



*The Presbyterian  
Church of  
Saint David*

544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax,  
N.S. (by Memorial Library)  
Minister: Rev. Kenn Stright  
Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson  
Clerk of Session: Murray Alary

Epiphany

## WELCOME!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning!  
Service for the Lord's Day January 06, 2013  
The Day of Epiphany

*\*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: O Come, let us worship the Lord, and consider what wondrous things God has done: **The magi who study the heavens follow a guiding star!** O Come, let us worship the Lord, and consider what wondrous things God has done: **The exiles who dwell in the shadows see a glorious light!** O Come, let us worship the Lord, and consider what wondrous things God has done: **The Christ who embodies the Word unveils the hidden plan,** making all people joint heirs of the promise of salvation through the gospel! **O Come, let us worship the Lord, for God has done wondrous things!**

\*Hymn: The people that in darkness 171

Prayer of Confession: God of compassion, you offer light to live by, and yet too often we live in darkness. You promise new life but we confess that we are in love with our old ways; with hurts that we nourish, hatreds that hold us hostage, and fantasies that restrict our living. You offer to us unconditional love, but we reject our neighbors and live apart from you and one another in so many ways. Recreate us in the image of your son and for your glory's sake forgive us; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen*

### We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced) 445

First Reading: **Isaiah 60: 1-6**

One: *The Word of the Lord.* **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm 72:1-7 *Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. **May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.***

Gloria Patri (*sung*)  
 \*Hymn: What star is this? **170**  
 Conversation with the children: *Seeking the Saviour*  
 From the letters: **Ephesians 3: 1-12**  
 Gospel: **Matthew 2: 1-12**  
*One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ*  
 \*Hymn: The Spirit breathes upon the word **506**  
 Sermon: **Divine Light Reflected**

**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: As with gladness men of old **172**  
 \*Benediction:  
 \*Choral Amen:  
 Postlude:

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

We welcome **Lindsay Rankin** on this first Sunday of the New Year and ask God's blessing on his continued ministry as Hospital visitor for the Synod

A heart-felt '**thank-you**' to one and all for prayers, gifts, best wishes and outpouring of love this Christmas Season (from Kenn and family!)

2013 parking permits and parking permit updates will be available before and after the 11 am service

<b>THIS WEEK - (January 6 - 13)</b>	
<b>Today</b>	9:00 am Early service cancelled until Jan. 13
	10:00 am Circle of Prayer cancelled today only
	11:00 am Traditional service.
Tuesday&Thursday	9:30 am Exercise class
Tuesday	2:00 pm Worship and Church Life Committee
Wednesday	7:00pm Session
Thursday	7:30pm Choir Practice
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 am - 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am Early service
	11:00 am Traditional service with the Sacrament of Baptism and the Covenanting for the year 2013.

Lorna MacDonald (soprano) & Lynette Wahlstrom (pianist) on Sunday, Jan. 13th, will perform at St. Matthew's United Church – 2:30 pm

St. John's United Church, Halifax, is hosting its monthly Taize Prayer this evening at 7 p.m.

**Isaiah 60:1-6** Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

**Ephesians 3:1-12** This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

**Matthew 2:1-12** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



## PASTORAL CARE

*Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact  
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**MISSION MOMENTS:** Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Michelle Verwey, a registered nurse working at the MIBE Graduate School for Nurses in Indore, India. Michelle teaches community health nursing, supervises and guides students during their clinical postings, and is helping to create the school's first student handbook. She is also helping to upgrade the school's library, which has been without a librarian for over a decade. Michelle shares, "Teaching at the Graduate School for Nurses gives me the gift of teaching nurses who are furthering their education so they can be nurse teachers, principals, nursing superintendents, and community health nurses. These nurses are India's future nurse leaders."

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Pray for this congregation and all mission and ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

**STEWARDSHIP** On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

**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 Davida Mackay. Our scripture reader for this morning is Mac Fyfe. .