



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers,
Halifax,

(by Memorial Library)

Minister: Rev. Kenn Stright

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 June 17, 2012, 11 a.m.

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

Our Vision:

A Worshiping-Sharing-Welcoming Community

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Prelude: Do Na Nobis Pacem by Enns

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship

*Hymn: Let Christian faith and hope dispel **368**

Prayer of Confession: *Holy God, you call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith. Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to place our trust in you, to live according to your direction. Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view. It's hard to live by faith. You call us to feel the mystery of life, to marvel at the power of your love. Yet it's not easy to accept your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith. Forgive us, holy maker of reality.*

Forgive us for playing god instead of accepting our humanity.

Assurance:

We Hear God's Word

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

First Reading: **1 Samuel 15:34- 16:13**

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 20 *The LORD answer you in the day of trouble! The name of the God of Jacob protect you! May he send you help from the sanctuary, and give you support from Zion. May he remember all your offerings, and regard with favour your burnt sacrifices. May he grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans. May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the LORD fulfill all your petitions. Now I know that the LORD will help his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand. Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the LORD our God. They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright. Give victory to the king, O LORD; answer us when we call.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: We have heard a joyful sound **681**

Conversation: A Riddle... know the answer?

"What is stronger than God, more evil than the devil, poor people have it, rich people don't need it, and if you eat it, you'll die?"

God Calls Us to Worship

From the letters: 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

Gospel: Mark 4: 26-34

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

*Hymn: Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine 687

Sermon: Walk by Faith, not by Sight

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: In the Heavenly Kingdom by William Harris

*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")

Gracious and loving Creator Spirit, we acknowledge your powerful, living presence among and within us. We are grateful for the gifts of the abundant land on which we are privileged to live, the running and still waters in which we can swim or paddle, and the ever-changing, varied majesty of the expansive skies under which we continue to wonder at the complexity and fragility of the creation that surrounds us. We are grateful for the many different nations among whom we can work and play, and from whom we can learn more about what it means to walk together in harmony, peace and real reconciliation.

Bestow upon us and upon all the peoples of this world, O Mighty One, a new hunger and thirst, a new willingness to become the "new creation," envisioned by those who have gone before us, of a renewed, redeemed and reconciled humanity who value the sacredness of life, each other's contributions, and the things that make for peace. We pray this prayer in the name of the Compassionate and Wounded Healer who has walked in our shoes, and who now walks beside us each and every day. Amen

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: My faith looks up to thee 677

*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: Scottish Folk Melody

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 is Anne Sommerville. Our scripture reader for this morning is Robbie Stewart. Our refreshment host today is Anne Sommerville.

THIS WEEK - (June 17-24)

Today	Please stay for refreshments
Friday	10:00 am – 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)
Saturday	9-11 am - Garden Party (see below)
Sunday	10:00 am Circle of Prayer. 11:00 am Morning worship

SATURDAY JUNE 23rd:

HELP PREPARE OUR GARDEN FOR SUMMER

Please join us in one of two ways (or both ways).

1. Come ready to weed, trim, plant, dig etc., from 9 to 11 am. Some tools will be available. Bring your own tools if you have them.
2. We can use bags of soil, annuals and other plants. These can be dropped off on the 23rd or at the church hall during the week between 9 am and 1 pm. If you bring your receipts, we can add the amount to your donation tax credit. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet available in the hall after the 11 am service.

Concert: Friday June 22 at 8 pm, vocalist and guitarist Grouper from Portland, Oregon will join with Halifax band Chanteuse and Halifax folk duo Broken Deer and Double Vision Quest for an evening of mellow music in the sanctuary. Tickets are \$12 at the door or \$10 in advance and may be purchased at Lost and Found on Agricola Street.

Total Offerings

Giving Goal for April: \$10,802

Amount given in April: \$11,808

This result looks very good, but the reason the second amount is so high is because there were five Sundays in April.

Thank you for your generosity.

Our giving goal for June is \$8,529.

Presbyterians Sharing

Giving goal for 2012: \$26,000

Given up to May 31st: \$12,104

Thank you for your generosity to Presbyterians Sharing.

1 Samuel 15:34- 16:13 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made

seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

2 Corinthians 5:6-9; 14-17 So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord -- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ...For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Mark 4:26-34 He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to

them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

PASTORAL CARE



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

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MISSION CAPSULES: CANADA YOUTH: Hands-on mission *Presbyterians Sharing* supports the Mission Track program of Canada Youth, which offers participants a chance to learn more about mission at our National Youth Conference, held every 3 years at Brock University in St. Catharines. Participants take part in a hands-on mission experience, are educated on how The Presbyterian Church in Canada does mission, and join together to form a small community united in serving and living out Christ's call to discipleship. This weeklong program is an excellent experience for the young people of our denomination who think they would like to become more involved in mission in the future.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Aboriginal Day Sunday*

Pray for openness and courage for our government, society and congregations to work towards healing broken relationships and restoring honour to Aboriginal people.

STEWARDSHIP Helping others is a healthy habit to develop, no matter what circumstances you may be going through. While your focus is on blessing other people, you'll find that God blesses you in a wide variety of ways. *Whitney Hopley, crosswalk.com, writer*

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. For the younger members of the congregation, **activity kits** are available from the welcoming elder, as there is no church school over the summer months.

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