



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 August 19, 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: *Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good; And his love endures forever. Let us worship God.*

*Hymn: Christ for the world we sing

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession: *Our God, You read our thoughts and know our hearts. Forgive us our shortcomings and for not spreading your love. Break our resistance to hear and do your will. Refocus our passions to care for your world. Empower us to reach out to the lonely and the pain-filled. Too often we have answered the calls of fame, fortune, security and pleasure, while the call to love you and our neighbour is ignored. Our hearts are unclean. Cleanse us as only you can, through Jesus Christ, Amen.*

Assurance:

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: *Isaiah 6: 1-8* **1** In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. **2** Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. **3** And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." **4** The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. **5** And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" **6** Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. **7** The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." **8** Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom

shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

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: Jesus bids us shine

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Conversation: God sends you and me

From the letters: **1 Peter 4:7-11**

7 The end of all things is near; therefore be serious and discipline yourselves for the sake of your prayers. 8 Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Be hospitable to one another without complaining. 10 Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 11 Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: **Matthew 28: 16-20**

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make

disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

*Hymn: Lord speak to me

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Sermon: **Mission is we beat!**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical Selection:

*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

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Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

"Lord, listen to your children praying" (sung unannounced)

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Prayers of the People: The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors") **O Good and Holy God, we come here this day, after a week filled with so many things. We were blessed in ways we never expected. We stumbled over old sins. At times we felt good about our work. At other times we were not so sure we did well. There were times when we were caught up in the routine of life, while at other times we were caught by its wonder. For some of us, O Lord, there is joy in the celebration of life just as it is. For others there is only hope for a better tomorrow. There are times when we feel we are walking step by step with you. But there are also times when we go our own way without thinking about you or your will. O God, we come to you, just as we are, full of life as we live it and filled with the needs that these days have created in us. We bring these needs to your gracious care, to have them healed, restored and redeemed by your presence and power. O Gracious God, we also come to you because you care about this world which we live in. Sometimes it seems like such a beautiful world while at other times it's so tragic, filled with pain, suffering and injustice. In faith, humility and hope, help us to love this world as you love it, and deepen our calling to serve this world and its needs. Today, O**

God, we especially pray for the mission of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, as it reaches around the world. We ask you to bless and use those you have called to be missionaries and partners. Make them fruitful evangelists in taking your Gospel to the hearts of the people. Use the resources we provide through Presbyterian Sharing and Presbyterian World Service and Development. May we be faithful in mission as John and Sarah Morton were many years ago. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. (we continue in prayer)

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: We've a story to tell **765**

*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 Anne Sommerville. Our scripture reader for this morning is Shelley MacDonald-Parsons.

Kenn is on holiday from August 20-30. Please phone Val in case of emergency.

The Mission and Outreach Committee continue 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:

Aug. 23 – **Marcel d'Entremont**, tenor; **Jennifer King**, piano

Aug. 30 – **Helen Tucker**, organ

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.

PASTORAL CARE



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

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MISSION CAPSULES: CANADA: Feeding body and spirit Livingstone Church has been serving Montreal's Park Extension community for over 100 years. Our gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help this church to serve a diverse congregation and welcome people from various nationalities, cultures and backgrounds. At a weekly lunch program, church members join guests for lunch and conversation. Stories and prayers are shared, and connections are made as people get to know one another. Guests receive spiritual and emotional support, which is often more urgent than the need for physical food. Let us pray for Livingstone as it reaches out to its community with the love of Christ.

PRAYER Pray for all Canadian Forces members who are retiring – may they find fulfillment in their pursuits outside of the military life.

STEWARDSHIP August 19, 2012

There is no happiness in having or in getting, but only in giving.
Henry Drummond, poet

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.**