



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 23, 2012

17th 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:

*Hymn: Will you come and follow me

Prayer of Adoration and confession

Assurance of Pardon:



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We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (*sung unannounced*)

First Reading: **Proverbs 31:10-31**

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

445

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 1** *Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; but their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper. The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous; for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.* **Gloria Patri** (*sung*)

*Hymn: Lead me Jesus

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Conversation: *Follow the leader!*

From the letters: **James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a**

Gospel: **Mark 9:30-37**

One: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn: All the way my Saviour leads me

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Sermon: **Servant leadership**

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 (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: 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 Greeters this morning are the Lappin family. Our scripture reader for this morning is Barry Cahill. Our refreshment hosts are Nicole and Jamie Campbell

THIS WEEK - (September 23-30)

Today Please stay and share refreshments
Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes
Wednesday 7 pm The Session is called to meet
Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice
Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)
Friday to Sunday **The Synod-sponsored John Bell lectures begin tonight at 7 pm.**
Sunday 9:00 am Early service with communion:
This ½ hour service consists of meditation, music and message.
Please join us! The Season of Creation is Celebrated
10:00 am Circle of Prayer.
11:00 am Special service with John Bell
leading the Musical presentation

Sunday School begins on October 7 – World Communion Sunday.

The Host of the mayoral event "**Values and Vision: Behind Policies and Beyond Platitudes**" will be Stephanie Domet of CBC Radio's Main Street on October 1, from 7:00 to 9:00 at St. Andrew's United Hall

Proverbs 31:10-31 A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full

of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Mark 9:30-37 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

PASTORAL CARE



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

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MISSION CAPSULES: TAIWAN: Translating the Bible

The Rev. Dr. Paul McLean has worked with a translation team over the past 26 years to translate the Bible into the Hakka language. Now that the Hakka Bible is complete, Paul is helping promote it in Hakka churches. He has also begun work as a consultant on three indigenous translation projects. He is helping teams complete the Old Testament in the Drekey, Paiwan and Bunun languages so that these native people in Taiwan will be able to read the whole Bible in their own languages. Presbyterians Sharing supports Paul as he works to enable various people groups in Taiwan to read, proclaim, teach and apply God's Word in the language of their hearts.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for those affected by food shortages in the Sahel region of Africa where Presbyterian World Service & Development and Canadian Foodgrains Bank are providing emergency relief.

STEWARDSHIP Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries. Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found trustworthy.

1 Corinthians 4:1-2

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is a breastfeeding friendly facility.



! Breastfeed.

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.