

The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David



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WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day, October 20, 2013

Twenty-second 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: *The mystery of human existence is that we belong to God and have been made in the divine image. In God we live and move and have our being. Therefore, we know ourselves only when we know God. Our lives must reflect the Creator's love and purpose for all creation. We acknowledge God as Creator and Lord.*

*Hymn: Teach me O God your way of truth 80

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon:

We Hear God's Word

First reading: **Jeremiah 31:27-34**

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 119:97-104** *Oh God, how I love your law! It is my meditation all day long. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, for I keep your precepts. I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep your word. I do not turn away from your ordinances, for you have taught me. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through your precepts I get understanding; therefore I hate every way that is false.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: What a friend 746

A time with the young people:

From the letters: **2 Timothy 3:14-5**

Gospel: **Luke 18:1-8**

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

*Hymn: Our cities cry to you 720

Sermon: **Persistent or Pest?**

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: Prayer is the soul's sincere desire **660**

*Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

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.

Christmas Tea & Sale St. Andrew's Ladies Guild 216 SCHOOL STREET, Dartmouth, Saturday, November 2, 2013 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Bake & Craft Tables Adults \$6.00 Children Under 12 \$1.00.

Christmas Tea and Sale of First Baptist Church, 1300 Oxford Street, will be held Saturday, November 2, 2013. Doors open 2:00 p.m. Tea from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. Tickets \$6.00 (incl. tea), children \$1.00, available at the door.

The Synod of the Atlantic Provinces meets regularly once a year, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of October. Its business is usually complete by noon on the Wednesday of that week. This year the meeting will be hosted by the Presbytery of Cape Breton and will be held at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Sydney, from Monday, October 21, 2013 to Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Let us pray. (together): Almighty God, You sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to walk with us. He promised that we would never be alone. Hear us as we pray that your presence will be with your faithful servants who will be meeting at the Atlantic Synod. May your presence guide them in all that they do and may your Spirit give them wisdom and understanding, vision and knowledge. Grant them compassion, courage, and the desire to unite in love and peace. Teach them, and all of us, Lord, to be faithful stewards of your kingdom here on earth. May they follow your will so that your people may be uplifted and confirmed in their faith; And may your love be declared to all the world, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Turkey Dinner - Calvin Presbyterian Church, will be hosting a turkey dinner on Saturday evening, November 02nd. The first seating at 5:00 p.m. will be followed by a second seating at 6:15 p.m.. Pick-up by advance request will also be available. Tickets are \$13.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children under the age of twelve. Tickets and/or further information is available by contacting Marian (445-3469) or John Bonnell (425-8090).

Mark on your calendar: Fall fish chowder luncheons at noon beginning November 13 for three weeks. Tell all your friends (invite them to come with you).

THIS WEEK - (October 20- 27)

Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service - Sunday School
Monday	Synod of the Atlantic Provinces begins today. Pray for Davida and Kenn and all those attending the Synod in Sydney.	
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

Jeremiah 31:27-34 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new

covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord, for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and

wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Luke 18:1-8 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent'. For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming'." And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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Mission Moments: Sharing the good news

Asian Christ Church in Surrey, BC is a South Asian outreach ministry serving Punjabi, Hindi and Urdu-speaking communities in the lower mainland of British Columbia. This church, which started out by worshipping in a house, is now working towards becoming an established congregation with its own building. The church is reaching out in public parks, stores and malls, and the ministers even go door to door, praying, sharing the Gospel and inviting people to church. Their television show *Jeewan Kee Raah (The Way of Life)* reaches over 100,000 viewers every week! Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* are helping Asian Christ Church to reach out into its community and share the good news of the gospel.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for the partners of Presbyterian World Service & Development as they work with Canadian Foodgrains Bank to end hunger around the world.

STEWARDSHIP Watch, lest prosperity destroy generosity.
Henry Ward Beecher

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 Val MacDonald. Our scripture reader is MacMackay. Our refreshment host Johannah Roberts