

The  
Church  
of  
Saint  
David  
Presbyterian



1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax, (by Memorial Library)

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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 09, 2014

Epiphany 5

*\*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: This Little Light of Mine by Hogan

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *Jesus calls us to be the light of the world – to loose the bonds of injustice, open the eyes that are blind, and deliver from prison those who sit in darkness. God invites us to be a light to the nations – to carry God's salvation to the ends of the earth.*

\*Hymn: Christ, whose glory fills the skies 177

Confession: *Isaiah reminds us that our prayer, fasting and pious ritual must be lived out in compassion and justice: When we forget the fast you desire - to do justice, and stand up for the powerless: **Lord, have mercy.** When we forget the prayer you love - to show compassion, and care for those in need:*

***Christ, have mercy.** When we forget the rituals you require - to create relationships of righteousness and peace: **Lord have mercy.***

**Words of Assurance:** *Friends, the love of God revealed in Jesus forgives us, heals us and sets us free to rebuild, restore, and raise up foundations for new generations. **Thanks be to God!***

### We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced) 445

First Reading: **Isaiah 58: 1-9a**

One: *The Word of the Lord.* **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm: **Psalm 112: 1-9** *Praise be to God!*

**Happy are those who fear God, who greatly delight in God's commandments.** *Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. **Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.** They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are gracious, merciful, and righteous.*

**It is well with those who deal generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice.** *For the righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever. **They are not afraid of evil tidings; their hearts are firm, secure in God.** Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes. **They have distributed freely, they have given to the poor; their righteousness endures forever; their horn is exalted in honour.***

Gloria Patri (sung)

\*Hymn: Lord the light of your love is shining 376

Conversation with the children: *Reflect the Light*

From the letters: **1 Corinthians 2:1-12**

Gospel: **Matthew 5: 13-20**

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

\*Hymn: Let there be light 727

Sermon: **TIME... to be the Light**

## We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Beautiful City by Stephen Schwartz

\*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: O send thy light forth **29**

\* Commissioning: *May our Christian living be light to those who live in darkness. **May our Christian communities be cities of light to be seen from afar as signs that God lives and works in his people.** And may God bless you all for this mission: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.* \*Choral Amen

Postlude: O Danny Boy

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

**Please submit reports** to Murray Alary - email today at [murray.lynne@ns.sympatico.ca](mailto:murray.lynne@ns.sympatico.ca) for inclusion in the annual report.

**Annual meeting and Soup Contest are March 2<sup>nd</sup> – Prepare!**

### **THIS WEEK - (February 09-16)**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service and Sunday School This is Food Bank Sunday!
Tuesday&Thursday	9:30 am	Exercise class
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Session
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Friday	10-12 noon	David's Place - <b>Friday Drop-In</b>
Sunday	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service

**Isaiah 58: 1-9a** Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer...

**1 Corinthians 2: 1-12** When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a

wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him' - these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

**Matthew 5:13-20** "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.



## PASTORAL CARE

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

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### **MISSION MOMENTS: Witnessing in Palestine and Israel**

The Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Palestine and Israel brings people from around the world to provide a protective presence to vulnerable communities, monitor and report human rights abuses and support Palestinians and Israelis working together for peace. With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, International Ministries has recently sent Jake Fraser from Montreal and Magan Haycock from Lloydminster, Alberta. Jake shares, "The opportunity to sit and talk with Palestinians who have lived through so much adversity in their lives yet remain strong and defiant is incredible. I feel extremely fortunate to have experienced this amazing culture and people." Please pray for the people in Palestine and Israel who are working for peace.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Pray for the future ministry of the Guyana Presbyterian Church as it mourns the loss of another key leader and faithful servant in this small church - the Rev. Roopnauth Bisnauth, brother to the late Hon. Rev. Dr. Dale Bisnauth who passed away early last year.

**STEWARDSHIP** Do not give, as many rich men do, like a hen that lays her eggs ... and then cackles. *Henry Ward Beecher*

**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 Evan Johnson. Refreshment Host is Kathy Large