



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax,
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Minister: Rev. Kenn Stright

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Dr. John Pace

Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

Clerk of Session: Murray Alary

Guest speaker: Mr. Lindsay Rankin

WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day April 15, 2012

Second Sunday of Easter

**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: Melody in Mauve by R Purvis

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: Let us praise God for the mighty deeds wrought through Jesus Christ. **Praise God for loosing the chains of sin!** Let us praise God for the mighty deeds wrought through Jesus Christ. **Praise God for breaking the bonds of death!** Let us praise God for the mighty deeds wrought through Jesus Christ. **Praise God for releasing the forces of love! All: Let us join with God's people everywhere and praise Jesus Christ the Lord!**

*Hymn: O send thy light forth

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession (together):

O Christ, whose birth means nothing unless we be born of love, whose life means nothing unless we live for God, whose death means nothing unless we die unto self, and whose resurrection means nothing, unless we rise unto newness of life, we praise your holy name. Let our lips utter no desire that does not proceed from a committed heart. Let our mouths express no thought that does not spring from a faithful spirit. In the deepest crevasses of our hearts lurk sins unacknowledged, deeds undone that you would have us do, and actions performed that were against all that you teach us to be. Forgive us, Lord Jesus, for our lack of faith and our deliberate disobedience. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy... silence

Assurance of Pardon:

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 133 *How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.* Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Lord of the dance 250

Conversation with the young people: **Believe it or not!**

Sunday school leaves for classes

From the letters: 1 John 1:1 - 2:2

Gospel: John 20:19-31

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

Hymn: My faith looks up to thee 677

Sermon: COMMUNITY

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Ubi Caritas by Durufle

*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: Arise your light is come 712

Benediction

*Choral Amen:

Blessing (Please be seated for the Irish blessing)

Irish Blessing" by James Moore

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.

Postlude: Piece en D by Bedard

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.

We welcome Lindsay Rankin to the pulpit this morning as Rev. Stright finishes his 2011 holidays. Lindsay is no stranger to us and we continue to remember his ministry as the Synod hospital chaplain.

Our Welcoming Elders this morning is Jamie Campbell. Our scripture reader for this morning is Valerie Macdonald.

Rev. Dr. Sandy McDonald is on call while Kenn is away

THIS WEEK - (April 15 - 22)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am. Refreshments after the service in the hall

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

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 Anniversary Sunday

Anniversary Sunday April 22 with Rev. Dr. Cynthia Chenard, Moderator of the Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg as our guest speaker.

Upcoming: Following the anniversary service on April 22, everyone is invited to join in to enjoy a potluck luncheon and if desired bring your favourite dish. We will also have displays to celebrate our history. If you have any information or artifacts you would be willing to loan us, please give them to Phyllis Morrison, Carol Dobson or Valerie Macdonald.

The choirs of Bethany United Church and Scotia Brass will present Hail Thee Festival Day-An Easter Concert on April 18, 2012, 7:30 PM at Bethany United Church. Tickets at the door \$10.00. Children 12 and under free.

There will be an Art Show and Sale in the St. Agnes Church Auditorium, 6903 Mumford Road (corner Chebucto Rd) on Saturday, April 21st from 10:00am to 6:00pm and Sunday, April 22nd from 9:30am to 3:00pm.

As part of the follow-up to the TRC hearings in October, a group will be travelling to Indian Brook April 28, leaving Calvin Church at 1 pm. For more information or to let us know you are coming, please e-mail Kenn or leave a notice on the church phone.

The Tupper Band will present their annual Spring concert next Sunday, April 22 at 7:30 pm. The band gives us the Christmas concert without charge, so we invite everyone to support this concert for them. Admission is \$10, \$7 for seniors and students.

The Program Committee of the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces is hosting a lecture series, "Imagine" with presenter, John Bell of the Iona Community on September 28-30th, at the Church of St David, Halifax, NS. Cost is \$75. John will present four lectures on the topics of "The Pre-requisite called Community", "The Engaged Spirituality of Jesus" and "The Imagination as a Resource for Faith". As well, he will be providing music leadership in morning worship at the Church of St David. Registration deadline is September 1, 2012. " Registration forms available from Kenn.

PASTORAL CARE



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

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MISSION CAPSULES: KENYA: Helping to combat HIV&AIDS

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help Dr. Rick Allen, a community health physician, and the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (PCEA) address the health and socio-economic problems of HIV&AIDS. Rick is also teaching classes on community health, HIV&AIDS, sexually transmitted infections, and human sexuality at the Presbyterian University of East Africa. All university students in Kenya are required to take a course in HIV&AIDS, which reflects just how important the whole issue is for the nation. Let us pray for Rick as he continues to carry out God's work in Kenya.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for the planned giving ministry of The Rev. Herb Gale as he visits congregations in and around Regina, Saskatchewan.

STEWARDSHIP Employ your riches with kindly devotion, and thus root out evil from your hearts. All that has value in your lives you must concentrate in the persons of the poor; and so anoint your heads with devoted giving. *St. Paulinus of Nola*

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.



I Breastfeed.

The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.
This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.