



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers,
Halifax,

(by Memorial Library)

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Organist: Tristan Cleveland-
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WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day July 08, 2012, 11 a.m.

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

'Church' is God's gift – some assembly required

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: *Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:*

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.

*Hymn: All the way my saviour leads me

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Prayer of Adoration and 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. May we set our hope in Jesus Christ, who came so we might find life in all its fullness.*

Assurance:

We Hear God's Word



"Open our eyes" *(sung unannounced)*

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First Reading: *Jeremiah 29:11-14*

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.* 5 *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: The church is wherever God's people

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Conversation: What's the design?

From the letters: *Acts 2: 39-47*

Gospel: *Matthew 6: 25-34*

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

*Hymn: The Church's one Foundation **479**

Sermon: **GOD'S BLUEPRINTS**



We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Selection:

*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: He leadeth me **650**

*Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

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 Barbara MacKeigan. Our scripture reader for this morning is David Boys. Our refreshments are provided by the Property Development members and friends.

Today 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 stay and contribute!

Kenn is away from July 9 – 18. Rev. Brian Hornibrook will be covering and can be contacted through Val MacDonald.

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

Refreshment hosts are needed for July and August. If you would like to take part in this ministry, please see the signup sheet in the hall. Juice and cookies are the usual refreshments over the summer.

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

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

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

July 26: Scottish Country Dancers.

Jeremiah 29: 11 For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. **12** Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. **13** When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, **14** I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Acts 2: 39 For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." **40** And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." **41** So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. **42** They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. **43** Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. **44** All who believed were together and had all things in common; **45** they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. **46** Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, **47** praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Matthew 6: 25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? **26** Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **27** And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? **28** And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, **29** yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. **30** But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? **31** Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' **32** For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. **33** But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **34** "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

From Stewart Folster and the folks at the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry: "We had a pretty good weekend at the event and we learned a lot about the history of the Residential schools and the generational effects of the families of the survivors to the present day. I sang a drum song that my brother wrote and I led one of the sharing circles and I attended the sharing circle for the Presbyterian student survivors and dignitaries of the Presbyterian Church. We have a lot of work to do in the area of healing and reconciliation. But thanks to folks like yourself and your congregation it all looks quite hopeful. Thanks again for supporting us. Have a great holiday summer."



PASTORAL CARE



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

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Valerie Macdonald	home: 455-1893



MISSION CAPSULES: YOUTH IN MISSION – Seeking peace in the Holy Land Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help to connect Presbyterian youth with members of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim communities in the Holy Land through the Sabeel youth conference. Recent trip leader Katharine Masterton writes, "I was reminded of Psalm 122: 6-9. There are men and women in the Holy Land who express this Psalm in their words and with their actions every day". Your gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* provide young Presbyterians with a humbling and hope-giving opportunity to witness the steadfast faith and gracious love of neighbour expressed by those seeking peace in the Holy Land.

PRAYER Pray that our church will work with love and compassion to end the pain of social exclusion.

STEWARDSHIP Jesus is where we meet God's generosity.
Mark Vincent, A Christian View of Money

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.



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.**