

The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

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

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

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day, May 26th 2013 TRINITY SUNDAY

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: Listen! Wisdom is calling! Before all began,

God, Word, and Wisdom, Creating, calling, from the foundations of the deep. Listen! Wisdom is calling! Daily, God's delight, You, me, every one given hope, grace, love as the foundation of our lives.

*Hymn: Creator God, creating still.

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Prayer of Confession: Jesus Christ, the face of God to us, in you we see God's love reflected: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Jesus Christ, peace from God to us, you bring reconciliation to the whole world: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Jesus Christ, our life and unity through the Spirit poured out on us: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Have mercy on us, Lord, in your compassion and lead us to the joys of everlasting life. Amen. Assurance of Pardon:

We Hear God's Word

Introit:

First Reading: Proverbs 8: 1-4; 22-31

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 8 O God, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their **feet,** all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O God, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Response: O Lord, our Lord (409)

*Hymn: Father, I adore you

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Conversation with the young people: (Young people leave for activities)

From the letters: Romans 5: 1-5 Gospel: **John 16: 12-15**

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

*Hymn: Glory be to God 298

Sermon: THE TROUBLE WITH TRINITY

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: Immortal, invisible

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*Benediction: *Choral Amen:

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Presbyterian Church of Saint David (members and adherents) is called to meet on June 9th, 2013 immediately following morning worship to vote on a proposed landlease agreement and issues arising therefrom.

Mission and Outreach is organizing a **clothing drive** on behalf of the Halifax Refugee Clinic's used clothing store "Section 96" on Grafton Street. We invite the congregation to bring in any lightly used spring and summer clothing that they would like to donate to this worthy cause. The drive ends on June 9th. Thanks.

THIS WEEK - (May 26 June 2)

Today Early service 9:00 am

> 10:00 am Circle of Prayer

11:00 am Traditional service - children's time

Mission and Outreach meets at 12:30

2 pm **Tenth Anniversary** of the Nova Scotia Korean congregation and ordination of deacon.. We have been especially invited to this service!

Tuesday & Thursday Exercise class Thursday 7:30 Choir practice

10:00 am - 1:00 pm David's Place (Hall). Friday

9:00 am - Early service Sunday

10:00 am - Circle of Prayer 11:00 am Traditional service

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to Janet, Peter, Doug and Mary Guildford and their extended family on the death on Wednesday of their father Tom Guildford, a retired elder of St. David's. His memorial service will be held in the sanctuary on Tuesday, May 28 at 11 a.m., followed by a reception.

We also extend the sympathy of the congregation to Fonnie MacAulay on the death in Cape Breton last week of her mother, Bertha MacAulay

In keeping with the spirit of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) meetings in Halifax in October 2011,

Calvin Presbyterian Church Mission and Outreach Team and St. David's Presbyterian Church Mission Committee has been endeavoring to get to know our indigenous neighbours. Professor Patti Doyle-Bedwell has agreed to do a workshop on the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples adopted in 2007 by the UN General Assembly. Professor Doyle-Bedwell is Mi'kmaw and director/associate professor of the transition year program at Dalhousie University. The workshop will be held June 8th from 9:30 am-2:30pm at Calvin Presbyterian. There is no charge for this event and morning coffee break and a light lunch will be offered. For planning purposes, we do ask you to let us know if you are coming . Please leave us a message by phone at 455-7435 or e-mail calvinhalifax@bellaliant.com

ART SHOW & SALE featuring many local artists: Saturday, June 8th 11 am – 6 pm; Sunday June 9th 10 am – 3 pm at SAINT BENEDICT PARISH, 45 Radcliffe Drive. Free admission. Refreshments

The Halifax-Lunenburg Presbyterial of the **Atlantic Mission Society** will meet for its 129th Annual Meeting, Saturday, June 8, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Lunenburg. Registration is at 9:30. Cost is \$10.00 which includes lunch. The theme is: In Christ. Grounded and Growing. Rev. Dr. D.L. Mawhinney will speak on the 260 years of faithful service of St. Andrew's . Ms. Martha Yang will share life in the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan today. The theme text is "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever" from Hebrews 13:8. All are welcome.

OFFERING

Giving Goal for April: \$10,389 Amount given in April: \$7,054

Thank you for your generosity. Your gifts to Saint David's are always important especially as we move forward in the property development process. Be sure to vote on June 9th.

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING

Giving Goal for 2013: \$26,000 Given up to April 30th: \$8,719

Thank you for your generosity to Presbyterians Sharing. Please remember the money you give here goes to benefit the many programs of our National Church.

Proverbs 8: 1-4; 22-31 Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I

was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race."

Romans 5:1-5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing in the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

John 16:12-15 [Jesus said:] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

PASTORAL CARE



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

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MISSION MOMENTS Engaging with students How do you reach university students who are spending less and less time attending on-campus events and more and more time connected to cell phones and other electronic devices? You meet them where they are at! The University of New Brunswick Campus Ministry has created a Facebook page, maintains a blog, and writes a bi-weekly column in the university's student publication. In order to include some face-to-face outreach, the campus ministry also offers wilderness hikes, where students who feel drawn to nature are able to explore meaning in life while exploring the great outdoors. Your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing allow this Campus Ministry to share authentic Christian spirituality with students in ways that are accessible to them.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for the General Assembly commissioners as they prepare their hearts and minds for this vital gathering.

STEWARDSHIP I don't care too much for money, money can't buy me love.

The Beatles

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 Don Knox. Our reader today is Lisa Glennie . Refreshment Host: Don and Margot Knox.

