



*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



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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 19, 2014  
Epiphany 2 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:

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *When God calls to you in mission and ministry, in worship and witness, are you ready to respond, 'Here I am!' I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart. Let God's steadfast love and God's faithfulness keep us safe for ever. Let us worship God together.*

Hymn: Lord whose love

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Confession: *Holy God, your presence in Christ truly was and remains an epiphany. Your people were immersed in the darkness of oppression and despair, yet you came through Christ to reveal not only your love but your presence. You showed us that you are with us no matter what may befall. Through Christ, you taught us that the way to discover you is through faith, hope, and love. You showed us that through faith we can be healed, renewed, and filled with your Spirit. Too often we close our eyes to your epiphany and remain in darkness. Help us to open our eyes and our hearts to you so that we can discover Christ's love growing in our souls. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.*

Words of Assurance: *The light of God surrounds us, and all it takes is open eyes to see it. When we walk in faith, we discover God's light brightening even the darkest corners of our lives. This is the way of Jesus, who in the darkest moments of his life said to God, "Not my will, but yours will be done." When we live life with this kind of faith, we discover in the end that God has been working wonders all around us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. Amen.*

### We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: Isaiah 49: 1-7

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm: **Psalm 40:1-11** *I waited patiently for God; who inclined to me and heard my cry. God drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, God set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in God.*

**Happy are those who make God their trust, who do not turn**

to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods. *You have multiplied, O God my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted. Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required. Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O God. I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness I have not concealed them from the great congregation. Do not, O God, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.* Gloria Patri (*sung*)

\*Hymn: Brother, sister let me serve you **635**

Conversation with the children:

From the letters: **1 Corinthians 1: 1-9**

Gospel: **John 1:29-42**

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

\*Hymn: Take Time To Be Holy 638

Sermon: **TIME... to come and see**

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

\*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: Called as Partners **587**

\*Benediction:

\*Choral Amen:

Postlude:

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

Envelopes for 2014 are now in the Church Office.

Today at 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.

Start off the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** at the Oval! Today 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, 12:15pm**

Location: Presbyterian Church of St. David (Rev. Kenn Stright)

Preacher: Rev. Kevin Little (St. Andrew's United Church)

**Tuesday, January 21, 12:15pm**

Location: St. Paul's Anglican Church (Rev. Paul Friesen)

Preacher: Rev. John E. Boyd (First Baptist Church Halifax)

**Wednesday, January 22, 12:15pm**

Location: Fort Massey United (Rev. Trent Cleveland Thompson)

Preacher: Fr. Brian MacMillan (St. Mary's Basilica)

**Thursday, January 23, 12:15pm**

Location: First Baptist Church Halifax (Rev. John E. Boyd)

Preacher: Bishop Susan Moxley (Diocese of Nova Scotia)

### **Total Offerings**

Giving Goal for December: \$20,901

Amount given in December: \$25,781

This is a good monthly offering considering one Sunday service was cancelled. Special Appeal donations in December totaled \$7,870 and are included in the \$25,781. Thank you very much for your generosity.

### **Presbyterians Sharing**

Giving Goal for 2013: \$26,000

Given up to December 31st: \$21,692

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

**THIS WEEK - (January 19-26)**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service and Sunday School Mission and Outreach after church
Tuesday&Thursday	9:30 am	Exercise class
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Practice
<b>Friday</b>	10:00 am -	David's Place celebration
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service

**Isaiah 49:1-7** Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength - he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

**1 Corinthians 1:1-9** Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind - just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you - so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**John 1:29-42** The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is

translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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## PASTORAL CARE

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

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### **MISSION MOMENTS: Supporting people with disabilities in Malawi**

Life in Malawi is hard enough for the majority of people without the compounded struggle of a physical or mental disability. Through the Tidzalerana Club in Blantyre, people with disabilities are discovering that disability is not inability. Tidzalerana means "we care for one another," and rightly so. Led by dedicated volunteers, the club provides a place where those with physical and developmental disabilities feel loved and accepted. Participants of all ages receive a nutritious meal while learning practical skills such as sewing, mat weaving and business management. Club members also meet weekly to listen to one another's concerns, learn new skills and sing songs together. Programs like these are made possible thanks to the compassionate support of Presbyterians.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Pray for military chaplains who are suffering from physical, spiritual or mental health issues due to what they have seen, experienced and counselled in their vocation as chaplains. Also remember Bonnie Mason and Michael Rundal, Presbyterian Chaplains stationed in Halifax.

**STEWARDSHIP** "It always seems impossible until it is done," (Nelson Mandela) Let's remember this at St. David's this year!

**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 Johannah Roberts. Refreshment Hosts are Anne Sommerville and Janette Taper.