

*The Presbyterian Church of*  
**Saint 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  
Lent 3 - March 23, 2014

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

### Our Vision

*A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community*

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*Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks, Compassion on this world,  
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the  
hands, with which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands,  
yours are the feet, Yours are the eyes, you are his body.*

Teresa of Avila

### God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Dear Lord Father by Parry

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship:

**Lenten Litany:**

Hymn As the deer 27

Confession and Assurance of Pardon:

### We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (*sung unannounced*) 445

First Reading: **Exodus 17: 1-7**

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

Responsive Psalm: **Psalm 95** *O come, let us sing to God; let us make  
a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into God's*

**presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God  
with songs of praise! For God is a great God, and a great Ruler above all**

**gods. In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of  
the mountains are also God's. The sea is God's, for God made it, and  
the dry land, which God's hands have formed. O come, let us worship**

**and bow down, let us kneel before God, our Maker! For God is  
our God, and we are the people of God's pasture, and the sheep of God's hand.**

**O that today you would listen to God's voice! Do not harden  
your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the**

**wilderness, when your ancestors tested me, and put me to the proof, though  
they had seen my work. For forty years I loathed that generation and**

**said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do  
not regard my ways." Therefore in my anger I swore, "They shall not enter**

**my rest."** Gloria Patri (*sung*)

\*Hymn: Tell me the stories of Jesus (1-4) 348

Conversation with the children: *Take a drink!*

From the letters: **Romans 5: 1-11**

Gospel: **John 4:5-42**


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

\*Hymn: How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord 669

Sermon: **Back to the Well**

## We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:  Jesus the very thought of thee by Thiman

\*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: Lord Jesus, you shall be my song **665**

\*Commissioning:

\*Choral Amen:

Postlude: Psalm 42 by Lind

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

A **VERY** brief Session meeting **immediately** after worship!

<b>THIS WEEK - (March 23-30)</b>		
<b>Today</b>	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 Noon		<b>Fish Chowder luncheon</b>
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Friday	10-12 noon	David's Place - Friday Drop-In
<b>Sunday</b>	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

**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. This week explores "Why I am not where I want to be". (Lk 19:1-10). Feel free to join us for any or all the series!

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).

### **FISH CHOWDER LUNCHEONS START THIS WEEK!**

Set aside the next 4 weeks for the chowder luncheons! If you can participate any Tuesdays morning with preparation of ingredients and any Wednesday please contact Colin MacPherson (434-1674) or Don Knox (423-2067). Also gingerbread makers will be called by Dorothy Jackson.

**L'Arche Halifax's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Show and Sale** will take place this year in the St. Agnes Church Auditorium, 6903 Mumford Road on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 6:00pm and Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am to 3:00pm.

**Exodus 17:1-7** From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

**Romans 5:1-11** Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we

boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**John 4:5-42** So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The

woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world."



## PASTORAL CARE

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

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## MISSION MOMENTS: Translating the Bible in Taiwan

*Presbyterians Sharing* supports the Rev. Dr. Paul McLean, who works with four indigenous translation teams in Taiwan as they translate the Bible into Amis, Bunun, Drekey and Paiwan. Paul advises the teams as they face many challenging questions, such as how to translate the words for “God” or “Lord” and abstract concepts such as “love”, “peace” or “justice” into Taiwan’s indigenous languages. Paul explains that together they are looking for ways to “communicate the truths about God written down 3000-2000 years ago in the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament in a way that both elderly and young people can understand clearly and correctly in their mother-tongue.” It is an ongoing adventure – one that Paul and the translation teams are facing with enthusiasm and trust in God's guidance. Pray that the words they translate will speak to people’s hearts.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** *Pray that the Assembly Council, meeting today, might make wise decisions that will help the church follow grace-filled and visionary paths.*

**STEWARDSHIP** A checkbook is a theological document; it will tell you who and what you worship.  
*Billy Graham*

**We welcome** younger children to our services! St. David’s is a



1 Breastfeed.

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 Davida Mackay. Refreshment Hosts are the Lappin Family.