



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax, N.S.
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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 30, 2011**

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

The Holy Spirit is the **Spirit of truth.**

We pray as a church to be guided into truth
knowing that such truth may disturb and judge us.

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Elegy by Lind

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

*Hymn: O Lord my God **332**

(this hymn finds universal expression and is produced in many languages including the 3 indigenous languages used here.)

Prayer of Adoration and Confession:

*Gracious God, you are the God of life and love, the God of new beginnings and new hopes. We come to you seeking direction for the journey ahead. **We know that we are the ones who are divided and we are the ones who must come back together to walk the sacred Way.***

*We are the ones who are broken and need healing. Our brokenness is with you and with sisters and brothers. **We know that we are the ones who are divided and we are the ones who must come back***

together to walk the sacred Way. *We are the ones who need reconciliation, reconciliation with you and with sisters and brothers near and far. **We know that we are the ones who are divided and we are the ones who must come back together to walk the sacred Way.** Restore us and help us to walk the sacred way together. Amen.*

Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy

Assurance of Pardon: Here is the Good News of God's forgiveness: "For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility, between us (Eph. 2:14)

(The refrain in the prayer was first spoken by Art Solomon, Aboriginal Spiritual leader)

We Hear God's Word

Motet: If Ye Love Me by Tallis

First Reading: *Micah 3: 5-12*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 43*

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; from those who are deceitful and unjust deliver me!

For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you cast me off? Why must I walk about mournfully because of the oppression of the enemy?

*O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. **Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.** Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.*

*Hymn: Christ you call us all to service (vs. 1-2) **585**

Conversation with the young people: **How do you learn?**

Hymn: Christ you call us all to service (vs. 3) **585**

"O Great Spirit" **447**

Welcome to our National Staff Stephen Allen (Justice Ministries)

A lesson from the Letters: *1 Thessalonians 2: 9 - 13*

Gospel: *Matthew 23: 1-12*

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

*Hymn: Many and great, O God, are your works **301**

Sermon: **Practice what you...**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: *Lamentations of Jeremiah* by Z Randall Stroope

Music Note: The Translations of the Lamentations of Jeremiah are as follows: O You People, who pass this way, look and see if there exists sorrow like unto my sorrow. Remember, Lord consider and notice our humiliation and disgrace. This modern American setting of this text is to date one of the most performed and is one of the most moving and emotionally exhausting renditions and we are happy to welcome a couple extra singers this morning to help convey the message of this song.

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

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Help us to accept each other **632**

*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: Chorale in A Minor by Franck

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 Valerie MacDonald.

Our host for refreshments this morning is Kathy Large.

Our scripture reader for this morning is Katie Campbell.

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.

The church parking lot is to be used for church business. Please ensure that people meeting here have a place to park!

THIS WEEK - (October 30-November 6)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am. Please stay for refreshments after the traditional service.

"The Afterword: Debriefing the Truth and Reconciliation experience" 7 p.m. in the Parlour. All are welcome and encouraged to attend this first gathering of our Coffee and Conversation group (formerly the Lecture Series).

Monday ESL classes are finished for the fall session. Thank you to all who worked so hard for the success of this venture.

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes

Tuesday 10 am Presbytery in Windsor.

2 pm Worship and Church Life

Committee. 6:30 pm Mission & Outreach Committee.

Games Night 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! Light refreshments!

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 concluding the Season of Creation.

10:00 am Circle of Prayer. Please join us for conversation and prayer.

11:00 am Traditional Service marking

Remembrance Sunday

Noon Mission and Outreach Luncheon

in support of the Halifax Refugee clinic. Help us maintain our strong links to this important effort just down the street! Freewill donations!

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

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 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.

Christmas Tea & Sale: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Ladies Guild 216 SCHOOL STREET, DARTMOUTH (ACROSS FROM BRIGHTWOOD GOLF CLUB) Saturday, November 5, 2011 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Bake & Craft Tables Adults \$5.00 Children Under 12 \$1.00

November 7 and 9: Two Fall Studies begin next week. 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 (minister's study). **Hope to see you at one of these studies!**

Upcoming: The Christmas Chowder Luncheon and Sale will be held Saturday December 3rd, 12 - 2 p.m.

Next Sunday we commemorate Remembrance Sunday. The readings are: Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

On Sunday, November 13, volunteers from St David's and friends will prepare a casserole for Sunday suppers. Volunteers cook a casserole and deliver it hot or warm to St Andrews Church, Robie Street, between 3:30 and 4:30. They also sometimes stay and serve

the meal, or help out in the kitchen. A tax receipt is available for the cost of the groceries. If you are interested in taking part, contact Nicole Watkins Campbell at 422-5878 or at jncampbell@eastlink.ca.

PLUM PUDDINGS Volunteers are urgently needed to continue the tradition of St David's Plum Puddings. This tradition has been a part of St David's Christmas celebration for many years. Perhaps you have 2 to 2 ½ hours, once a week for the month of November to help with this tasty treat. Let's continue to fill St David's with the aroma of Christmas Puddings. Please call Diane McClintock for details at 832 3913. Thank you in advance.

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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