The Presbyterian Church of **Saint David**



1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax, N.S. (by Memorial Library) We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning!

WELCOME!



Service for the Lord's Day, August 11, 2013 **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship:

*Hymn: Bless all who trust in God

89 Prayer of Confession: Gracious God, you have gathered a people to serve you in the world, a gifted, called and sent people to serve a needy world. And yet, hectic schedules, competing demands, cynicism, and doubt erode our commitment and leave us feeling burned out. Forgive us for any hollow excuses we are tempted to make and heal us of our exhaustion.

Assurance of Pardon: There is no pain that God cannot heal. There is no wrong that God cannot forgive. Come, immerse

yourselves in the healing waters of God's forgiveness. Come and be restored. Let God make you whole. **Thanks be to God!**

We Hear God's Word

First reading: Deuteronomy 6: 20-25

One: The Word of the Lord **All: Thanks be to God.** Responsive Reading: Psalm 128 1 Happy is everyone who fears the Lord, who walks in his ways. 2 You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands; you shall be happy, and it shall go well with you. 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your children will be like olive shoots around your table. 4 Thus shall the man be blessed who fears the Lord. 5 *The Lord bless you from Zion. May you see the prosperity of* Jerusalem all the days of your life. 6 May you see your children's children. Peace be upon Israel! Gloria Patri (sung) *Hymn: Jesus friend of all the children 656 Community Conversation: From the Letters: **Ephesians 4: 11-16** Mark 10: 13-16 Gospel: *One: The Gospel of the Lord.* All: Praise to you, O Christ *Hymn: Tell me the stories of Jesus 348 Sermon: When your children ask...

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings *Doxology: *"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"* <u>830</u> *Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (inside back cover of the Book of Praise) Offertory Prayer Announcements: *"Lord, listen to your children praying" (unannounced)* <u>449</u> Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors) **We Go Out to Serve God**

*Hymn: Simply Trusting <u>689</u> *Benediction: *Choral Amen: Postlude: Worship is now ended let our service begin! Throughout the summer children are encouraged to attend worship... activity packs are available!
> While Kenn is on holiday, Rev. Dr. Sandy MacDonald will be on call for Pastoral Care.
Rev. Ann Smith will be our guest next Sunday.
Concerts: Thursdays 12:15 - 1 pm St. Matthew's United August 15: Marcel d'Entremont; Jennifer King, Piano August 22: Anna Bond, Contralto; Jane Miller, Piano August 29: Catherine Little & Friends - Chamber Music

THIS WEEK - (August 11-August 18)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service -
Friday	10:00 am -	1:00 pm David's Place (Hall).
Sunday	9:00 am -	Early service with communion
	10:00 am -	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service

Deuteronomy 6: 20-25

20 When your children ask you in time to come, "What is the meaning of the decrees and the statutes and the ordinances that the Lord our God has commanded you?" 21 then you shall say to your children, "We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, but the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. 22 The Lord displayed before our eyes great and awesome signs and wonders against Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his household. 23 He brought us out from there in order to bring us in, to give us the land that he promised on oath to our ancestors. 24 Then the Lord our God, for our lasting good, so as to keep us alive, as is now the case. 25 If we diligently observe this entire commandment before the

Lord our God, as he has commanded us, we will be in the right."

Ephesians 4: 11-16

11 The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 13 until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. 14 We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. 15 But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Mark 10: 13-16

13 People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. 14 But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. 15 Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." 16 And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. Minister: Kenn Stright (o) 423-2660 (h) 477-2870 **Organist:** Tristan Cleveland-Thompson **Clerk of Session:** Murray Alary **Pastoral Care:** Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893

MISSION MOMENTS Winnipeg Inner City Missions is helping bring hope to the troubled inner city of Winnipeg. A young man is

working full time at a job he enjoys. Twelve years ago there was not much hope that he would be able to break through generations of poverty and gang involvement. A woman in her early fifties is working full time with WICM's after-school programs, providing healthy alternatives to street life. Five years ago she was a prostitute, addicted to crack cocaine. A grandmother who was not there for her own children is raising her grandchildren so that they are not lost to the child welfare system. Children and youth in WICM's after-school programs are at grade level or ahead of their peers in school. Church members are recovering their identity and their sense of worth as First Nations followers of Christ. Gifts to **Presbyterians Sharing** are helping to rebuild lives, one person at a time.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Pray for all personnel of the Canadian Armed Forces who are deployed and not able to enjoy summer vacation with their families.*

STEWARDSHIP Here we are, the most clever species ever to have lived. So how is it we can destroy the only planet we have? *Jane Goodall*

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 welcoming elder is Shelley MacDonald Parsons. Our scripture reader is Ann Sommerville. Our refreshment host is Ann Sommerville