



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax,
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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 March 25, 2012, 11 a.m.
Fifth Sunday in Lent

**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: *Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:*
**not written on stone tablets easily broken, but inscribed on
our hearts filled with joy and hope. Each day we draw closer to God:**
**who has forgotten more than we ever learn; who has forgiven
us more than we ever acknowledge.**

*Hymn: You that know the Lord is gracious **470**
Lenten Liturgies (concludes verse 5 We lay our broken world 202)
Prayer of Adoration and Confession: *Merciful God, have mercy on our
souls, according to your unwavering love; according to your
abundant mercy wipe away our sins and the guilt we have
carried for so long. Instead write on our hearts your love Your boundaries
for our lives Your salvation that sets us free from our sins. To
live the abundant life you have for each of us. Lord we would see
Jesus, we would love Jesus, we would follow Jesus, we would serve
Jesus. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.*

We Hear God's Word

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

First Reading: *Jeremiah 31: 31-34*

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

Responsive Reading: (Psalm 51: 1-12) Have mercy on me,
O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your
abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly
from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. **For I know my
transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you
alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so
that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you
pass judgement. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my
mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with
hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than
snow. Let me hear joy and gladness ;let the bones that you have**

crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Seek ye first **625**

Conversation with the young people: Help for stress

Sunday school leaves for classes

Gospel: *John 12:20-33*

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

*Hymn: We have this ministry **590**

Sermon: **What kind of Covenant do you want?**

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 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: Lord you give the great commission **778**

*Benediction:

Choral Amen:

*Irish blessing (Please be seated for the blessing)

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 Anne Sommerville. Our scripture reader for this morning is Colin Roop. Our hosts for refreshments today are Ian Stewart and Alexandra MacLean.

Lenten Chowder Luncheons: Thanks to all who have helped in any way. Any questions please call: Don Knox (423-2067) or Colin MacPherson (434-1674). Continue to support this effort – and come and enjoy the chowder!

THIS WEEK - (March 25- April 1)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am.

Tonight the Islamic Association will be our guests at the Coffee and Conversation group – minister's study – at 7 pm. Please consider coming to this informative evening!

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

Wednesday Noon: Lenten chowder luncheon

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! 10:00 am Circle of Prayer.

11:00 am Palm Sunday Service.

St. Andrew's Dartmouth **Tea and Sale** March 31 from 2-4 pm

The Halifax Refugee Clinic is sponsoring a **Pancake Breakfast** to benefit the work of the Clinic, on Saturday, March 31st, 8:30 AM - 11:00 AM, at the Hall of the Presbyterian Church of Saint David. There will be face painting for kids. For more information or tickets, call 422-6736. General admission (\$10), Seniors, Students, Low income (\$7), Kids under 5 (\$3).

It's that time of year again. Every April the Halifax Presbyterian Churches supply snacks for the youth of **Phoenix House**. If you would like to support this ministry, please give your donation of cash or cheques to Anne Sommerville or Carol Dobson BEFORE APRIL 1. If you would like a tax receipt, please let us know so we can let Mac Fyfe know. Last year the people of Saint David's were able to fund more than two weeks worth of snacks. Let's see what we can do this year. Thank you.

Come to Camp Geddie on March 31, 2-6 PM for an All Ages Event. Through scripture, song, games, craft and, of course, food, together we will hear the Word and respond to it, amid the beauty of Camp Geddie. This is an event for everyone- Children must be accompanied by adults. Cost: \$15/ person. (Family Rates available for families of four or more.) To register, contact Shirley Forbes (902.752.1099) or through email at agape@campgeddie.ca Registration Deadline is March 23rd.

ECUMENICAL HOLY WEEK SERVICES

2-5 APRIL 2012; 7:30 - 8:00 A.M.

Continental Breakfast after each Service

MONDAY, APRIL 2 Cathedral Church of All Saints
1330 Martello Street Host: Very Reverend Paul W. Smith, Dean
TUESDAY, APRIL 3 St. Andrew's United Church Corner of
Robie St. and Coburg Rd. Host: Rev. Dr. Russell Daye
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4 First Baptist Church Halifax
1300 Oxford St. Host: Rev. John E. Boyd
THURSDAY, APRIL 5 Presbyterian Church of St. David
Host: Rev. Kenneth Stright

Easter Services

April 5 St. Vincent's Communion at 1:30 pm Thursday
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Communion joint service at Calvin
GOOD FRIDAY April 6 Ecumenical service St. John's United (at
the Maritime Conservatory of Music) 10:30 a.m.
EASTER SUNDAY April 8 6:30 a.m. Sunrise service with First
Baptist congregation at the lower parking lot of Point Pleasant
Park.
9:00 a.m. Early Service
9:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Easter Service

We would like to put some special flowers in the church for Easter. If you are able to contribute to this please let Vanora Haldane or Phyllis Morrison (429-4353) know. You can buy the flowers yourself and bring them to the church or give a donation to the above and we will do the shopping. Many thanks

PASTORAL CARE



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

Kenn Stright office: 423-2660
Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893



Don't forget **Earth Hour** March 31 from 8:30 to 9:30 pm

MISSION CAPSULES: CANADA: Support through difficult times Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help congregations going through times of significant transition. In Nova Scotia, the two-point charge of St. Matthew's church, Elmsdale and Hardwood Lands Church have been helped through a difficult time with our gifts. The Rev. Gwen Roberts writes, "We are grateful for the continued support of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, which continues to give needed and extremely valuable oversight, leadership and assistance through Presbyterians Sharing." Let us pray for St. Matthew's and Hardwood Lands churches as they move forward in their ministries.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for the Assembly Council as it meets at Crieff Hills Community to discuss and finalize reports for the General Assembly.

STEWARDSHIP The practice of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities, and possessions, based upon the conviction that these are a trust from God, to be used in His service for the benefit of mankind. *United Stewardship Council* We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is a



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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.