



*The Presbyterian  
Church of  
Saint  
David*

1544 Grafton Street at  
Blowers, Halifax, N.S. (by  
Memorial Library)  
**Minister:** Kenn Stright  
**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 28<sup>th</sup> 2013  
MISSION AWARENESS SUNDAY

### Our Vision

*A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community*

Office & Mailing Address: 1537 Brunswick St., Halifax, NS B3J 2G1

Minister (Kenn Stright): stdavids.stright@bellaliant.com

Office: stdavids.office@ns.sympatico.ca Telephone: (902) 423-1944

Organist (Tristan Cleveland-Thompson): stdavids.music@bellaliant.com

Web site: [www.saintdavids.ca](http://www.saintdavids.ca)

### God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Elegy by Lind

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship: *Let us give thanks to God for faithfulness and love which exceed all our understanding. For the Lord is on high, yet looks on the lowly. God is close to the broken-hearted. God hears the words of our lips and knows the meditations of our hearts. God increases the strength of our souls. Happy are those who trust in the Lord. We are the people God has called his own.*

\*Hymn: Let all creation bless the Lord

**106**

Prayer of Confession: *Loving God, we thank you for the Christ, who by his righteousness, became the sacrifice that took away our sins and the sins of the world. He revealed to us the love and justice which come from you alone. Help us, O God, to put our trust in you. Let us not be swept away by evil, or misled by false promises. For flight cannot rescue the swift; the strong will find their strength useless; and the mighty will be powerless to save. You alone are the source of salvation. Show us your mercy, and enable us to walk toward the paths of perfection, knowing that your love is ever before our eyes. Amen*

Assurance of Pardon: *Hear the good news: The word of faith which we proclaim is very near to you; it is on your lips and in your heart. Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be forgiven and justified, according to the grace given in Christ. Amen*

### We Hear God's Word

Introit: Senzeni Na? Traditional South African translated from Zulu: What have we done?

First Reading:

**Acts 11: 1-18** Johannah

*One: The Word of the Lord*    **All: Thanks be to God.**  
 Responsive Reading:    Psalm 148    *Praise God! Praise God from the heavens; praise God in the heights! Praise God, all you angels of God; praise God all you host of heaven! Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars! Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of God, for God commanded and they were created. God established them forever and ever; God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed. Praise God from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Beast of the forest and all cattle, crawling things and flying birds! Rulers of the earth and all peoples, nobles and all leaders of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of the Sovereign, whose name alone is exalted; whose glory is above earth and heaven. God has raised up a horn for the people, and praise for all the faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to God. Praise be to God!*    Gloria Patri (*sung*)  
 \*Hymn: A new commandment    225  
 Conversation with the young people:    Katie  
 (Young people leave for Sunday School)  
 From the letters:    **Revelation 21: 1-6**    Kathy  
 Gospel:    **John 13: 31-35**  
*One: The Gospel of the Lord.*    **All: Praise to you, O Christ**  
 \*Hymn: Help us to help each other    489  
 Sermon: Reaching out in Love  
 Minute for Mission    Nicole

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
 Anthem: Grant Us Peace by Stanley Hoffman

\*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    Marie  
 The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

### We Go Out to Serve God

\*Hymn: O for a world  
730  
 \*Benediction:  
 \*Choral Amen:  
 Postlude: Psalm 23 by Howells

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

### **Volunteer Appreciation Week**

The church is by its very nature a volunteer organization which is effective because of the many volunteers who give tirelessly to the ministries and missions of the church. To each and every one we say "Thank you!" and offer blessing in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The service material in worship today was prepared by the Atlantic Mission Society.

Go to: <http://presbyterian.ca/provisionaries/stories-of-giving/stories-of-giving-helen-watson/> to see the real

life story of one our very own who was passionate about mission!

The regular Session meeting will be held on Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

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.

**Calvin Presbyterian Church**, will be holding a Mothers' Day Tea in the Church Hall on Sat. May 11 between 2:00 – 3:30 pm. Price per person \$7.00

**Iona Presbyterian** will be hosting a Tea and Sale on May 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm

**THIS WEEK - (April 28 - May 5)**

<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	Traditional Service and Sunday School

**Acts 11: 1-18** Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When

they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

**Revelation 21: 1-6** Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

**John 13: 31-35** When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."



## 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

**MISSION AWARENESS Sunday** is set aside by the General Assembly to remind us that the primary activity of the church is to reach out to the world around us with the love of God made known in Jesus Christ

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** We pray for our mission partners around the world who join with us in offering the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**STEWARDSHIP** Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.  
*1 Peter 4:10*



**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 Valerie MacDonald. Participants in the service are from the Mission and Outreach Committee. Refreshment Host is Carol Dobson.