

The
Church
Saint



Presbyterian
of
David

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

Minister: 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 16, 2014

Epiphany 6

**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: *Happy are those who walk in God's ways.*

Blessed are those who observe God's commandments.

Faithful are those whose eyes are fixed on righteousness.

Joyful are those whose hearts are filled with praise.

Come, let us love the Lord our God. We come to worship the One who leads us in the ways of life.

*Hymn: God's law is perfect 9
Confession: *Holy One, we confess that we have been caught up in the ways of the world. Instead of looking to commandments and rules as a way to guide our life, we use them to punish and restrict others. Forgive us for our judgments and misconceptions. Forgive us for not working on ourselves, on our own lives. Call us back to your way of life, a way of love, commitment, respect, and forgiveness. Call us back to a way of life that honours you and creation, and guides us to better love our neighbours as ourselves. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who ended sacrifice and death and fulfilled the promise of new life, we pray. Amen.*

Words of Assurance: *Brothers and sisters in Christ, as you choose again this day to love God and to love one another know that God has forgiven you that which is past and offers to you a new and full life. Praise be to the name of God, now forever. Amen.*

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced) 445

First Reading: **Deuteronomy 30: 15-20**

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

Responsive Psalm: Psalm 119:1-8 *Happy are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD. Happy are those who keep his decrees, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways. You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently. O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes! Then I shall not be put to shame, having my eyes fixed on all your commandments. I will praise you with an upright heart, when I learn your righteous ordinances. I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Love the Lord your God 715

Conversation with the children:

From the letters: **1 Corinthians 3:1-9**

Gospel: **Matthew 5: 21-37**

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

*Hymn: Your word, O God, awoke the uncreated 508

Sermon: **TIME... to shed light on the law**

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: Love divine, all love excelling **371**

* Commissioning and Benediction and Choral Amen:

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Annual meeting and Soup Contest are March 2nd – Prepare!

The congregation are invited to bring sandwiches and sweets to compliment the meal.

THIS WEEK - (February 16-23)

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
Friday 10-12 noon		David's Place - Friday Drop-In
Sunday	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service

Total Offerings

Giving Goal for January: \$11,486

Amount given in January: \$11,186 *Thank you for your generosity. The money you give helps Saint David's move on into 2014.*

Regular expenses continue even if we are doing a development of our property.

Presbyterians Sharing

Given up to January 31st: \$4,391 *Thank you for your generosity to Presbyterians Sharing. Please remember money you give here goes to benefit the many programs of our National Church.*

A Choral Evensong at the Cathedral Church of all Saints
1330 Martello Street, Halifax Sunday, February 23rd at 4pm

The Choir of St. John's United is presenting "**A Winter Lovesong**" – a concert in celebration of St. Valentine and the Winter Season, at the Lilian Piercey Concert Hall on Sunday, Feb. 16, 7 p.m.

Deuteronomy 30 ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 ³And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe,

as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. ⁹For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Matthew 5:21-37 ²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not murder’; and ‘whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, ‘You fool,’ you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷“You have heard that it was said, ‘you shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell. ³¹“It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let your word be ‘Yes, Yes’ or ‘No, No’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”



PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION MOMENTS: Christopher Chalunda had been working in the labour and delivery ward at the Mulanje Mission Hospital for just one year when he received an amazing opportunity. Christopher had been selected to take part in a special training— conducted as part of PWS&D's government-funded maternal and child health program in Malawi— to equip clinicians and midwives with the knowledge and skills necessary to combat the country's high maternal and child mortality rates. “We have learned new attitudes in how to approach patients. We are assisting in providing the best care possible,” says Christopher.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Heritage Sunday* Pray that Heritage Sunday will be a day that inspires congregations to give thanks for the past and embrace the future with confidence and hope.

STEWARDSHIP Real charity doesn't care if it's tax deductible or not.

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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 Barbara MacKeigan. Our scripture reader for this morning is Andrew Lappin. Refreshment Host is ----