

The  
Church  
Saint



Presbyterian  
of  
David

544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax,  
(by Memorial Library)  
Minister: Rev. Kenn Stright  
Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson  
Clerk of Session: Murray Alary



## WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day February 02, 2014

Epiphany 4 PWS&D 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 in C minor by Howells

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.... Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.*

Hymn: Arise, shine, your light is come 712

Confession: *The prophet Micah asks on our behalf: "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?" What can we possibly give to God to make ourselves acceptable? We have sinned and fallen short of God's glory. (Silent Confession) Micah affirms: "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" May we offer to God our lives, our total selves, our commitment to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God. As forgiven people being transformed into the very image of Christ, we thank God for this facility in and through which we may serve. May God bless the Presbyterian Church of Saint David, its buildings, its people and its ministries, service, and witness. Amen.*

Our Response: *Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth. Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow. Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.*

**Glorious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.**

*Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful.*

**Glorious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart.**

*Wonderful is the God of Christ, who adopts the peacemakers.*

**Glorious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.**

*Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds the lost.*

**Glorious is our God, who awakens the dead.**

### We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced) 445

First Reading: **Micah 6: 1-8**

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm: **Psalm 15** *O God, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill? Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart, and do not slander with their tongue, who do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors; in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord; who stand by their oath even to their hurt; who do not lend money at interest, and do not take*

**a bribe against the innocent.** *Those who do these things shall never be moved.* Gloria Patri (*sung*)

\*Hymn: Jesus friend of all the children **656**

Conversation with the children:

From the letters: **1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

Gospel: **Matthew 5: 1-12**

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

\*Hymn: Blest are they **624**

Sermon: **TIME... to walk with God**

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: My eyes for Beauty Pines by Howells

\*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: What does the Lord require **710**

\* Commissioning: God is our light, our hope, our all in all: **blessed 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

\*Choral Amen:

Postlude: Voluntary by Bedard

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

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

**Micah 6:1-8** Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord." "With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

**1 Corinthians 1:18-31** 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. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to

shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

**Matthew 5:1-12** When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

<b>THIS WEEK - (February 2 - 9)</b>		
<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
Tuesday&Thursday	9:30 am	Exercise class
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Worship and Church Life Committee
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Friday 10-12 noon	<b>Friday Drop-In opens</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service

## PASTORAL CARE



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

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**MISSION MOMENTS: PWS&D Sunday** – a time to remember the work of our church in supporting marginalized and vulnerable people through programs in international development and emergency relief. Today, let's take a moment to think of those who struggle for basic necessities such as nutritious food, clean water, adequate health care, quality education and basic human rights. As Christians we are called to love both neighbor and stranger. By participating in the work of PWS&D and its global partners, we do what Jesus taught us. By imitating Jesus Christ, we experience and share God's radical hope and power to transform. We respond together.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Pray for the work of Presbyterian World Service & Development in supporting marginalized and vulnerable people through programs in international development and relief.

**STEWARDSHIP** Love ever gives, forgives, outlives and ever stands with open hands; and while it lives it gives, for this is love's prerogative: to give, and give, and give... *Oxenham*

**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 Greeter this morning is Barbara MacKeigan. Our scripture reader for this morning is Lisa Glennie. Refreshment Hosts are Don and Margot Knox.