

The Church of Saint David Presbyterian



1544 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

Lent 1 - March 09, 2014

**All who are able are asked to stand.*

Our Vision

A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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Lent is a time to take the time to let the power of our faith story take hold of us, a time to let the events get up and walk around in us, a time to intensify our living unto Christ, a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts, a time to place our feet in the streets of Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and listen to his word, a time to touch his robe and feel the healing surge through us, a time to ponder and a time to wonder... Lent is a time to allow a fresh new taste of God!

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Hide Thy Face by Bevan

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.*

Lenten Liturgy...

*Hymn: How blest are they whose trespass 17

Confession: *Our hearts are blessed as we gather before You today, O Lord, for you have given us freedom from all our transgressions and joy in exchange for heavy hearts. You are the refuge we seek when we are*

troubled and the courage we need when we venture into our days. Bless us today with your steadfast love as we declare our trust in you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon: *Oh, what joy for those whose sins are forgiven, whose mistakes have been wiped away by God's mercy and grace! Let's rejoice in God's unfailing love, which has set us free yet again.*

We Hear God's Word

"*Spirit, open our heart*" (sung unannounced)

First Reading: **Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7**

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

Responsive Psalm: **Psalm 32** *Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom God*

imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my

strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I

acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will

confess my transgressions to God," and you forgave the

guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a

time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a

hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you

surround me with glad cries of deliverance. I will instruct you

and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. *Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in God. Be glad in God and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.*

Gloria Patri (*sung*)

*Hymn: Seek ye first the kingdom of God **625**

Conversation with the children: *Simon Says...*

From the letters: **Romans 5:12-19**

Gospel: **Matthew 4: 1-11**

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

*Hymn: Forty days and forty nights **197**

Sermon: **Temptation –revealing the ‘self inside the self’**

We Respond to God’s Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Thou Wilt Keep me in Perfect Peace by Wesley

*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 Jesus I have promised **569**

* Commissioning:

*Choral Amen:

Postlude: Improvisation on In The Bulb

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Lent 2 next week: Genesis 12:1-4, Psalm 121, Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17.

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

Today is **Food Bank Sunday:** Please give generously! Food items are made available to our guests at the Friday morning Drop-in.

THIS WEEK - (March 09-16)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service and Sunday School
	12:15 pm	Lenten Study in the minister’s study
Tuesday&Thursday	9:30 am	Exercise class
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Session
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
	12:15 pm	Lenten Study in the minister’s study

You are invited to participate in a six-week study program after church exploring basic Christian beliefs entitled, **“Beginnings: An Introduction to Christian Faith.”** The conversation is generated around a series of videos entitled: “So, Is This All There Is?”, “Who Is Jesus, and Why Should I Care?”, “What Happens When I Die?”, “Can I Trust God?”, “If I Don’t Feel Lost, Why Do I Need to Be Found?”, “How Can I Make a Life and not Just a Living?”

Once again Saint David's is being asked to support the snack program at **Phoenix House.** This is a once a year contribution that goes towards healthy snacks for the youth who use Phoenix's facilities. We have been asked to provide \$175 and anyone who wishes to contribute is asked to give their donations to Carol Dobson or Anne Sommerville (income tax receipts will be issued). Thank you for supporting this worthwhile endeavour.

Total Offerings

Giving Goal for February:	\$8,837
Amount given in February:	\$7,751

Thank you for your generosity. The money you give helps Saint David's move on with our mission, programs and the property development.

Presbyterians Sharing

Giving Goal for 2014: \$22,000

Given up to February 28th: \$5,721 26%

Thank you for your generosity to Presbyterians Sharing. Please remember the money you give here goes to benefit many programs of our National Church.

Too much of everything at Christmas? Give it all up for Lent!

David's Place can use your excess bars of soap, shampoo, shaving cream, razors, toothbrushes, deodorants for men and women, combs and other personal items (preferably travel size - all unused)! Drop off at the church anytime!

The Drop-in would like to fill up the freezer with a supply of meals, so that we are able to plan a bit ahead. The type of dish will change from month to month. This month we are asking anyone who feels so inclined to provide a pot of soup. These could be dropped off ready to freeze on Friday, next Sunday, or anytime through the month.

AMS PLANNING MEETING . WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19.
IONA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH , 1:30.

You are invited to help plan the AMS Annual Meeting hosted by the Halifax Lunenburg Presbyterial, in September. Bring your ideas to Iona Presbyterian Church, Wednesday, March 19 at 1:30pm.

Values and Vision: Is Doctor Assisted Suicide a Right?

A public forum on end of life issues, co-sponsored by the Halifax Shambhala Centre, The Universalist Unitarian Church of Halifax, St. John's United Church and St. Andrew's United Church, will be held at St. Andrew's United Church (Corner of Robie St. and Coburg Rd.) on Friday March 21st at 7pm. Wanda Morris, Executive Director of Dying with Dignity Canada will be joined by academics, advocates and religious leaders (representing a variety

of points of view) for a panel discussion. We invite your input: potential questions for the panelists can be emailed in advance to saintandrews@eastlink.ca

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Romans 5:12-19 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned — sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many

trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Matthew 4:1-11 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.



PASTORAL CARE

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

Kenn Stright office: 423-2660 home: 477-2870
Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893



MISSION MOMENTS: Your donation to Presbyterians Sharing may be matched!

Our target for Presbyterians Sharing in 2014 is \$22,000. Ken and Gloria Mader have made a generous offer: They will match all contributions over the \$22,000 amount. For example: If the amount raised by December 31, 2014 is \$24,000, we are over the target by \$2,000. Ken and Gloria will match the \$2,000 and the total amount raised will become \$24,000 + \$2,000 = \$26,000

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Pray for women around the world who, with support from Presbyterian World Service & Development, help each other defend their human rights and gain economic independence.*

STEWARDSHIP The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. *Psalm 24:1*

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 Murray Alary. Our scripture reader for this morning is Valerie Macdonald. Refreshment Host is...