



*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

WELCOME!

We are so glad you have chosen to
worship with us this morning!

Service for the Lord's Day January 13, 2013

The Second Sunday after the 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: Les Voix by Couperin

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship:

*Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

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Prayer of Confession: *O God, you are slow to anger and swift to have mercy; **Forgive us when we treat time as a commodity or an enemy, when we abuse your gift of time. In our fastness and our slowness, help us to keep pace with you. Free us to live in your time, a new time, in which there is a time for everything under heaven, and slow is not too slow, and fast is not too fast. Transform us into people who see time as a gift and a friend, who live as if we have time. We know that your time will never cease. Through Jesus we pray, Amen.***

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: **Isaiah 43: 1-7**

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 29** *Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.*

Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name; worship the LORD in holy splendor. The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon. He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to

his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Gloria Patri (*sung*)

Congregational Covenanting for 2013 (*see insert*)

*Hymn: Child of blessing, child of promise **521**

Sacrament of Baptism

(*Young people leave for Sunday School*)

From the letters: **Acts 8:14-17**

Gospel: **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ

*Hymn: Christ when for us you were baptized **183**

Sermon: **Remember your baptism (and give thanks!)**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: For the Beauty of the Earth by Jonathan 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" (*unannounced*) **449**

Prayers of the People

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

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Guide me O thou great Redeemer **651**

*Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

Postlude: Spheres by Gjeilo

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

The Worship and Church Life committee is looking purchasing an electric keyboard for the hall and life of the church. If anyone has a keyboard that is not in use and would consider donating it to the church if they would contact stdavids.music@bellaliant.com it would be greatly appreciated.

We welcome into Christ's church by baptism **Spencer William Douglas Liot.**

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

The volunteers of **David's Place** are serving a ham dinner on Friday morning, the 25th of January. If you would like to help out by contributing a scalloped potato casserole for 12 people, it would be very much appreciated. Please notify Rev. Stright if you are able to help.

THIS WEEK - (January 13-20)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Covenanting service with the Sacrament of Baptism. Sunday School at 11:15
Tues&Thurs	9:30	Exercise class
Thursday	7:30	Choir practice
Friday	10:00 am -	1:00 pm David's Place (Hall)
Sunday	9:00 am	Early communion service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service- Sunday School

The **sympathy** of the congregation goes out to Davida (Mac) Mackay on the death of her father on Tuesday. Our prayers are with them and the family as they celebrate his life.

The 7th Wave Metro **New Horizons Beginner Band** program for Seniors will be starting on Jan. 21 at 7:00 p.m. at

the Long & McQuade music store on Main Street in Dartmouth, anyone 50 years of age or older is eligible for participation in this program - call 986-1785.

Friday, Feb 1, 8:00 PM at St. Matthew's United Church, Halifax. Camerata Xara Young Women's Choir will present a collection of three new works with women's choir, piano, and cello.

Isaiah 43:1-7 But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

Acts 8:14-17 Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

CALLED TO COVENANT

Brothers and sisters, our lives have purpose. **We are called to be like Christ and serve God.** God chooses us and loves us. **God calls us by name and we belong to God.** God will bring to completion the good work of grace started in us, **And we will find joy, peace, and restoration in God's loving plan.**

What the scriptures teach: "And as for me, this is my covenant with them, says the Lord: my spirit that is upon you, and my words that I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, or out of the mouths of your children, or out of the mouths of your children's children, says the Lord, from now on and forever." (Is. 59:21)

What we believe: (Together) God has come to us. The Lord spoke to the people of Israel and entered into covenant with them. From Israel came Jesus Christ, the Son of God, bringing salvation through a new covenant

entered by faith. The Lord continues to come to us by the Holy Spirit, God present in the world, and Guide to the church, the new Israel. (Living Faith 1.2)

Our Covenant of Faith

As we covenant together as a congregation in Christ, we affirm our faith and renew our commitment. Let us stand as able.

Do you believe in God? **I believe in God, the creator of heaven and earth.** Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ, the only one begotten of God before all worlds. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in God, the Holy Spirit. Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and community, in the breaking of bread, and in prayer? **I will, with God's help.**

One: Let us pray. **In this and all we do, keep us faithful to our covenant with our Saviour Jesus Christ, forever and ever. Amen.**

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 21-25, *Services - 12:15-12:45 p.m.*

Monday, January 21, 12:15pm

Location/Host: St. Matthew's United Church/ Rev. Betsy Hogan

Preacher: Rev. Linda Yates (St. John's United Church)

Tuesday, January 22, 12:15pm

Location/Host: Presbyterian Church of St. David/Rev. Kenn Stright

Preacher: Rev. Paul Friesen (St. Paul's Anglican Church)

Wednesday, January 23, 12:15pm

Location/Host: Cathedral Church of All Saints/Very Rev. Paul Smith

Preacher: Rev. Kimberlynn McNabb (Resurrection Lutheran Church)

Thursday, January 24, 12:15pm

Location/Host: St. Paul's Anglican Church/Rev. Paul Friesen

Preacher: Rev. Kenn Stright (Presbyterian Church of St. David)

Friday, January 25, 12:15pm

Location/Host: First Baptist Church Halifax/ Rev. John E. Boyd

Preacher: Rev. Betsy Hogan (St. Matthew's United Church)

PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION MOMENTS: Working For Girls in

Afghanistan Girls in Afghanistan dream of becoming doctors, teachers and engineers, but despite having big aspirations for the future, many will never see the inside of a classroom. Presbyterian World Service & Development is working with local partners to overcome barriers to girls' education and get girls into schools. By providing school supplies, training teachers and working with community members, local leaders and religious leaders to raise awareness about gender, child rights and the importance of girls' education, more parents are sending their daughters to school and communities are developing a sense of ownership over the program. Since 2010, approximately 2,630 girls have enrolled in schools and 1,800 have received school supplies to help them succeed.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for the work of the Session and the many decisions facing it and the congregation in 2013.

STEWARDSHIP I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver. *Maya Angelou poet*

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 Murray Alary. Our scripture reader for this morning is Shannon Lawson. Refreshment Hosts are Jane and Gordon Brown.