



*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, April 21<sup>st</sup> 2013  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

### Our Vision

*A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community*

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### God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: She's Called Nova Scotia

Introit

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship:

\*Hymn: The Lord's my Shepherd

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Prayer of Confession:

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:

First Reading: Acts 9: 36-43

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23 *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.*

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\*Hymn: He leadeth me

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Conversation with the young people:

(Young people leave for Sunday School)

From the letters: Rev. 7: 9-17

Gospel: John 10: 22-30

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

\*Hymn: O saints in splendour sing

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Sermon: **Flock Talk**

## We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Walking Softly by Chilcott

\*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: My Shepherd is the king of love **691**

\*Benediction:

\*Choral Amen:

Postlude: Working Man by Rita Macneil

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

**The Helen M. Watson Fund of the  
Presbyterian Church of Saint David**

Applications for financial assistance from the Watson Fund will be received prior to April 30, 2013. The Helen M.

Watson Fund of The Presbyterian Church of Saint David generates funds to be used "exclusively for local missionary work in Nova Scotia". Application Form and Guidelines, may be obtained from the Church Office 423-1944, or by E-Mail: stdavids.office@ns.sympatico.ca.

May 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm, there will be a full **information night** on our proposed Land Lease agreement. Please set it aside now and make every effort to attend! It is anticipated that we will be ready to vote on the matter in early June.

## **THIS WEEK - (April 21-28)**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service
		Sunday School at 11:15
<b>Tuesday&amp;Thursday</b>		Exercise class
<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 service
	10:00 am -	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Mission Awareness Sunday with members of the Mission and Outreach Committee participating.
		Sunday School

Flowers in the sanctuary are in memory of Ross Nelson (Larry) MacLean from the choir.

### **First Quarter Update – Operating Account**

Typically the first quarter of the year yields 25% of our yearly offering. Up to March 31, 2013 we received \$27,205 which is 21% of what we budgeted.

### **First Quarter Update – Presbyterians Sharing**

In 2012 the first quarter of the year yielded \$8,711 or 34% of our \$26,000 goal. Up to March 31, 2013 we received \$7,363 or 28% of our \$26,000 goal.

**Acts 9:36-43** Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her

his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

**Revelation 7:9-17** After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."



**John 10:22-30** At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in

my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

## PASTORAL CARE

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

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

Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893

## Food Distributions Give Peace of Mind in Balaka, Malawi

Before receiving food assistance, Alice Sapanga and her five children were often hungry. Weak and malnourished, the children were unable to go to school and Alice could barely manage to breastfeed her youngest. Like many other families in the Balaka region of Malawi, Alice's crops of sorghum and maize failed after prolonged dry spells. Presbyterian World Service & Development, in partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, provided 5,000 households with food packages between October-March 2013.

## PRAYER PARTNERSHIP (for tomorrow) Earth Day

Thank God for the diversity and abundance of creation. Pray for guidance on how we might faithfully honour God as Creator.

**STEWARDSHIP** The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; They just make the most of everything.

**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 Jamie Campbell. Our scripture reader for this morning is Mac Fyfe. Refreshment Host is Johannah Roberts.