

The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David



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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day, October 13, 2013

THANKSGIVING 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: *We do not need a special season to give praise and thanks to God. **Life abundant with Christ is reason enough to give praise.** In response to God's generous love and care, what then can we give in return? **We can give hearts to love, hands to help and mouths to sing and tell the story.** Let us begin our praise and thanks, for all that God has done for us.*

*Hymn: Morning has broken

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession (in unison) **Almighty and Sovereign God, You are great and wonderful, all-powerful and all-loving, all-good and all-forgiving. Once again we gather together to worship you. We come to remind ourselves of all that you have done; your mighty acts across eons of time, your coming to our world through Christ, the lives redeemed and saved because of your grace, mercy and love. We come to rejoice in all that you are still doing by the power of your Holy Spirit. We come with grateful hearts for the bounty of life that we are able to enjoy. We also come seeking your forgiveness because too often we let go of the sense of awe that needs to be in our daily lives. We forget how great and generous and loving you are. We forget to thank you for the good things that happen to us and take the credit ourselves. We see things on the human level and neglect the larger picture that you can see for us. Our anger and impatience turns us away from you and causes a rift in our relationship with you and with others. And so we ask that you forgive us Lord. Remind us of your constant presence in our lives. Restore our sense of wonder and mend our brokenness. Continue to love us as children of the Way, the Truth and**

the Life. In Christ's name and for his love's sake we pray.
Amen

Assurance of Pardon:

We Hear God's Word

First reading: **Deuteronomy 26: 1-11**

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 66: 1-12 *Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."* *Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations – let the rebellious not exalt themselves. Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip. For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried. You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Can a little child 441

A time with the young people:

From the letters: **Acts 16: 9-15**

Gospel: **Luke 8:22-25**

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

*Hymn: Now thank we all our God 457

Sermon: **WATER**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Dear Lord Father

*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: God, whose giving knows no ending 663

*Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

A warm welcome to Judithe Adam-Murphy as she leads us in our Thanksgiving celebration.

While Kenn is on holiday (wedding!), the Rev. Michael Koslowski will be on call.

There will be a meeting in the parlour following the service to discuss the possibility of hosting 3 Chowder luncheons on Wednesdays in November, as well as the Christmas Chowder Luncheon in December. All those interested in helping with these fundraising events are invited to attend.

The Halifax Lunenburg Presbyterial of the Atlantic Mission Society will hold its Fall Meeting on Tuesday, October 29, at First Presbyterian Church, Lower Sackville, at 12:00. Bring

lunch. Dessert and drink will be provided. Please note this is a date change. Everyone is invited.

Deuteronomy 26: 1 When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, 2 you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. 3 You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." 4 When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, 5 you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. 6 When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, 7 we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. 8 The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; 9 and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. 11 Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Acts 16: 9 During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10 When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. 11 We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, 12 and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. 13 On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. 14 A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. 15 When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Luke 8: 22 One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side of the lake." So they put out, 23 and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A windstorm swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. 24 They went to him and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we are perishing!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. 25 He said to them, "Where is your faith?" They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, "Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?"

THIS WEEK - (October 13- 20)

Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service - Sunday School
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	Traditional service and Sunday School

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Mission Moments: Helping farmers in Pakistan recover from floods

October 16 is World Food Day – a day to raise public awareness of world food production and the struggle against hunger, malnutrition and poverty. 870 million people worldwide suffer from chronic hunger. PWS&D is working to end hunger by providing food in times of emergency and by helping small scale farmers increase crop yields. After devastating floods in 2012, thousands of families in Pakistan were desperate for food and supplies. In partnership with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, PWS&D provided 4,000 families with food rations, rice seed, and training in disaster plan management. With this support families were able to get by until the next harvest.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Give thanks for those involved in the food production and service industries. Pray that all people will share in God's abundance and have nutritious food to eat.

STEWARDSHIP I was happier when I was doing a mechanic's job.
Henry Ford

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 Valerie MacDonald. Our scripture reader is ---. Our refreshment hosts are Jane and Gordon Brown.