Divinity College. "***Who Did He Think He Was?***" The topic concerns who did Jesus think he was in light of Jewish prophecy, and life.

RCCO's PHANTOMS of the PIPES XIV takes place at Fort Massey United Church, corner Queen & Tobin in Halifax on Saturday, Oct. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Metro organists and friends let down their hair with haunting performances befitting the season. Tickets at the door: \$10 & \$5. Proceeds go to scholarships for budding organists.

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 (November 7) and Wednesday mornings (November 9) at 10:30 am. Hope to see you at one of these studies!

The St. David's **Christmas Chowder Luncheon and Sale** will be held Saturday December 3rd! Mark your calendars and plan to participate in this amazing fellowship and fund-raising event in the church calendar. We will also be coordinating plum puddings, so look forward to the wonderful aroma in our church kitchen! We will be adopting several families for Christmas again this year. An announcement will be made soon, as to the leads for each work area. We are blessed with a congregation and community which comes together for these tasks each year. If you would like to participate for the first time, or have any questions, please speak with Barbara MacKeigan, or any of the Session committee convenors Shelley MacDonald-Parsons, Mac Fyfe, Mac Mackay, Valerie Macdonald.

Meanwhile, keep the date in mind, and please have a look at home for items which would benefit the silent auction and the gift table. We will be reaching out to bakers to keep up with the demand for our incredibly popular bake table. Thank you!

The Paul Wattson Lecture 2011: Holiness, Hospitality, Hope Monday, November 7, at 7 p.m. Saint Mary's University Scotiabank Conference Theatre, Sobey Building 903 Robie Guest Lecturer: Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

Tea and Jewellery Sale The Malaika Grandmothers, in support of African grandmothers, will hold a Tea with a display of African jewellery, cloth and clothing on November 6th from 2-5 at the Local Council of Women House 597 Young Avenue. The jewellery will be available for purchase. Cash or cheques please.

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!

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

Bobby Arvon will perform a benefit concert for St. Patrick's Church Restoration on Friday, November 4th at 8.p.m. at St. Patrick's Church, Halifax. Bobby is a well known entertainer most notably for his performance of the theme song of Happy Days for the popular TV show. For tickets call 429-4170.

On November 6, 2011 Calvin Presbyterian Church on Ashburn Ave, Halifax will celebrate its 54th Anniversary with an evening Gospel Music Service. There will be a hymn sing at 7:15 pm, followed by a concert featuring local choirs and talent. It is expected that this will be a beautiful musical celebration as it has been in past years.! Please come and join us.

MISION CAPSULES: BIBLE TRANSLATION: Sharing the good news Imagine trying to read or understand the Bible if it wasn't available in your native language. Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are helping to translate the Bible into several languages: Hakka in Taiwan; Kotoko in northern Cameroon; Izii, Ikwo, Ezaa and Mgbolizhia in Nigeria; and Mauritian Creole in Mauritius. Bible translation is a complex process. It can be a challenge for translators to capture the nuances, imagery and poetry of the Bible stories and to keep the text faithful to the original Hebrew and Greek. Let us thank God for those Bible translators who are helping to shine the light of Christ for people who yearn to read the Bible in their own language.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for the third national Truth and Reconciliation event in Halifax. Pray for the healing of residential school survivors and former staff.

STEWARDSHIP Life is for service, not survival; self-giving, not self-serving. People are sometimes scared and scarred, uncertain and insecure. We need to take time to live - to learn to receive and to learn to give. *Kennon Callahan, author*

PASTORAL CARE

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

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