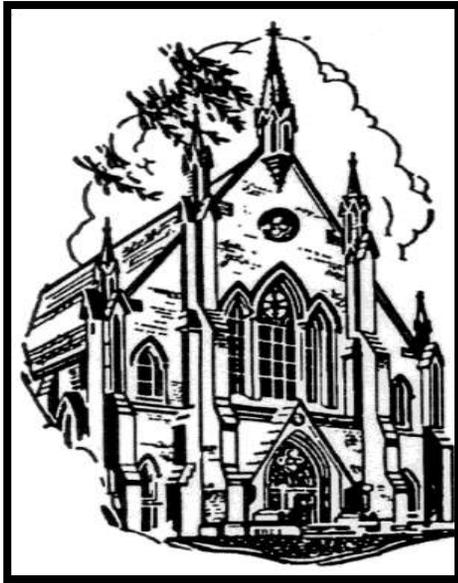


The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David



1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax, N.S. (by Memorial Library)

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day, October 27, 2013

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Our Vision

A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Fantasy in A Minor by Purvis

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship:

*Hymn: Praise is your right

68

Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon: God forgave my sin

774

We Hear God's Word

First reading: **Joel 2:23-32**

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 65** *Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed, O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.*

Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple. By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas. By your strength you established the mountains; you are girded with might. You silence the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples.

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs; you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy. You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly, and settle its ridges, you soften the earth with showers, and you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty; your wagon tracks overflow with richness. The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy, the meadows

clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Sing them over again **498**

A time with the young people:

From the letters: **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

Gospel: **Luke 18:9-14**

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

*Hymn: Forgive our sins **751**

Sermon: **'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!'**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Set Me As A Seal by Rogers

*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: Where charity and love prevail **692**

*Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

Postlude: Toccata in B Minor by Gigout

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

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.

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.. Tickets are \$13.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children under the age of twelve.

Enjoy an **"Evening of Music"** with performances by the Girls Honour Choir, the Intermediate Concert Band, the Halifax Schools Senior orchestra, the Senior Jazz Band, and featuring pianist Julia Morrison. It will be held at United Memorial Church, 5375 Kaye St. (east of Hydrostone district) on Tues. Nov.5 at 7pm.

TOTAL OFFERING

Giving Goal for September: \$8,511

Amount given in September: \$7,980

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.

PRESBYTERIANS SHARING...

Giving Goal for 2013: \$26,000

Given up to September 30th: \$16,656 64%

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

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).

The Halifax Lunenburg Presbyterial of the **AMS** will meet Tuesday, October 29, at 12 noon at First Sackville Presbyterian Church. The program will focus on the Mission to Seafarers and their ministry in the Halifax area. Bring a bag lunch. Drink and sweets will be provided.

THIS WEEK - (October 27- November 3)

Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service - Sunday School
Monday	4:30 pm	Property Development meets
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

If you would consider **reading scripture**, please see Phyllis Morrison after service (She'll be serving coffee), or call 429-4353 or e-mail pmorrison@eastlink.ca later in the week if you can't stay for coffee. Thanks.

Refreshment Hosts are needed for November. If you are able to help out with this ministry, please see the sign-up sheet in the hall. If you have never done it before, please consider signing up. It is not onerous and there is always someone around to help. We ask that you bring 1 litre of 2 % milk, and if desired something sweet to eat.

The Women's InterChurch Council of Canada will be holding its Annual "Least Coin" Fall Rally Service at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 28 at Knox United Church, 567 Sackville Drive, Lower Sackville. The guest speaker is Carol Anne Smith, Communications Officer for PHOENIX HOUSE. Entertainment is provided by the talented PHOENIX COMMUNITY CHOIR. A free will

offering will be received for the Choir and for the 'Food to Phoenix Programme' - a programme supported by St. David's. For more information see Anne Sommerville.

Joel 2:23-32 O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterwards I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race,

I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Luke 18:9-14 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.



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Mission Moments: Rising above hardship Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* support Anamiewigummig (Kenora Fellowship Centre), which has opened its doors every night for the past three years. Low income housing is hard to find in this area, and many people who need emergency shelter come to the centre. No one is judged, and everyone receives care and respect. The center helps people like Debra, who once lived a hard life compounded by alcohol addiction, family violence and family breakdown. She stayed at the emergency shelter for over a year until she was able to secure a home. With the center's help and her own faith, she was able to rise above her hardships and now serves in the very same place where she got the help she needed. Debra is an active, on-call shelter worker for the center and is an inspiration to others in and around the center.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for Bonnie Langille as she serves as the new President of the Atlantic Mission Society for the next three years.

STEWARDSHIP Charity gives itself rich; covetousness hoards itself poor. *German 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.



Breastfeed.

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 ---. Our refreshment host is Phyllis Morrison.