



The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David

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Halifax, N.S. (by Memorial Library)
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WELCOME!

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



Service for the Lord's Day January 27, 2013
The third 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:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship:

*Hymn: Christ, whose glory fills the skies **177**

Prayer of Confession: **We confess to you, Gracious God, that too often we look on your law as a burden, not a gift; an inconvenience, not a blessing. Rather than seeing your love revealed, we feel our own guilt magnified. Instead of rejoicing in your good news, we focus on our own shortcomings. Turn us around, Redeemer, and do not let our fears have dominion over us. Enlighten us, so that our words and deeds may be acceptable to you. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced) **445**

First Reading: **Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10** *One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.*

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 19** *The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.*

Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and

righteous altogether. *More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.* Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Arise your light is come **712**

Conversation with the young people: (Young people leave for Sunday School)

From the letters: **1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

Gospel: **Luke 4: 14-21**

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

*Hymn: Hark the glad sound **118**

Sermon:

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” (unannounced) **449**

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (“debts & debtors”)

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: O for a thousand tongues

*Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Lenten Chowder Luncheons will once again be served starting Wednesday, February 13th. For more than 25 years the chowder luncheons have been a major fundraiser for St. David’s. Helpers are needed on Tuesday mornings (in the kitchen) and Wednesdays at any time (in the hall and kitchen). All who can help are asked to give your name and interest to Don Knox (423-2067) or Colin MacPherson (434-1674). Can you bake gingerbread?(recipe in the hall) Can you spare a pound of butter? Can you provide bake goods or jams for the bake/craft table? Help provided in any of these ways will be invaluable to the success of the enterprise.

THIS WEEK - (January 27- February 3)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service 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).	
	9:00 am	Early communion service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service- Sunday School

The Lenten Bible study begins February 17 at 12:30. We begin by exploring what spiritual gifts are and which gifts we have.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday March 3, 2013 following the morning service. It will be combined with the annual soup contest. Any reports to be included in the annual report should be into the office by February 10, so that the book may be printed.

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.

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites

who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care

for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Luke 4:14-21 Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."



PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION MOMENTS: Willing and Able in Ghana

"Life is getting better day by day and I am most grateful," says Alariba, a client of the PWS&D-supported Garu Community Based Rehabilitation Centre. As a young girl, Alariba fell sick and developed paralysis in her lower limbs. Fortunately, Alariba was identified by staff from the Garu Centre and was assigned a tricycle. With this assistance, Alariba was able to overcome some of the challenges associated with her disability. In addition to providing assistive equipment, the Garu Centre advocates for the rights of differently-abled people, and provides vocational training to people like Alariba, who, through your support, experience the amazing transformation made possible when we focus on someone's abilities.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for those who use food banks and for those who faithfully provide food. May the need for food banks be lessened as more people find sustaining employment

STEWARDSHIP To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own. *Anne Morrow Lindbergh*

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 Valerie Macdonald. Refreshment Hosts are Jamie & Nicki Campbell