



*The
Presbyterian
Church of*

*Saint
David*



1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax, N.S. (by Memorial Library)

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Minister Emeritus: Rev. Dr. John Pace

Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

Clerk of Session: Murray Alary

WELCOME!

We are so glad you have chosen
to worship with us this morning!

Service for the Lord's Day January 15, 2012

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

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

Our Vision:

A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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God Calls Us to Worship



Prelude:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: The time has arrived; the kingdom of God is upon you. Repent, and believe the gospel.

*Hymn: I the Lord of sea and sky

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession: *Almighty God we come to lay our lives before you in worship, imperfect as they are, often distraught and perplexed. In your mercy receive us in our human state and condition. Your nature is love and mercy, grace and truth. As you have formed our hearts to love and serve you, look upon us now and enlighten our whole being to respond to your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord. God of love and compassion, who has called us to confess our sins, our presence in this place is not only an act of worship and praise: our coming here speaks of our needs and the wider needs of the world. Each day we burden ourselves with things that do not matter. We bewilder our minds with problems of our own imagination. We are frightened by complexities that do not exist. We acknowledge our dependence upon you, our need of your presence here and of your reassurance in every circumstance. We try to understand your purposes, only to be bewildered by the state of the world and our human life. We look into the face of Jesus Christ and find that his life brings meaning and purpose into ours. Thanks be to you, our God.*

Assurance of Pardon: *In front of us, behind us, to our right, to our left: God is there! In our past, beside us today, waiting in the future: God is there! in the shadows, in the light: God is there! In the morning, in the evening, in every moment: God is with us! Thanks be to God. Amen.*

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced) **445**

First Reading: *1 Samuel 3:1-10,*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to

God.

Responsive Reading: *Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18*

O God, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O God, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, before they existed. How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them - they are more than the sand; I come to the end - I am still with you.

Gloria

Patri (sung)

*Hymn:

Follow me the Master said (1-3)

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Conversation with the young people:

Let's learn a song

Hymn: Follow me the Master said (4)

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From the letters: *1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

Gospel: *John 1:43-51*

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

Hymn: Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult

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Sermon:

Calling in the Night

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

*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:

"Lord, listen to your children praying" (sung unannounced) 449

Prayers of the People: The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Will you come and follow me 634

*Benediction:

"Irish Blessing" by L. MacLean

Choral Amen: (Please be seated for the Amen)

Postlude:

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 Don Knox

Our scripture reader for this morning is Valerie MacDonald.

Our host for refreshment Johannah Roberts

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.

A new year has dawned! That probably means finding new homes for some of your older items. The Worship and Church Life Committee is giving you a chance to do this, while at the same time helping Saint David's. On Saturday, January 21 from 10-noon, we will be hosting a new-to-you sale. We will not be trying to handle clothing, so please find another home for those items. Any other donations may be left at the church. We will need some assistance with set-up on Friday after 2:30 pm and also the day of the sale. If you are able to help out in this way or have any questions, please contact a member of the committee:

Val Macdonald-455-1893, Phyllis Morrison- 429-4353, Carol Dobson-429-5885, Anne Sommerville-422-9494 or Colin MacPherson-434-1674.

Plum Pudding Fundraiser 2011

Many thanks to the members and friends of St David's for their generous support in this years Pudding Fest. Whether you purchased, volunteered in the preparation or just consumed these tasty treats, many thanks. This years Pudding Project netted just over \$1000. Regards Diane McClintock

THIS WEEK - (January 15-January 22)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am.

Refreshments follow the 11 am service each Sunday

Monday 7:00 pm Evening Study: join with us in exploring the foundations of faith. Held in the Minister's study. This week explores chapter 5 of Living Faith: The Bible

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

Wednesday 10:30 am Morning Study: join with us in exploring the foundations of faith (in the minister's study)

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)

Saturday 10:00 am New-to-you sale

Sunday 9:00 am Early service with

communion: This ½ hour service consists of meditation, music and message. Please join us! The service this week will explore the Reformed understanding of Faith and Doubt.

10:00 am Circle of Prayer.

11:00 am Traditional Service.

7:00 pm Coffee and Conversation meet in the Parlour. The series continues, meeting people of different faith expressions. This gathering will have Rev. Fran Dearman of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax sharing with us the background and beliefs of the UU Church.

Needed: Hosts for fellowship time are needed for next Sunday and all of February and March. It is a great way to meet people. All you need to bring is 1 litre of 2 % milk and some edible refreshments. If you have never done this before, someone is always available to guide you around the kitchen and help with the coffee urn. Please check the sign-up book

on the table in the hall and if you are able to help out with this ministry, sign on your desired date. Thank you.

The 5th Wave Metro New Horizons Beginner Band program for Seniors will be starting on Wednesday, January 25 at the Long & McQuade music store on Main Street in Dartmouth with an instrument demonstration and experimentation session - anyone 50 years of age or older is eligible for participation in this program. For more information please contact Paul Barrett at barp@eastlink.ca

PASTORAL CARE

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

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Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893

We are called to work out the meaning of our own lives
and to find our true vocation
in the love and service of God. (from Living Faith)

MISSION CAPSULES: TAIWAN: Translating the Bible

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean as he works with a Bible translation team in Taiwan to translate the Bible into the Hakka language. They are working to finish the complete translation by 2012, when The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan celebrates "The Year of Hakka Mission". Paul says, "Since this is all God's work, we pray that the Lord will help us achieve this very worthy goal." Let us pray that the newly translated Bible will be a guiding light for Hakka Christians in Taiwan.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for members of the International Affairs Committee as they meet to prepare the report to the 138th General Assembly

STEWARDSHIP Giving is true loving. *Charles Haddon Spurgeon, minister*

From our friends at the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry (Rev. Stewart Folster visited us at the end of October as part of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission after which our Mission and Outreach sent a gift for the work of their ministry). Their Christmas card said: To our dear friends at the Presbyterian Church of St. David! Thank you for the donation for the work at Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry. We are feeding the needy folks of the streets of Saskatoon and bringing the good news to those who need his hope and peace and love. Thank you to your Missions Committee for all their support and prayers.