



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 22, 2012

3rd 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: *Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the good news of God, saying the time has come, the realm of God is at hand. **The realm of God is not very far from any one of us, for in God we live and, move and have our being.** Jesus said: repent and believe the good news. The time has come. **In the silent places of my soul I turn to God, for God alone is our rock and salvation.***

*Hymn: We will tell each generation

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession: *Forgiving God, like Jonah we resist when asked to tell the story. We find it hard to confess the name of Jesus. We are awkward and feel inadequate. But you have called us to speak and to act. Like Simon and Andrew, James and John, help us to rise up and follow wherever you lead. **What a blessing and privilege we share here in this sacred space and among this loving community.** Like Jonah, we sometimes are jealous of what we share here. **We know that others are longing and thirsting for what we know and experience. Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors, open our hearts to others; some like us, some not. We repent of our hesitations and unwillingness to witness to those we have considered strangers and even enemies for fear they just might become friends.***

Assurance of Pardon: *The one who calls us to this place calls us to reconciliation through grace. God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit. Know that you are forgiven and walk in the new way that is made known to you in God's love. **Amen***

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

445

First Reading: *Jonah 3: 1-5, 10*

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 62:5-12** *For God alone my soul waits in silence, or my hope is from God. **God alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honour; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God. Trust in God at all times, O people; pour out your heart before God; who is a refuge for us.***

Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O God. For you repay to all according to their work. Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Lead me Jesus **646**

Conversation with the young people: **Follow the leader**

Hymn: Lead me Jesus **646**

From the letters: *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

Gospel: *Mark 1: 14-20*

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

Hymn: He leadeth me **650**

Sermon: **Responsiveness in the Scriptures**

(Do you hear an alarm clock?)

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

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

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (inside back cover of the Book of Praise) and 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: Called as partners in Christ's service **587**

*Benediction:

Choral Amen: (Please be seated for the Amen)

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK (January 22-January 29)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am.
Refreshments follow the 11 am service each Sunday
Coffee and Conversation meets tonight at 7 pm. with Fran Dearman of the Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax

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 6 of Living Faith: Faith (and doubt!)

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)

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 Church. (Chapter 7.)
10:00 am Circle of Prayer.
11:00 am Traditional Service.
7:00 pm Week of Prayer for Christian Unity here at St. David's with the Rev. Rhonda Britton preaching.

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 Kathy Large.
Our host for refreshment hour is Dorothy Jackson

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.

Men's Soup Contest is scheduled for February 12. Please set aside the date and plan to be part of this great event! We will need 3 judges, and the congregation is invited to bring sandwiches and sweets to add round out the meal.

Annual Meeting: First call for reports. Please insure your reports are in by February 5 to facilitate compilation and distribution by the 19th.

Calvin Presbyterian is holding a **Robbie Burns Night** on Wednesday, January 25, at 7 pm. For information and tickets (\$20.00) please phone Marian at 445-3469.

Ecumenical Worship Service in honour of **AST's 40th Anniversary** Friday, February 10 at 7:30 pm Cathedral Church of All Saints.

David's Place is serving a ham dinner to guests on February 3rd. If you would be interested in helping by making a scalloped potato dish - it would be very appreciated. Anyone willing to help on that day would also be welcome. Please contact Marg Craig if you would like to help.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18-25, 2012

“We will all be changed by the Victory of our Lord Jesus Christ”

Celebrate with us on January 29, 2012 at 7 p.m.

Presbyterian Church of Saint David

Preacher: Rev. Rhonda Britton
Cornwallis Street Baptist Church



PASTORAL CARE

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

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We are **called for a purpose:**
we have been predestined to be like Christ
and to serve God. (from Living Faith)

MISSION CAPSULES: CANADA: Meeting needs in the inner city Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help St. David's Inner City Outreach Ministry to meet the needs of families in Hamilton's inner city. Their outreach activities, including after-school programs for children and teens, adult and seniors' programs and a teen mom support group are geared towards not just alleviating, but actually preventing poverty. Let us pray for St. David's outreach ministry as it works to develop a safe and healthy community for children, youth and families in Hamilton's inner city.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for the people of Guatemala as they work with Presbyterian World Service & Development to improve their crops, combat malnutrition and start small businesses.

STEWARDSHIP But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. *1 Timothy 6:9-10 NRSV*