



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers,
Halifax,

(by Memorial Library)

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WELCOME!

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



Service for the Lord's Day June 24, 2012, 11 a.m.

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

Our Vision:

A *Worshipping-Sharing-Welcoming Community*

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God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship

*Hymn: The storm is strong; we face the wind

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Prayer of Confession: *Lord God of all Creation we come to you from our storm-tossed lives to seek your peace; we come to you with our questions and uncertainties, our worries and anxieties, we come to you from our joy and our happiness each emotion a kaleidoscope of our feeling in life's changing patterns.*

We bless you for the love which has no dimension of length, breadth or height coming as it does from the perfection of your being. We come to you knowing that sometimes we have received your grace in vain. We have not relied on your word or wisdom, we have not shown any concern or compassion when we should have; we have not loved our neighbour as we love ourselves. We have remained silent when we should have spoken and spoken when we should have been silent.

We seize the moment to ask you from our discordant lives for yet another chance of hearing you say to us 'Your sins are forgiven'. May the mark of that forgiveness be your grace in us as we respond with grace and gratitude to your love.

Eternal God as we ask that you accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray that from the grace we have received what we say and what we do will enable those around us to glimpse the life of the your Son — the one who calmed the storm with words which still echo down the centuries, 'Peace be still'.

Amen

Assurance:

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: Job 38:1-11

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 *O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep. For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the*

sea. They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity; they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad because they had quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven. Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. Let them extol him in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Tell me the stories of Jesus 348

Conversation: Afloat in the boat – safety first

From the letters: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

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

*Hymn: Jesus call us 672

Sermon: **We are Perishing**

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: Will your anchor hold 744

*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 is Barb MacKeigan. Our scripture reader for this morning is Phyllis Morrison. Our refreshment hosts today are Val and Roderick MacDonald.

THIS WEEK - (June 24-July 1)

Today	Please stay for refreshments
Friday	10:00 am – 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)
Sunday	The sanctuary will be open beginning at 9 am to receive visitors and congregation. Refreshments available from 10 am until service time. Regular service at 11 but please remember Canada Day celebrations all around us and arrange to arrive early!

On July 8th after worship you are invited to an initial Design Session to explore the use of space in the sanctuary as the congregation proceeds with the Property Development proposal approved at the congregational meeting of June 10. Please come and contribute your feelings, concerns, ideas!"

Thank you to one and all who showed up for our "Garden Party" yesterday. So much can be accomplished when there are many hands to do the work!

The Mission and Outreach Committee have started their **penny drive**. Bring them all and see what a difference a penny can make!

St. Matthew's United Church, 12:15 – 1:00 pm Thursdays:

July 5: Ann Bradley - soprano; Shawn Whynot – organ/piano

July 12: Nicholas Higgs – baritone; Wayne Rogers, piano

July 19: Megan Jamieson – soprano; Lynette Wahlstrom, piano

July 26: Scottish Country Dancers

Job 38:1-11 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements--

surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? "Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?-- when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, "Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped?"

2 Corinthians 6:1-13 As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see--we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return--I speak as to children--open wide your hearts also.

Mark 4:35-41 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"



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PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for staff and volunteers who are training for leadership at our summer camps (Camp Geddie). May this be a time of preparation for a vibrant ministry with children and youth.

STEWARDSHIP To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own. *Anne Morrow Lindbergh, writer*

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. 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.**