



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 May 13, 2012, 11 a.m.
6th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day – Christian Family Sunday

**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: *We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God, who, like a mother, knows us intimately, loves us unconditionally, teaches us the way we should go, and comforts us in times of need. Praise God, the Source and Sustainer of life. Let us worship God.*

*Hymn: Come let us sing!

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Prayer of Confession: *Gracious God, when we fall, you lift us, when we fail you restore us, when we are wounded, you nurse us, when we grieve, you weep with us. We, your daughters and sons, praise you. But, we have failed to love as you do, we have abused our bodies and those of others, we have filled our minds with selfish dreams, and violent plans, we have made our hearts cold and empty of compassion, we have forgotten our spirits, and distorted your image within us. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy*

Assurance: *As a mother disciplines her children, we ask you to discipline us; As a mother forgives the sons and daughters who hurt her, we ask you to forgive us; As a mother calls her children to be reconciled with their siblings, we ask you to lead us to reconciliation with one another. In Christ's Name.*

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: *Acts 10:44-48 Gentiles receive the Holy Spirit*
One: *The Word of the Lord.* **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 98 O sing to the LORD a new song, **for he has done marvelous things.** His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory. **The LORD has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. **All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; **break forth into joyous song and sing praises.** Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of

melody. With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD. **Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.** Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming to judge the earth. **He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.**

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: We are one in the Spirit **471**

Conversation with the young people: How do you say, "I Love you?"

Sunday school leaves for classes

From the letters: *1 John 5: 1-6 Faith gives us victory*

Gospel: *John 15:9-17 Jesus calls us friends*

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

*Hymn: Praise our Maker **700**

Sermon: **All you need is - LOVE!**

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: Happy the home when God is there **703**

*Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

"May the Road" by Bev Foster (Please be seated for the blessing)

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:

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 Mac MacKay. Our host for refreshments today is Olive Clark.

Each year we acknowledge our high school and University Graduates. If you know of anyone who will be graduating this year, please give their name, school and degree, if applicable, and future plans to Valerie: 455-1893. It would be helpful if we had this information by May 18th.

Next Newsletter: The next newsletter will be available on May 27th. The deadline is May 18th. Please send your contributions to Carol Dobson at cjdobsonpei@yahoo.ca

If there are those who have been considering joining the church or transferring to St. David's, you are encouraged to contact Kenn at your earliest convenience.

THIS WEEK - (May 13-20)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am. As part of Hunger Awareness Week, today we make our donations to the St. David's Food Bank at David's Place.

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! The present series is called "A Journey to my prophets"

10:00 am Circle of Prayer.

11:00 am Traditional service

Camp Geddie Clean Up Day, May 26, 9-1 with lunch included. We have a number of projects, large and small, including cleaning, painting, yard work, a few small carpentry jobs. Come and help us prepare for a busy season of welcoming school groups and summer campers.

Dinner and a Show. On **June 2**, at 6 PM, the Smith House Committee will be hosting this musical comedy revue, complete with a 3 course buffet meal. Cost is \$40. Money raised will support the continued ministry of the Smith House. Tickets may be reserved by Emailing director@campgeddie.ca or calling 922.2425 or 926.2632. **NOTE:** Camper and CIT registration forms are available online at www.campgeddie.ca.

The Mission and Outreach Committee have started their penny drive. Please search high and low for the lowly penny hiding in your house, pocket and/or purse. Where is that old piggy bank? Bring them all and see what a difference a penny can make!

The Coastal Chorus presents their debut concert on Mother's Day, Sunday May 13 at 2 P.M. at 2615 Northwood Terrace in Halifax.

Don't forget to give yourself extra time next week to get to church - the Bluenose Marathon is on May 20th!

Hosts for coffee time are needed for the last two Sundays in May and all of June. If you are able to help out with this ministry, please see the sign up sheet in the hall by the coffee pot. Thanks to all who so faithfully help out week by week.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Brenda Fong on the death of her husband Bill last Sunday. We offer our love and support to Brenda and Peter and the rest of the family. Sympathy is extended to Ken Porter on the death of his father.

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed in loving memory of Bella Jones by her daughters Wanda Gray, Karen Dauphinee, and Donna Wainright, her grandchildren Lisa Muise, Peter Dauphinee, and Leeanne Gray, and her great-grandchildren Noah Muise, Charlotte Dauphinee, and Brenna Eastman.

The St.Cecilia Concert Society presents its final concert of the season on Saturday, May 19, at Lilian Piercey Concert Hall, 7:30 p.m. AN EVENING WITH PIERROT will feature poetry and

music by Verlaine, Debussy, Fauré performed by Allison Angelo, soprano and Olga Primak, mime; Larry Bent, Narrator. Reserve tickets at 423-0143 (\$25/\$20/\$10) or <http://www.stcecilia.ca>

First Quarter Offerings 2012

	January	February	March
Giving Goal*	\$13,320	\$10,899	\$11,272
Actual given	\$12,940	\$7,966	\$7,492

Presbyterians Sharing 2012

January	February	March	Total to date
\$4,710	\$1,343	\$1,397	\$7,450

Offering envelopes are still available. Ask Mac Fyfe or Davida Mackay. To join the Pre-Authorized Remittance program, ask Mac Fyfe. The Finance Committee produces monthly financial statements. If you would like a copy, ask Mac Fyfe.

*The giving goal is the average of the offerings given in the month over the previous three years.

PASTORAL CARE



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

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



MISSION CAPSULES: Ministering in remote regions

Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Cariboo Presbyterian Church, which serves 87,000 square kilometres of central British Columbia. Rev. David Webber's passion for rural ministry led him to develop a house church model in this vast Cariboo region. Anne, a member of the house church in Punchaw, shares: "We always went to church, but when we came up here we were 90 km from town. Now we have our own church. It's meant a lot to us." Let us pray for the house churches in the Cariboo as they reach out to people in areas not served by conventional churches.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Christian Family Sunday*

Pray that families will respect the dignity, integrity and uniqueness of every family member – each one made in Christ's image

STEWARDSHIP O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Psalms 136:1 NRSV

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.

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:44-48 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

1 John 5:1-6 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And

his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

John 15:9-17 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

