

# Reformation Sunday



## 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 28, 2012

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## REFORMATION SUNDAY

*\*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: Michelle Hartley will be the guest organist this morning

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: Sing aloud with gladness: **God is gathering the people!** From the farthest parts of the earth we come: **All who struggle; all who labour with new life!** Those who are weeping, God will console; **Those who get lost find a clear path home.** Let us worship the God who gathers us!

\*Hymn: A Mighty Fortress

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Prayer of Adoration and confession: When we want to be a church ever-reforming, yet cling to comfortable ways: **Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!** When we want to honour your "still speaking voice", but are fearful of insights which challenge old assumptions: **Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!** When we want to live into Jesus' dream of oneness, but fail to listen to voices of difference: **Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on us!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Take heart, get up; Jesus is calling to us! We trust in the one who has guided the church for two millennia. Through Christ, God forgives us our failings, and continues to call us into a community of mutual love and forgiveness.

### We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm (46) *God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth*

should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; *though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.* **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.** *God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.* **The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.** *The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.* **8 Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.** *He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.* **"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."** *The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

\*Hymn: I am the church **475**  
 Conversation with our younger folk: Grow something new  
 Letters: Romans 3: 19-28  
 Gospel: John 8: 31-36  
*One: The Gospel of the Lord.* **All: Praise to you, O Christ**  
 \*Hymn: I am not ashamed to own my Lord **393**  
 Sermon: **Ready for a New Reformation**

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
 Anthem: Prayer of St Francis by Togni  
 \*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 sing the almighty power of God **333**  
 \*Benediction  
 \*Choral Amen:  
 Postlude:

**Worship is now ended let our service begin!**

### **THIS WEEK - (October 28 – November 04)**

**Sunday** 11:00 am Traditional service. Sunday School at 11:15.  
**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

### **PLEASE NOTE!**

**The Canadian Chamber Choir** will be joining us on Nov. 4. The service will begin at 10:30 to facilitate the Chamber Choir.  
**Services on November 11<sup>th</sup>** will be at 9 am and then from 10 am until 10:45 after which those who wish to participate at the ceremonies on the Grand Parade may do so.

### **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

**Christmas Families:** For over 20 years we have taken the names of several families and made sure they have a full Christmas by providing them with gifts, dinner and foodstuffs to help get them through the following week. This is a time of fellowship and good will, and the families we help really appreciate all we do for them. If we are going to undertake this project this year, we need a co-

ordinator. I have done it for 5 years and feel it is time for some new ideas. We have files with the information, contact and timelines. Several people have made suggestions of how we might streamline the project this year. If you would be willing to take this on there would be several folks interested in helping. Please contact Val for further information.

On November 4, at 7:15 pm Calvin Presbyterian Church on Ashburn Ave, Halifax will celebrate its 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with an evening Presentation of Praise, a gospel music service.

*The King's College Chapel Choir, under the direction of Paul Halley, will perform its third annual For All The Saints concert on Sunday, 4 November 2012, 4.00 PM, at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax.*

**Halifax Camerata Singers** present *We Remember* Sun., Nov. 11 at 7:30 pm, St. Patrick's Church, 2267 Brunswick St. Special Celtic Airs Concert! The Bedford United Church on the Bedford Highway is hosting a special Celtic Airs concert on Friday evening, November 2, at 7:30 p.m.

The Christmas Chowder Luncheon takes place on **Saturday, December 1 from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Price will be \$10 for chowder tea and sweets, \$5.00 for tea and sweets only.**

A list of the Convenors for you to contact, will be in the bulletin next week so please take this week and consider what you would like to contribute to this major Fall fundraiser. Convenors will organize set-up and clean up, tea, servers, table sweets, chowder, bake table, gift table, silent auction, security, publicity, tickets, and decorating. Everyone is welcome to work, contribute or simply attend. The bake table welcomes baked goods, jams and jellies, preserves, candy, meat pies, soups etc. Please keep this in mind when you are planning you fall cooking. The gift table requires new personal and household items. Gift certificates, artwork, dishes, other items of a unique nature would be suitable for the silent auction. We know we can all pull together to achieve the success we have always enjoyed!!

**Jeremiah 31:** 31The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. **32** It will not be like the covenant that I made with their

ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. **33** But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **34** No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**Romans 3:19** Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. **20** For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. **21** But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, **22** the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, **23** since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; **24** they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, **25** whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; **26** it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. **27** Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. **28** For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

**John 8:** 31Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; **32** and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." **33** They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free?" **34** Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. **35** The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. **36** So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

## PASTORAL CARE

*Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact*

*one of the following:*

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

Valerie Macdonald

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scripture reader for this morning is Valerie MacDonald. Murray Alary is our refreshment host for today.

**MISSION CAPSULES: CANADA:** Opening doors for employment Located in a community with high levels of poverty, addiction and violence in Montreal, Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre offers a place of refuge and safety. Its academic, recreation and leadership programs help people address the root causes of these problems. When Shalina and Mubarak's family restaurant closed down, Shalina turned to Tyndale St-Georges. She completed the Pre-Employability Program, where she learned French and gained job search, computer and life skills. Now, Shalina and Mubarak run a brand new corner store. They plan to give back to the community by hosting interns from Tyndale's employment program. Through gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* Tyndale St-Georges is helping people to turn their lives around.

### PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Reformation Sunday*

Pray that the church will always be reforming into the image of Jesus.

**STEWARDSHIP** A theology of money, a theology of what we possess, begins with the principle that what we have, we have been given. The source of these gifts is a God who loves us and wants the best for us. *John H. MacNaughton, More Blessed to Give*

**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.



! Breastfeed.

**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