

The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David

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!

ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY APRIL 06, 2014
CELEBRATING THE 1869 SANCTUARY

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

Our Vision

A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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John and Charles Wesley were both Anglican priests. As students at Oxford University in England, they underwent a conversion experience, developing a rigorous spiritual discipline others dubbed "the Method"; it included everyday use of the Daily Office and frequent participation in Holy Communion. They were committed to spreading this discipline to unchurched people, especially in the American colonies, employing circuit-riding believers who preached wherever they could find an audience.

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Our Father by Samuel Wesley

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

*Hymn Christ whose glory

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*Covenant Prayer: Every new year we continue an old Methodist custom of Covenanting. The original prayer used in the mid-eighteenth century begins our service today.

I am no longer my own, but yours.

Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;

put me to doing, put me to suffering;

let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,

exalted for you, or brought low for you;

let me be full,

let me be empty,

let me have all things,

let me have nothing:

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things

to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, glorious and blessed God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the covenant

now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.

Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is king (vs. 1 and 5)

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We Hear God's Word

Wesley's favorite passages (as evidenced by the frequency he preached from them) were the book of First John, the book of Romans, 1 Corinthians 13, Matthew 5-7 (Sermon on the Mount).

Responsive Psalm: **Psalm 146** *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the*

righteous. *The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!*

*Hymn: I'll praise my maker (verses 1 and 4) **105**

Sunday School Sings *I am the Church*

Conversation with the children: *What is a church, anyway?*

From the letters: **1 John 4: 16-21**

Wesley said 1 John 4:19 - "We love because he first loved us" - is "the sum of the whole gospel."

Gospel: **Matthew 6: 26-34**

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

*Hymn: Let saints on earth **615**

Introduction to sermon preparation by John Wesley: "Here then I am, far from the busy ways of men. I sit down alone; only God is here. In his presence I open, I read his Book; for this end, to find the way to heaven. Is there a doubt concerning the meaning of what I read? Does anything appear dark or intricate? I lift up my heart to the Father of lights: 'Lord, is it not thy Word, "If any man lack wisdom, let him ask of God"? Thou "givest liberally and upbraidest not". Thou hast said, "If any be willing to do thy will, he shall know." I am willing to do, let me know thy will. I then search after and consider parallel passages of Scripture, 'comparing spiritual things with spiritual'. I meditate thereon, with all the attention and earnestness of which my mind is capable. If any doubt still remains, I consult those who are experienced in the things of God, and then the writings whereby, being dead, they yet speak. And what I thus learn, that I teach."

Presentation from our historian and Archivist Barry Cahill

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem  Rex Regum by Stainer words Ch 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

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*Hymn: Forth in thy name

* Commissioning: "Do all the good you can, By all the means you can, In all the ways you can, In all the places you can, At all the times you can, To all the people you can as long as ever you can!"

* Closing: As we celebrate our past and live out our faith in the present, let us also look forward to the future that God has promised. Let us go from this place to proclaim the Good News, knowing that God is with us – yesterday, today and forever.

*Choral Amen:

Postlude: Improvisation on Christ Whose Glory Fills the Sky



Worship is now ended let our service begin!

THIS WEEK - (April 6-13)		
Today	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Anniversary service and Sunday School
	12:15 pm	Lenten Study in the minister's study
	12:15 pm	Mission and Outreach Committee
Tuesday&Thursday	9:30 am	Exercise class
Wednesday Noon		Fish Chowder luncheon
Thursday	7:00pm	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	Palm Sunday 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. J98uyy67oin us for the rest of the series!

Thank you to all who supported the snack program at **Phoenix House**. This support is greatly appreciated.

The Helen M. Watson Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Saint David: Applications for financial assistance from the Helen M. Watson Fund will be received prior to April 30, 2014. The Helen M. Watson Fund of The Presbyterian Church of Saint David produces income to be used “exclusively for local missionary work in Nova Scotia”. If you have any questions, please contact Mac Fyfe (902) 425-3844, Mac Mackay- (902) 422-5481 or Johannah Roberts (902) 457-2836. Application Form and Guidelines Document, may be obtained from the Church Office (902) 423-1944, by E-Mail stdavids.office@ns.sympatico.ca or from the Web site, after April 1, 2014.

FISH 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. **And don't forget to come on Wednesday!**

There will be a meeting of M & O after church today.

St. John's United is hosting its monthly Taize Prayer this Sunday – 7p.m., in the Judith Grant Room at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts

David's Place Needs: Our guests are in need of toiletries, particularly men's razors and shaving cream. If you can help out by providing either trial sizes from your travels or by making purchases of travel sizes that would be a big help.

As well, we are not accessing as many meals from Feed NS as we have in the past. Therefore we are inviting the congregation to help provide the meals. This month we are interested in having donations of chili to put in the freezer. If you are able to make a pot and bring it in any weekday morning or on Sunday, that would be much appreciated.

these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.

Ecumenical Holy Week Services 7:30 - 8:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast after each Service

Monday, April 14

Cathedral Church of All Saints 1330 Martello Street
Host: Very Reverend Paul W. Smith, Dean

Tuesday, April 15

First Baptist Church Halifax 1300 Oxford St
Host: Rev. John E. Boyd

Wednesday, April 16

St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica Grafton Street & Spring Garden
Host: Very Reverend John Williams

Thursday, April 17

St. Matthew's United Church 1479 Barrington Street
Host: Rev. Betsy Hogan

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

10:30 am here at St. David's

The **flowers** this morning are in memory of the late C. Bruce Fergusson former Provincial Archivist. Following his death in 1978, Mrs. Fergusson restored the Methodist cemetery to the South of the church and has now left us a bequest to maintain it.

The Easter Breakfast this year will be a potluck event. Please join us for this pre-service celebration and bring along your favourite muffins, fruit, bread, or cereal. (How does this sound?)

Following the **Easter service** we will be joining the Korean congregation for lunch. Saint David's has been asked to provide sweets and sandwiches. If you would like to help with this so that

we don't have to purchase as much, please contact Valerie Macdonald at 455-1893.

1 John 4: 16-21 So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Matthew 6: 26-34 Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all

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Grafton Street Methodist Church: Designed by David Stirling in the Methodist Chapel style overlaid with Gothic ornaments, The Presbyterian Church of Saint David was built in 1869 by the Methodists and opened on November 7, 1869. The church was purchased in 1925 by the continuing Presbyterians. The chancel was added in 1928. The church sits over and amid the Old Methodist Burying Ground (1793-1844), a vestige of which is on the South Side of the sanctuary and next to the Poor House Burying Ground.

David Stirling was born in Galashiels, Scotland and immigrated to Canada about 1847. After designing many buildings Stirling designed the Grafton Street Methodist Church in 1868 and had George Blaiklock, an experienced contractor, build the church. The church opened on November 7, 1869. Designed in the Victorian Gothic style, the Grafton Street Methodist Church is a rare, if not unique, example of this style constructed in brick in the province. The front façade, to the east, is in the Decorated style, and is more typical of Stirling's later Gothic-Revival style churches than his earlier ones. The Grafton Street Methodist Church is highlighted by its great front gable with tall Gothic buttresses and five detailed finials that project above the roof line. Most notably, the church was built without a steeple.

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 Anne Sommerville. Refreshment Host is Olive Clark.



PASTORAL CARE

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