



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 30, 2012

18th Sunday after Pentecost

Presbyterian's Sharing Sunday John Bell lectures

**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



Teaching of new hymns with John Bell

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship:

Adoration: (Together) **O God, whom no image can encompass, no definition encircle, and yet who meets us in the gentle touch of love, the beauty of a butterfly's wing, and the laughter of children, help us to move beyond our attempts to limit You, intellectualize You, or to eliminate You from all that is earthly, sensuous, or vibrant, so that we may simply express our love for you, glorify you and enjoy you forever. Amen.**

*Hymn: God's is a world of Beauty (*to the tune of _____*)

Prayer of confession and assurance of Pardon:

We Hear God's Word

"Listen to the Word" (to be taught)

Listen to the word which God has spoken,
Listen to the One who is close at hand,
Listen to the voice which began creation,
Listen even if you don't understand.

First Reading: **Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22**

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: To the tune of Old 124th (#85 in the Book of Praise)

From the letters: **James 5:13-20**

Gospel: **Mark 9:38-50**

One: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn: The Family (*to be taught*)

Sermon: **Draw wide the Circle**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Gift of Life by Jonathan Willcocks

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

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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 - Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We are the body of Christ. The hand clapping, toe tapping, heart pumping, mouth tasting, arms embracing, Justice seeking, hymn singing, love making, bread breaking, risk taking **Body of Christ!** Baptized in one Spirit, we are members of one body. **Many and varied in gender, colour, sexuality, age, class, and ability**, we are members of Christ's body. **None of us can say to another, "I have no need of you."** For only together can we find wholeness. None of us can say to another, "I will not care for you." **For we are connected like muscle and bone. If one suffers, we all suffer. If one rejoices, we all rejoice!** Thanks be to God who, in Christ, has made us. (*Rev. Ann B. Day – adapted*) (continue in prayer)

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Blessing and Honour (to be taught)

Benediction

*Choral Amen:

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

We welcome all who are worshipping here today! What a joy it is for us at the Presbyterian Church of Saint David to welcome back John Bell and welcome all who are here for the lecture series or simply to join in praise this morning. If you are here for the first time, please sign the Guest Book at the main entrance. Our Greeters this morning are Elizabeth and Abigail Molyneaux. Our scripture reader for this morning is Cara Lappin.

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. Please make an effort to attend!

For sale: a beautiful little book, "**Geddie, Beautiful Geddie**" filled with word and photo that tell some of the story that is this

camp. Cost is \$20. E-mail the director@campgeddie.ca to purchase a copy.

THIS WEEK – September 30 – October 7

Today Instead of refreshments following the service, a Fish chowder luncheon is available for a cost of \$10.00 to any who wish to stay.

The final lecture for the John Bell lecture series takes place this afternoon in the hall. Any who wish to take in this final lecture can do so for a cost of \$20.00.

Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-10:30 am Fitness Classes

2:00 pm Worship and Church Life

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)

Sunday October 7th 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 Thanksgiving Sunday celebration with communion (Worlds Communion Sunday

11:15 am Sunday School registration and preparation for celebrating communion.

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Resurgence / Rise Up Weekend with Bishop Dennis Drainville, Anglican Bishop of Quebec at the invitation of Occupy NS 7:00 pm Bishop Dennis speaks at an interfaith service at St. Andrew's United Church.

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favour, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me - that is my petition - and the lives of my people -- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

James 5:13-20 James 5:13-20 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three

years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Mark 9:38-50 John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."



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MISSION CAPSULES: Presbyterians Sharing: Making mission and ministry happen *Presbyterians Sharing* is the national fund that supports the mission and ministries we do together, in Canada and around the world. Together we are helping develop innovative ministries for children and youth. We are equipping leaders – lay and clergy – to do effective ministry. We support new church developments and help struggling congregations renew and grow their ministries. We speak out for the voiceless and support healing and reconciliation ministries. We send mission staff to share the good news of the gospel in countries around the world. Together we are making mission and ministry happen!

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Presbyterians Sharing Sunday*

Pray for the many missions and ministries in Canada and around the world that we support together through gifts to Presbyterians Sharing. We are making a difference!

STEWARDSHIP It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live. *Ethel Percy Andrus, teacher*

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.