



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax,
N.S. (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 September 09, 2012
15th Sunday after Pentecost

**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: Honour the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine."

*Hymn: In Loving Partnership

759

Prayer of Adoration and confession

Assurance of Pardon:



We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (*sung unannounced*)

445

First Reading: **Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 125 *'Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever.*

²As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore.

³For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong.

⁴Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts. *⁵But those who turn aside to their own crooked ways the LORD will lead away with evildoers. Peace be upon Israel!*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Jesus bids us shine

773

Conversation: Is There Room on the Feather Bed? *L.B. Gray*

From the letters: **James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17**

Gospel: **Mark 7:24-37**

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn: I the Lord of sea and sky

592

Sermon: LIVING THE EVERYDAY

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 (inside back cover of the Book of Praise)

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: I'm gonna live **648**

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 Greeter this morning is Marie Wamboldt. Our scripture reader for this morning is Susan Lappin. Our refreshment host is Kathy Large.

The Session is called to meet on Wednesday, September 19 at 7 pm. Would any elders present this morning meet with Kenn for just a brief conversation at the end of worship this morning.

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. Registration deadline is extended but hurry! Registration forms available from Kenn or from the Spring newsletter. Volunteers will be needed for the event – please talk with Kenn.

Sunday School begins on October 7 – World Communion Sunday.

Deadline for newsletter: Sept. 21. Please submit any contributions to Carol Dobson at cjdobsonpei@yahoo.ca

9 a.m. **Early Morning Service** resumes on September 23rd.

Mission and Outreach will be **meeting** on **Sunday Sept 9th at 12:30.**

Acadia Divinity College's Metro extension program has several courses this fall. To register, call Acadia Divinity College at 1-866-875-8975. For more information, contact the director of ADC in Metro at leslie.mccurdy@acadiu.ca.

The 6th Wave Metro New Horizons Beginner Band program for Seniors will be starting on Monday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Long & McQuade music store on Main Street in Dartmouth. For more information please contact Paul Barrett at barp@eastlink.ca or call 902-986-1785.

Regal Road Baptist Church is holding an Alpha Course, Sunday night Sept 16 for 7 weeks. We begin at 6pm and close at 8.

Total Offerings	July	August
Giving Goals	\$8,381	\$8,732
Amount Given	\$7,260	\$5,834

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 ¹A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. ²The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all. ⁸Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. ⁹Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. ²²Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; ²³for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

James 2:1-10 (11-13) 14-17 ¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be

heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Gospel Mark 7:24-37 ²⁴From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go — the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his

speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

PASTORAL CARE



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

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MISSION CAPSULES: CANADA: Shepherding in

Manitoba Elders at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Thompson, Manitoba are called 'shepherding elders'. They are very active in the church, and spend a lot of time visiting and praying for the families under their spiritual care. They develop deep connections and build relationships so that everyone feels part of the larger church family. Their ministry helps the church to care for people in the congregation who may not make it to church regularly. Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help St. Andrew's to strengthen relationships and build a friendly and supportive faith community in Thompson.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for session and church leaders preparing for the fall season. May they be strengthened and encouraged for doing ministry in their communities.

STEWARDSHIP The righteous give and do not hold back.

Proverbs 21.26b

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.

The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.