

*The Presbyterian Church of  
Saint David*



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**WELCOME!**

*We are so glad you have chosen to worship  
with us today*

Service for the Lord's Day, November 24, 2013  
**REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY**

**Our Vision**

*A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community*

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**God Calls Us to Worship**

Prelude: Tierce by Couperin

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to worship:

\*Hymn: *At the name of Jesus*

**340**

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon:

**We Hear God's Word**

First reading: **Jeremiah 23: 1-6**

Responsive lesson: **Psalm 46** *God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear,  
though the earth should change, though the mountains  
shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble with its tumult. There is a river  
whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy  
habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city; it  
shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.*

**The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; God's  
voice resounds and the earth melts. The God of hosts is with  
us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Come, behold the works of  
God; see what desolations God has brought on the earth.  
God makes wars cease to the end of the earth; God breaks the bow,  
and shatters the spear; God burns the shields with fire. "Be still,  
and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I  
am exalted in the earth." The God of hosts is with us; the God of**

*Jacob is our refuge.* Gloria Patri (sung)  
 \*Hymn: *Jesus in the morning* 378  
 A time with the young people: Knowing what to do  
 From the letters: **Colossians 1:11-20**  
 Gospel: **Luke 23:33-43**  
*One: The Gospel of the Lord.* **All: Praise to you, O Christ**  
 \*Hymn: *How sweet the name of Jesus sounds* 357  
**Sermon: I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW**

### We Respond to God's Word



Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
 Anthem: The Blessing  
 \*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: *Jesus our blessed Redeemer* 372  
 \*Benediction:  
 \*Choral Amen:  
 Postlude: Postlude in D by Matthias



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

**SINGING THE LORD'S SONG** a study of the book of Psalms starts today. Four studies from your favourite Psalms - **Pick up your refreshments and join us in the minister's study.**

St. Andrew's Dartmouth will hold its annual service to mark **St. Andrew's Day** tonight at 7 pm with R. Lindsay Rankin as the preacher. At 8 pm, a Ceilidh will be held in the Hall followed by refreshments.

**Plan to Attend:** Fall fish chowder luncheon at noon - November 27<sup>th</sup>. This is the last luncheon so be sure to attend. On December 7<sup>th</sup> you get your final chance to savour the chowder until Lent.

St. David's is conducting a **Clothing Drive** for the Halifax Refugee Clinic clothing store (Section 96 on Grafton St.) Please drop off good used winter clothing (men's and women's outside clothing such as jackets, coats, hats, scarfs and gloves/mitts) until December 15 at the church office.

THIS WEEK - ( November 24-December 1)		
<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service - Sunday School
	Study of the Psalms - Minister's study	
<b>Tuesday</b>	9:30 am	Exercise class
<b>WEDNESDAY NOON FISH CHOWDER LUNCHEON</b>		
<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>Sunday</b>	9:00 am - Early service with communion	
	10:00 am - Circle of Prayer	
	11:00 am First Sunday in Advent	
	Sunday School at 11:15	
Study of the Psalms - Minister's study		

Seton Cantata Choir will perform their 2013 Christmas concert with the Brass and Percussion Ensemble on Sunday, Dec.1,3:00 p.m. at Bethany United Church, 7171 Clinton St. While there are many seasonal carols, John Rutter's *Gloria* is a highlight. Tickets are \$20, available at the door. For more information, call 404-6464.

If you would consider **reading scripture**, please see Phyllis Morrison. (or call 429-4353 or pmorrison@eastlink.ca.

**ROCCO** concert December 1 at All Saints Cathedral (see bulletin board for details).

**Operation Christmas Cookie:** Souls Harbour Rescue Mission is looking for Christmas baking to bless their guests for the holidays. Baking can be dropped off at 5568 Cunard St, Mon-Thu, 9-4. Any amount and type of baking is appreciated. What a great way to help and save us a few extra calories! For info email Mel mhack.rescue@gmail.com.

Preparations are well underway for the Christmas Chowder Luncheon on December 7. Please see the insert for the list of convenors and the various ways you can participate. Decorating for this event will take place on Wednesday, December 4 at 7 pm. Many hands make light work, so come and join the fun. Setup will be Friday afternoon, December 6, starting at 2:30. Please keep these two dates in mind. Don't forget the bake table and the gift table depend on you. It would be very helpful if contributions could be left at the church Friday afternoon or before 10 on Saturday.

**BAKE TABLE at Christmas Chowder--December 7** Time to get out your favorite recipe. We need your help raising money at the Bake Table. If you don't like to bake we do accept cash (or cheque) donations. Thanks. Phyllis.

**The Christmas Coffee Party, Craft and Bake Sale** will be held in the Calvin Church Hall on Sat., Nov 30<sup>th</sup> between 10:30 am and 12. A variety of hot finger food will be served as well as sweet breads and squares. Admission \$7.00.

**COME to us Emmanuel** – Nov 28-Dec. 1 at 7:30, St. Agnes, Mumford Rd. (an original musical revue – see bulletin board.)

**Jeremiah 23:1-6** Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

**Colossians 1:11-20** May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and

for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**Luke 23:33-43** When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."



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**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Pray for members of the Assembly Council as they gather at Crieff Hills.

**STEWARDSHIP** Take care of your body. It's the only place you have to live.  
*Jim Rohn*

**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 Johannah Roberts. Our scripture reader is ----. Our refreshment host is Phyllis Morrison