



The Presbyterian Church of

Saint David

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

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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 26, 2014

Epiphany 3 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: Kyrie by Paulus

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *To the fisherman Jesus said: "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." To the tax collector Jesus said: "Follow me." To the rich man Jesus said: "Go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." To those in darkness Jesus said: "I am the light of the world." To you and to me Jesus says: Follow me!*

Hymn: Will you come and follow me

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Confession: *O God, we yearn to be a community of believers, united in your Spirit. And yet we are fraught with divisions: denominational, political, theological. We are weighed down by tensions and the things that break us apart. Forgive us, great God, for this great sin. Help us to learn to live in community together, loving one another, in spite of our differences, and respecting one another in everything that we do and say. Help us to be as you call us, one in heart and mind. Only through the grace of your son, Jesus Christ, can we achieve this. Amen.*

Our Response: *Who is it that you seek? We seek the Lord our God Do you seek the Lord with all your heart? Amen. Lord, have mercy Do you seek the Lord with all your soul? Amen. Lord, have mercy Do you seek the Lord with all your mind? Amen. Lord, have mercy Do you seek the Lord with all your strength? Amen. Christ, have mercy*

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: **Isaiah 9: 1-4**

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm: **Psalm 27:1, 4-9** *God is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? God is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing I asked of God, that will I seek after: to live in the house of God all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of God, and to inquire in God's temple. For God will hide me in God's shelter in the day of trouble; God will conceal me under the cover of God's tent; God will set me high on a rock. Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in God's tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to God. Hear, O God, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! "Come," my heart says, "seek God's face!" Your face, O God, do I seek. Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Jesus bids us shine 773
 Conversation with the children: *Trust Walk*
 From the letters: **1 Corinthians 1: 10-18**
 Gospel: **Matthew 4:12-23**
One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ
 *Hymn: Jesus calls us o're the tumult 672
 Sermon: **TIME... to see the light**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Anthem: Inscription of Hope by Z Randall Stroope
 *Doxology: *"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"* 830
 Confession of Faith (Apostles' Creed)
 Offertory Prayer
 Announcements:
 Mission Moment with the M&O Committee: Kathy Large
 Prayers of the People: John Wamboldt
 The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: We've a story to tell to the nations 765
 * Commissioning: God is our light, our hope, our all in all: **ble**
be God, now and forever! Christ is our home, our life, our joy:
Blessed be God, now and forever! Our worship concludes; our
 service continues. **Blessed be God, now and forever!**
 *Benediction and Choral Amen:
 Postlude: Recessional by Matthias

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK - (January 26- February 2)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service and Sunday School
Tuesday&Thursday	9:30 am	Exercise class
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Sunday	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service

Please submit reports to Murray Alary for inclusion in the church's annual report. Reports would be appreciated by the first week in February.

Isaiah 9:1-4 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the

message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Matthew 4:12-23 Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.



PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION MOMENTS: Discerning Where God is at Work

Two Rivers Mission in Guelph, Ontario is a new worshipping community which is reaching out to people who are open to conversations about faith and spirituality and looking for community. Under the leadership of the Rev. Glen Soderholm, the congregation is exploring ways to be present and attentive to where God is at work amongst their neighbours and friends in the places they inhabit. They gather in people's living rooms for worship, work together in a community garden, prepare and serve meals for one another and their neighbours, host coffeehouses with local entertainment, and participate in a movie club. *Presbyterians Sharing* supports new church developments as they reach out to their communities in new ways.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Give thanks for the Atlantic Mission Society and the Women's Missionary Society as they gather regularly to support with prayer, study, service and finances, the mission endeavours of our church.

STEWARDSHIP "The truth is that we came into the world with nothing, and we will leave with nothing. When we die everything we have accumulated and everything we think is ours will stop being ours and pass on to somebody else."
James E. Mead, CFO, Forbes

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.



I 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 Ian Gilmore. Refreshment Host is Valerie MacDonald.