



*The Presbyterian Church*

*of*

## *Saint David*

544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax,  
(by Memorial Library)

**Minister:** Rev. Kenn Stright

**Organist:** Tristan Cleveland-  
Thompson

**Clerk of Session:** Murray Alary

*CELEBRATING*

# WELCOME!

*We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning!*

Service for the Lord's Day January 05, 2014  
CHRISTMAS 2

*\*All who are able are asked to stand.*

## 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: *Arise! Shine! The light you have been waiting for is here!*

**Darkness has been banished!** *God's light of hope floods the earth.*

**God's light comes to us all.** *Lord, make us ready to journey to this Light. Prepare our hearts to receive this Light. Amen.*

Hymn: Christ, whose glory fill the skies

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Confession: *The radiance of a star guided the travellers to the feet of Jesus where they offered their most precious gifts - gold, frankincense and myrrh. You have given us more than a star, O God, to guide us - you have revealed your glory and your love in the person of Jesus - Light of the world. As we offer our thanks for such wondrous gifts to us, we recognise our responsibility to be bearers of his light and love into the areas of people's lives darkened by pain and fear, poverty and oppression, sorrow and hopelessness. We confess the times when we choose to go our own way rather than be guided by you - the times when we are reluctant to allow the power and radiance of Christ to flow through us. Strengthen us with your Spirit to follow wherever you lead us and to reveal your glory and love through all we do and say. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen*

Words of Assurance: *Light has come to you. Your light has come and it has erased the darkness. Now we can walk and work in the light. You are loved by God and called to God's service. Amen.*

## We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: **Isaiah 60: 1-6**

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm 72:1-7 *Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son. May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice. May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness. May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations. May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth. In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.*

Gloria Patri (*sung*)  
 \*Hymn: We've a story to tell to the nations **765**  
 Conversation with the children: *The light comes on*  
 From the letters: **Ephesians 3: 1-12**  
 Gospel: **Matthew 2: 1-12**  
*One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ*  
 \*Hymn: As with gladness **172**  
 Sermon: **TIME... FOR AN EPIPHANY**

**We Respond to God's Word**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings  
 Anthem:  
 \*Doxology: *"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"* **830**  
 Offertory Prayer  
 Announcements:  
 Covenant Renewal:  
**Congregational question for Covenant Renewal:** Do you intend to be faithful to the covenant God made with you at baptism; to live among God's people; to grow in knowledge and understanding of God love; to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to engage in prayer, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.  
 Prayers of the People: John Wamboldt  
 The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

**We Go Out to Serve God**

\*Hymn: Arise your light is come **712**  
 \*Benediction:  
 \*Choral Amen:  
 Postlude:

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

A heart-felt **'thank-you'** to one and all for prayers, gifts, best wishes and outpouring of love this Christmas Season (from Kenn and family!)

2014 parking permits and parking permit updates will be available before and after the 11 am service.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 11, at 2 pm for the late Dr. Gwen Service.

Church envelopes are now at the door – please contact Mac Fyfe.

Sunday, January 19 2:30 p.m. St Andrew's, Dartmouth Church Hall : Rev. Dr. David W K Sutherland will give an illustrated presentation on his trip to India in September, 2013 . Light refreshments. All are invited to attend.

<b>THIS WEEK - (January 05-12)</b>		
<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service. Mission and Outreach meet today
Tuesday&Thursday	9:30 am	Exercise class
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Worship and Church Life
Wednesday	7:00pm	Session
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 am - 1:00 pm	David's Place (Hall)
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Early service
	11:00 am	Traditional service

**Isaiah 60:1-6** Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

**Ephesians 3:1-12** This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

**Matthew 2:1-12** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.



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## PASTORAL CARE

*Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact  
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### MISSION MOMENTS: Hunger and Climate Change

At least 70% of the people who regularly go to bed hungry are farmers in developing countries. While it may be surprising, it is often the people who produce food that do not have enough to eat. Climate change means higher temperatures, drought, parched crops and flooding. For many people, it also means more hunger.

PWS&D and Canadian Foodgrains Bank are teaching farmers strategies to adapt to climate change and grow more food. We also work to end global hunger by influencing public policies. Join the Harvest of Letters campaign and write a letter to your MPs urging the Canadian government to provide support to vulnerable populations dealing with climate change.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Pray that New Year's resolutions will move beyond good intentions to bring about God's peace and justice in your community and throughout the world.

**STEWARDSHIP** Abundance isn't God's provision for me to live in luxury. It's his provision for me to help others live. God entrusts me with his money not to build my kingdom on earth, but to build his kingdom in heaven.  
*Randy Alcorn*

**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 Greeter this morning is Davida Mackay. Our scripture reader for this morning is Murray Alary. Refreshment Hosts are -----