



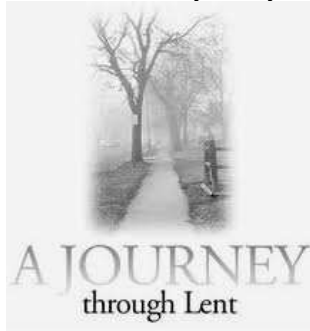
*The Presbyterian Church of*  
**Saint David**

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax,  
N.S. (by Memorial Library)

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**Organist:** Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

**Clerk of Session:** Murray Alary



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

**WELCOME!**

Service for the Lord's Day, March 10, 2013 LENT 4

*\*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: Deep Peace, Skinner

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship: *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.*

\*Lenten Liturgy (see insert)

\*Hymn: O God of Bethel

**654**

Prayer of Confession: *Gracious God, you are full of compassion, slow to be angry and quick to lavish mercy. **Forgive the sins we can recall and those we have forgotten; the wrongs we have committed against you and against your world, the hurtful things we have done and said to each other; and the evil we have done and the good we have rejected.** Accept our repentance, renew our courage so we can start again, and create in us a clean heart.*

Assurance of Pardon: *Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation: the old has gone, the new is here! Know that you are forgiven and have the courage and grace to forgive one another, and be at peace.*

## We Hear God's Word

Introit: Elogo nye Mawu elolo nguto, (*The Introit today is from the African regions of Togo and Ghana and is translated as: "God loves me, for my God is love, divine love. God protects me: God is great."*)

First Reading: **Joshua 5: 9-12**

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 32** *Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. **Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.** While I kept silence, my body wasted*

away through my groaning all day long. **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.** Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. **Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.** You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. **I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.** Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. **Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.** Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Gloria Patri (*sung*)

\*Hymn: Softly and tenderly **640**

Conversation with the young people:

(Young people leave for Sunday School)

From the letters: **2 Corinthians 5: 16-21**

Gospel: **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

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

\*Hymn: Come let us sing **706**

Sermon: **Reaffirmation of the COVENANT**

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Like as the Heart. (The text is a setting of Psalm 42: 1-3 by British organist Noel Rawsthorne, who served as organist at the Liverpool Cathedral from 1955-1980.)

\*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: Irish Blessing, *Bob Chilcott*

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

**The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are placed in loving memory of C. Bruce Fergusson by his wife Evelyn.**

Thank you to all who participated in the annual Men's soup contest and all who stayed for the Annual Meeting. It was gratifying to see so many participate in this aspect of church life.

**Lenten Chowder Luncheons:** Only three more chowder luncheons as we near the end of Lent!

Information on the **Keswick Conference** and **Jesus for the Nations** may be found in the entrance to the church.

St. Andrew's Dartmouth, Tea and Sale - Saturday, March 23, 2013, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

**Holy Week Services 7:30 - 8:00 a.m.** (*Continental Breakfast after each Service*)

**Monday, March 25** Cathedral Church of All Saints  
1330 Martello Street

**Tuesday, March 26** Presbyterian Church of St. David

**Wednesday, March 27** Fort Massey United Church  
Queen & Tobin

**Thursday, March 28** St. Andrew's United Church  
Corner of Robie St. and Coburg Rd.

**Maundy Thursday** service in the church hall - 7:00 pm  
**Good Friday Service** at First Baptist - 10:30 am

During the month of April, Presbyterian congregations in Metro are asked to support Phoenix House's snack program. Our week is the first week of April. The cost of a week's worth of snacks is \$170 and the Presbyterian representative on the board of Phoenix House purchases the snacks for us. This is a longstanding community outreach for Saint David's and if you would like to participate by donating, please see Carol Dobson after the service

**THIS WEEK - (March 10- 17)**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service - Food Bank Sunday Sunday School at 11:15
	12:30 pm	Lenten Study continues
<b>Tuesday</b>	4:30 pm	Property Development
<b>Wednesday</b>	Noon	Lenten luncheon
<b>Thursday</b>	7:30	Choir practice
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 am -	1:00 pm David's Place (Hall).
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Early communion service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Fifth Sunday in Lent Sunday School
	12:30 pm	Lenten Bible Study



**Joshua 5:9-12** The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.



**2 Corinthians 5:16-21** From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32** Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"



## PASTORAL CARE

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

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**MISSION MOMENTS: Serving the Korean Community**  
Nova Scotia Korean Mission in Halifax, NS is the only PCC ministry at this time in Atlantic Canada that is working with Korean immigrants and students. This congregation is made up of 90 members (a third of which are young adults) who share a passion for learning God's word and doing God's work. Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are helping Nova Scotia Korean Mission to reach out in Halifax.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Pray for those who have no church home, that they might find a place of worship where they feel comfortable and accepted.

**STEWARDSHIP** That's what I consider true generosity. You give your all, and yet you feel as if it costs you nothing. *Simone De Beauvoir (1908–1986)*



**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 Shelley MacDonald Parsons. Our scripture reader for this morning is Valerie MacDonald. Refreshment Host is Phyllis Morrison.