

*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 22, 2013  
Eighteenth 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:

\*Hymn: Arise, your light has come!

**712**

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon:

**We Hear God's Word**

First reading: **Amos 8: 4-7**

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 79:1-9**

*O God, the*

*nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins. They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food, the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth. They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them. We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by those around us.*

*How long, O LORD? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealous wrath burn like fire? Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you, and on the kingdoms that do not call on your name. For they have devoured Jacob and laid waste his habitation. Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake. (Gloria Patri (sung))*

\*Hymn: The wise may bring

**344**

Community Conversation: - Economics 101

Gospel: **Luke 16: 1-13**

*One: The Gospel of the Lord.*

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

\*Hymn: We give thee

**661**

Sermon:

**It doesn't have to be this way**

## 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: We cannot own the sunlit sky **717**

\*Benediction: \*Choral Amen: Postlude:

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

THIS WEEK - (September 22-29 )		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service -
Tuesday	9:30 am	Exercise class
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	Presbyterians Sharing Sunday Sunday School opening and Commissioning of Staff.

## UPCOMING IN OUR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

**Church School** will be starting again next Sunday, 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.

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

The bulletin boards have information from Elections Nova Scotia of interest to all. Please take a moment to read!

**Amos 8: 4** Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, 5 saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, 6 buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." 7 The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

**Luke 16: 1** Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to

him that this man was squandering his property. 2 So he summoned him and said to him, "What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' 3 Then the manager said to himself, "What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' 5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, "How much do you owe my master?' 6 He answered, "A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, "Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' 7 Then he asked another, "And how much do you owe?' He replied, "A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, "Take your bill and make it eighty.' 8 And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. 10 "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 13 No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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**MISSION MOMENTS** *Presbyterians Sharing* is the national church fund that supports the overall mission and ministry of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Congregations commit to raising an accepted allocation each year. The budget for 2013 is \$8 million.

**Presbyterian World Service & Development** is the PCC's development and relief agency. PWS&D raises funds directly from congregations and individuals and through government (CIDA) grants – over and above gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*. International Ministries mission personnel, funded through *Presbyterians Sharing*, often work with PWS&D partners.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** *Pray for the Annual Meeting of the Atlantic Mission Society in PEI. May it be a time of joy, camaraderie and divine illumination.*

**STEWARDSHIP** Many people take no care of their money till they come nearly to the end of it, and others do just the same with their time.  
*Johann Wolfgang von Goethe*

**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 ----. Our refreshment hosts are Vanora Haldane and Hilarie Embree.

