



*The Presbyterian Church*  
*of*  
*Saint David*

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

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**Organist:** Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

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## WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day January 12, 2014  
Epiphany Sunday

*\*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: Three Kings by Cornelius

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *The voice of God is heard in all creation – and it responds with joy to the voice of its Creator, Sustainer and Renewer. We come to worship our God, and to celebrate God's power and generosity towards all creation and all peoples.*

Hymn: Lord in this broken world

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Confession: *We are incredibly stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which Your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out on the world, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, our own needs, our own desires. Help us to desire you, Lord. Help us to yearn for your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, cleansing us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. Wash away our jealousy, greed, and all negative thoughts and behaviours that stand in the way of our truly being the people you have called us to be. Again let us receive the blessings offered in creation, in the birth and baptism of Jesus, and in the ministry of the saints of light. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.*

**Words of Assurance** *The love of God is always offered to us, freely, joyfully, for all eternity. Rejoice, dear friends, this is the Good News of our Lord. Amen.*

### We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: **Isaiah 42: 1-9**

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm: **Psalm 29** *Ascribe to God, O heavenly beings, ascribe to God glory and strength. Ascribe to God the glory of God's name; worship God in holy splendor. The voice of God is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, God, over mighty waters. The voice of God is powerful; the voice of God is full of majesty. The voice of God breaks the cedars; God breaks the cedars of Lebanon. God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of God flashes forth in flames of fire. The voice of God shakes the wilderness; God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of God causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all say, 'Glory!'*

**God sits enthroned over the flood; God sits enthroned as ruler forever. May God give strength to the people! May God bless the people with peace!**

Gloria Patri (*sung*)

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\*Hymn: Jesus loves me

Conversation with the children:

From the letters: **Acts 10:34-43**

Gospel: **Matthew 3: 13-17**

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

\*Hymn: O for a thousand tongues to sing 374

Sermon: **TIME... FOR A NEW BEGINNING**

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: In the heart where love is abiding by John Badard

\*Doxology: *"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"* 830

Confession of Faith (Apostles' Creed)

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

### We Go Out to Serve God

\*Hymn: May God's love be fixed above you 582

\*Benediction:

\*Choral Amen:

Postlude: Psalms 92 by Bedard

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

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.

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

Church envelopes are now in the Church Office – please contact Mac Fyfe

Start off the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** at the Oval! Sunday January 19th at 1pm as part of the public skate – look for signs and hot chocolate! Come to the following services at 12:15: Monday (January 20): Presbyterian Church of Saint David; Tuesday (January 21): St. Paul's Church (Anglican); Wednesday (January 22): Fort Massey United Church Thursday (January 23): First Baptist Church Halifax; Friday (January 24): St. Mary's Basilica

### **THIS WEEK - (January 12-19)**

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

**Isaiah 42:1-9** Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,

to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

**Acts 10:34-43** Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**Matthew 3:13-17** Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."



## PASTORAL CARE

*Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact  
one of the following:*

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## MISSION MOMENTS: Experiencing Mission in Taiwan

Each year, young Christians from around the world gather in Taiwan for two weeks to work with our partner church, The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan. Kenn's daughter, Naomi was a leader for this experience to Taiwan twice! In July 2013, Abbey Poser and Tom Ball travelled to Taiwan to teach English to children at day camps, learn about Taiwanese culture and share their faith journey with others. Abbey writes, "One day I was sitting and playing my ukulele during the break and a little boy brought over his book so I would play the camp theme song for him. He made me play it over and over so he could sing it. A small group of children formed and they all sang while I played. It gave me a real feeling of worth." Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* help support Youth in Mission so that young Presbyterians can experience mission in life-changing ways.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Pray that our identity as followers of Jesus will be strengthened as we remember our own baptisms.

**STEWARDSHIP** And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. *2 Corinthians 9:8*

**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 Carol Dobson. Refreshment Hosts are Rod and Val Macdonald.