

The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David



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

WELCOME!

**Service for the Lord's Day, September 01, 2013
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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: *We worship the God who has come to us.*

Fashioning and creating us in the divine image **Be in our singing, in our praying, in our coming and going.**

Be the blessing we give and receive, today and all days. **Amen**

*Hymn: Jesus calls us here (verses 1-3) **528**

Prayer of Confession: *Like clay in the potter's hand, so we are to you, O Lord! You take the ordinary and often imperfect, and make something beautiful, moulding us into the people you envisioned us to be.* **In your hands we are made new, perfected Lord, by you. In your hands we are made useful in service Lord, for you. You know us Lord, better than we know ourselves. You know our thoughts, the unspoken prayers within our hearts. You know our words before they are formed on our tongues. You know our lives our going out and coming home again. You know us Lord, better than we know ourselves. Forgive us when we fail to see your wonder and majesty. Open our eyes, enlarge our faith that our knowledge of you, and our service to you might increase day by day.**

Assurance of Pardon:

We Hear God's Word

First reading: **Jeremiah 18: 1-11**

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 139 *O Lord, you have searched me and known me. For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in or me, when none of them as yet existed. How weighty to me*

are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! I try to count them – they are more than the sand; I come to the end – I am still with you. (Gloria Patri (sung)

***Hymn: Praise our Maker 700**

Community Conversation: -

From the Letters: Romans 9:20-24

Gospel: Luke 14: 25-33

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

***Hymn: To God be the glory 350**

**Sermon: WHY HAVE YOU MADE ME LIKE THIS?
(a work in progress)**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Musical selection:

***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: Lord, speak to me 767**

***Benediction: *Choral Amen: Postlude:**

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Throughout September children are encouraged to attend worship... activity packs are available!

THIS WEEK - (September 8-15)

Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service - Food Bank Sunday
	3:30 pm	Service of celebration at Knox
Tuesday	9:30 am	Exercise class
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Session including the Sacrament of Communion
Thursday	9:30 am	Exercise class
	7:30 pm	Choir practice
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

UPCOMING IN OUR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The deadline for submissions to be included in the next **newsletter** is September 20. There will be a survey about Coffee and Conversation in the newsletter and we would ask that you give it your consideration and response.

Church School will be starting again on the last Sunday of September, the 29th. Hope to see you there, and why don't you think about bringing a friend or relative!

We will celebrate **World Wide Communion** on October 6. Rev. Stright and elders will be offering a series of internet studies and discussions for those wishing to join the church at the Christmas Communion on December 15. If you or anyone you know would like to become a member by affirmation of baptism (or by transfer from another congregation), please speak to the minister or your elder.

Today at 3:30 p.m. Knox Church, Service of Word and Sacrament at Knox Church, to mark its 85 years of ministry; this will be the last service before Knox and Calvin amalgamate. Preacher: Rev. E.M. Iona MacLean of First Church, Pictou, NS

St. John's United Church, Halifax, is hosting it's monthly Taize Prayer this evening, Sunday, Sept. 8th - 7p.m., in the Judith Grant Room in the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts

The Halifax Lunenburg Presbyterial of the Atlantic Mission Society will hold its Fall Meeting on Tuesday, October 29, at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Dartmouth at 12:00. Bring lunch. Dessert and drink will be provided. Please note this is a date change. Everyone is invited.

The 8th Wave Metro New Horizons Beginner Band program for Seniors will be starting on Monday, September 9 at 6:00 p.m. at the Long & McQuade music store on Main Street in Dartmouth with an instrument demonstration and experimentation session - anyone 50 years of age or older is eligible for participation in this program. For more information please contact Paul Barrett at 986-1785.

Jeremiah 18: 1-11 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 2 "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." 3 So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. 4 The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. 5 Then the word of the Lord came to me: 6 Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter

has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. 7 At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, 8 but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. 9 And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, 10 but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. 11 Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings

Romans 9:20-24 20 But who indeed are you, a human being, to argue with God? Will what is molded say to the one who molds it, "Why have you made me like this?" 21 Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one object for special use and another for ordinary use? 22 What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience the objects of wrath that are made for destruction; 23 and what if he has done so in order to make known the riches of his glory for the objects of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory — 24 including us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

Luke 14: 25 Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, 26 "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. **28** For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? **29** Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, **30** saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." **31** Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? **32** If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. **33** So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

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MISSION MOMENTS **Farmers helping farmers improve food security** With support from the Government of Canada, PWS&D is partnering with Western University and Canadian Foodgrains Bank to help six thousand farming families learn more about sustainable food production. Through this innovative program, farmers struggling to provide enough food for their families will learn from fellow farmers how to protect soils, increase crop production and diversity, and improve their family's nutrition. Farmers and youth will also develop small food-based businesses to boost their incomes and grow local economies. "We are pleased that Canadians are willing to support us," says Rodgers Msachi, a community promoter at Ekwendeni Hospital. By responding together, Presbyterians are helping communities help themselves.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Pray for young people leaving home to study. May they have the strength to be their own person, the compassion to lend a hand, and open minds and hearts to learn.*

STEWARDSHIP Be charitable before wealth makes thee covetous. *Sir Thomas Browne*

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 Don Knox. Our scripture reader is Colin Roop. Our refreshment hosts are Margo and Don Knox.