

The
Church
Saint



Presbyterian
of
David

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 23, 2014

Epiphany 7

**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: Improvisation on Flutes

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship:

*Hymn: God of mercy, God of Grace

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Confession: Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbour. **We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred. We confess that we have been hurt by others. We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us.** *We know that nothing is impossible in You. We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us. Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others, to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness.* **For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again, and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him.** *May we walk in his ways. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon: *For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run, where God cannot find you.* **There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. You are forgiven. You are loved. You are reconciled to God. Go and live with the love of God. Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

Introduction to scripture: When Painful Memories by Morris

First Reading: **Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18**

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm: **Psalm 119:33-40** *Teach me, O God, the way of your statutes, and I will observe it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it.*

Turn my heart to your decrees, and not to selfish gain. Turn my eyes from looking at vanities; give me life in your ways. Confirm to your servant your promise, which is for those who fear you. Turn away the disgrace that I dread, for your ordinances are good. See, I have longed for your precepts; in your righteousness give me life. Gloria Patri (*sung*)

*Hymn: Take my life and let it be

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Conversation with the children:

From the letters: **1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23**

Gospel: **Matthew 5: 38-48**

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

*Hymn: A new commandment I give to you 225
Sermon: **TIME... to live the Light**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Anthem: The Winter's Night by Nicholas Myers
*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: Joyful, Joyful, we adore you 410
* Commissioning and Benediction *Choral Amen:
Postlude: Improvisation on Kyrie

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK - (February 23-March 02)

Today	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
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

Noon: Men's Soup contest

Annual Congregational meeting to follow

Refreshment Hosts are needed for March. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hall or contact Valerie Macdonald.

Annual meeting and Soup Contest are March 2nd. The congregation is requested to bring the sandwiches and sweets to go with the soup. We also need 3 judges.

The Halifax Chapter of the Women's Interchurch Council of Canada will hold their **2014 World Day of Prayer Service** at 2:00pm on Friday, March 7, 2014 (storm date will be March 14) at the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 2096 Windsor Street, Halifax.

TONIGHT: 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. 23, 7 p.m.

Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not defraud your neighbour; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a labourer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23 According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written,

'He catches the wise in their craftiness', and again,

'The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile.'

So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future — all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Matthew 5:38-48 [Jesus said:] "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbour and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."



PASTORAL CARE

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

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Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893



MISSION MOMENTS: Caring for people in need In the midst of a busy day preparing and serving food at Saskatoon Native Circle Ministries, the Rev. Stewart Folster often receives requests for prayer. "Prayer happens spontaneously and I am pleased to do it," he shares. "The cold weather is upon us and there are many reasons for prayer, because there are many struggles." Raised by his grandparents, it particularly hurts Stewart to see elderly people who must rely on soup kitchens and missions in order to survive. "I see so many who remind me of my grandparents. I love them and wish I could just take them home with me!" he says. "I ask for your prayers. I hope our mission will be here for a long time and that we can do a lot more for people in the future." *Presbyterians Sharing* is helping this vibrant ministry reach out to people in great need.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Pray for the Health Care Chaplains serving across Canada in hospitals, retirement homes and other health care facilities, especially remembering Lindsey Rankin in our area.*

STEWARDSHIP I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

Martin Luther

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 Kathy Large. Refreshment Host is Johannah Roberts.