



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 October 14, 2012
20th 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: An Erin Lilt by Purvis

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship:

*Hymn: O God, whose fires lit the sky

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Prayer of Adoration and confession

Assurance of Pardon: Scripture teaches: There is no one who has
left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or
fields, for Jesus' sake, who will not receive a hundredfold now in
this age, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.



We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 22:1-15** *My God, my God, why have you
forsaken me? Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my
groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and
by night, but find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of
Israel. In you our ancestors trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To
you they cried, and were saved; in you they trusted, and were
not put to shame. But I am a worm, and not human; scorned by others,
and despised by the people. All who see me mock at me; they make
mouths at me, they shake their heads; "Commit your cause
to the LORD; let him deliver-- let him rescue the one in
whom he delights!" Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you
kept me safe on my mother's breast. On you I was cast from my
birth, and since my mother bore me you have been my God.
Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no
one to help. Many bulls encircle me, strong bulls of Bashan surround me;
they open wide their mouths at me, like a ravening and roaring lion. I am
poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my
heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast; my mouth is
dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue sticks to my jaws; you lay me in the
dust of death.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Follow me the Master said

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Conversation:

From the letters: **Hebrews 4:12**
Gospel: **Mark 10:17-31**
One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ**
Hymn: Will you come and follow me **634**
Sermon: **For love of...**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Anthem: God be in my Head by J Willcocks
*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: Lord of all power **626**
Benediction
*Choral Amen:
Postlude: March by Purvis

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

October 16 is World Food Day, a day designated to raise public awareness of world food production and the struggle to overcome hunger, malnutrition and poverty. A march and rally will be held Wednesday, October 17 to note **The International Day To Eradicate Poverty**. Rally starts at 12 noon at Victoria Park followed by a march to Saint Matthews at 1pm. All Welcome.

The Halifax Chapter of the Women's Interchurch Council of Canada will be holding their Annual Fall Rally and Ingathering of the Least Coin Service at 7:00pm on Monday, October 22, 2012 at Calvin Presbyterian Church, the guest speaker for this service will be Sister Pat Wilson, Community Chaplain of the Halifax Community Chaplaincy. A reception will follow the service.

The third staff member is the Synod Hospital Visitor, Mr. Lindsay Rankin, who serves a chaplaincy function in the Halifax hospitals on a part-time basis.

The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces meets regularly once a year, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of October. Its business is usually complete by noon on the Wednesday of that week. This year the meeting will be hosted by the Presbytery of Newfoundland from Monday, October 15, 2012 to Wednesday, Oct. 17.

L: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God,

You sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to walk with us.

He promised that we would never be alone.

Hear us as we pray that your presence will be with your faithful servants who will be meeting at the Atlantic Synod.

May your presence guide them in all that they do and may your Spirit give them wisdom and understanding, vision and knowledge.

Grant them compassion, courage, and the desire to unite in love and peace.

Teach them, and all of us, Lord, to be faithful stewards of your kingdom here on earth.

May they follow your will so that your people may be uplifted and confirmed in their faith;

**And may your love be declared to all the world,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Submitted by the Synod Mission Committee, October 2012.

Google "Atlantic Synod Bits and Bites" and keep up with us on our Facebook page!

THIS WEEK - (October 14 – October 21)

Sunday 11:00 am Traditional service. Sunday School at 11:15. This is food bank Sunday! M&O Committee at 12:30 –

New members always welcome!

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

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice

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

Sunday 9:00 am Early service with communion:

10:00 am Circle of Prayer

11:00 am Traditional Service

All services next week will be conducted by the Rev. Michael Koslowski of Calvin Presbyterian who is exchanging with Kenn.

Concert in Support for the Sisters of Saint Martha Street Ministry featuring Martha's on a Mission with St. FX Alumni Halifax Chapter and the Shining Lights Choir with special guests at St. Patrick's Church on Brunswick Street, Saturday Oct. 20th at 7 pm

Annual Christmas Tea and Sale

First Baptist on Nov. 3 from 2-4:30

St. Andrew's Presbyterian on Nov. 3 from 2-4

The Helen M. Watson Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Saint David Applications for financial assistance from the Helen M. Watson Fund will be received prior to October 31, 2012. The Helen M. Watson Fund of The Presbyterian Church of Saint David produces income to be used "exclusively for local missionary work in Nova Scotia". If you have any questions, please contact either Mac Mackay- (902) 422-5481 or David Craig- (902) 477-8751 or Stephanie Nickerson (902) 425-8981. Application Form and Guidelines Document, may be obtained from the Church Office (902) 423-1944, or by E-Mail: stdavids.office@ns.sympatico.ca after October 1, 2010

A Reading from the Book of Job, chapter 23:1-9; 16-17 Then Job answered: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. O that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him,

and fill my mouth with arguments. I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me.

There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted for ever by my judge. 'If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews, chapter 4 beginning at verse 12 Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

A reading from the Gospel of Mark, chapter 10 beginning at Verse 17- 31 As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." ' He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who

have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age - houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with Persecutions - and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

The Synod

The Synod is the second highest court in our Presbyterian Church in Canada court system. It is comprised of all ministers, members of the Order of Diaconal Ministries and representative elders on the roll of the presbyteries within its area. It oversees the Presbyteries, ensuring that business is conducted properly, and providing support and advice as needed.

We belong to the Synod of the Atlantic Provinces, which consists of the Presbyteries of New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland, Halifax-Lunenburg, Pictou and Cape Breton.



Our Synod owns and operates a camp, named Camp Geddie, located Merigomish, NS. This provides wonderful opportunities for our children and young people to come know Christ in a safe and caring place. The Synod employs two people full-time and one person part-time. The Camping and Youth Consultant, Audrey Cameron, is the Executive Director of Camp Geddie, and she organizes events for our young people. The Mission and Education Consultant, Rev. Ruth Houtby, conducts and



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facilitates workshops and is available to assist congregations, particularly those in transition in these changing times.

PASTORAL CARE

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

Kenn Stright office: 423-2660 home: 477-2870

Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893

MISSION CAPSULES: CHAPLAINCY: Growing together

Mission on a university campus can sprout up in new and varied ways each year. Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support the University of Toronto's Ecumenical Chaplaincy. The chaplaincy runs an Ecology and Spirituality Group which, among other things, is exploring the link between faith and the environment through gardening. The group's vegetable garden has become a medium for deepening interfaith relationships, creation-centred spirituality, learning about food security and community service. The experience of gardening can be awe-inspiring for some students who have never before put seeds into the earth, tended plants or felt the joy of harvest.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray that elected members of all levels of government will take steps to reduce poverty so that all people can live with dignity.

STEWARDSHIP Trying to consume our way to prosperity, we have been exhausting ourselves. *Marilyn Ferguson, author*

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.

The 3 R's at Saint David's - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. **This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.**

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 Johannah Roberts. Our scripture reader for this morning is Sophie Nickel. Our refreshment host is Marie Wamboldt.