

*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, September 15, 2013  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Our Vision**

*A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community*

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**God Calls Us to Worship**

\* Please stand as able

Prelude:

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship:

\*Hymn: Saviour like a shepherd lead us **485**

Prayer of Confession: *God of wisdom, we confess the foolishness of our ways, and our failure to follow you in your paths of right relationships – with you and with others. We have gone astray; we feel lost. We have upheld our own interests first, to the detriment of others. We have failed to be generous with the poor, and abandoned our efforts to bring about justice. We feel the stains of our sins, God; have mercy on us according to your steadfast love. Wash the sinfulness out of us, and help us to live more faithfully as your servants. We seek your unfailing Lordship and ask for your guiding hand on our lives. You are the immortal, invisible One; to you be honour and glory forever; amen.*

Assurance of Pardon: *My friends, when we are lost, all is not lost. God is seeking us, ready to turn our lives around, Gathering us in to the people of God. Let us rejoice in God's mercy! Amen.*

**We Hear God's Word**

First reading: **Jonah 4**

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 14 *Fools say in their hearts, 'There is no God.' They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good.*

**The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.**

*They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.*

**Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?**

*There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.*

**O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!  
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob  
will rejoice; Israel will be glad.** (Gloria Patri (sung)

\*Hymn: There were ninety and nine 347

Community Conversation: - Visiting the Lost and Found

From the Letters: **1 Timothy 1: 12-17**

Gospel: **Luke 15: 1-10**

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

\*Hymn: Softly and tenderly 640

Sermon: **Grace Parables**

### 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: Amazing Grace 670

\*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 15-21 )**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service -
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 am	Exercise class
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30 am	Exercise class
	7:30 pm	Choir practice
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 am -	1:00 pm David's Place (Hall).
<b>Saturday</b>	10:00 am	Presbytery in Windsor
<b>Sunday</b>	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.

### **Total Offering**

Giving Goal for August:           \$7,354  
Amount given in August:           \$5,408

Thank you for your generosity. We will likely be starting renovations in the sanctuary in a few months, but we must still keep contributing to the day to day expenses of running Saint David's.

### **Presbyterian's Sharing**

Giving Goal for 2013:               \$26,000  
Given up to August 31st:           \$14,527

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

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.

**Jonah 4:1** But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. 2 He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. 3 And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." 4 And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" 5 Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. 6 The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over

his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." 9 But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." 10 Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

### **1 Timothy 1: 12-17   Gratitude for Mercy**

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Luke 15: 1-10   The Parable of the Lost Sheep**

Now all the tax-collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, 'This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.'

So he told them this parable: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance. 'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

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### **MISSION MOMENTS Opportunities for change**

Since 1927, Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre has offered educational programs and services to the community of Little Burgundy in Montreal. While full of potential, this community struggles with poverty and social marginalization. Tyndale St-Georges is a place where grace is at work, bringing opportunities and new growth. It promotes early literacy, school readiness, academic and social development for children and youth, as well as pre-employment training for adults. Last year nearly 300 volunteers gathered to rebuild the Jesse Maxwell Smith Park in front of the centre. This was an amazing experience for all the volunteers and will have lasting impact on the community. Already, the once seldom-used playground is full of families. Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are helping to bring hope and change in the Little Burgundy community.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** *Pray for new congregations formed through amalgamations of smaller Presbyterian communities that have had the creativity and courage necessary to let go of the past and imagine a new Spirit-led future. Remember the first service for the Amalgamated Calvin and Knox congregation today.*

**STEWARDSHIP** In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations. *Iroquois proverb*

**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 Colin MacPherson. Our scripture reader is Kathy Large. Our refreshment host is Olive Clark.