

The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David

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

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Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

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WELCOME!

We are so glad you have chosen
to worship with us this morning!

Second Sunday of Easter April 27, 2014

Welcoming Rev. Bonita Mason

Mission Awareness Sunday

**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: *Breathless we gather, lungs restricted by pressure, hurry, worry... Breathless we may be but the risen Christ stands in our midst, hands stretched out in blessing, speaking words of peace, breathing Easter upon us. By breath do we live. By breath we are renewed. Let us breathe deeply. Let us give ourselves to worship.*

Hymn: Thine be the glory

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Prayer of Confession: *Fresh is the breeze, clear is the air, scattered are fears, tangible is forgiveness, settled is peace when we meet you, risen Lord, astonishing in your resurrection splendor. Treasured is your activity in our midst. You are our delight. Desired even more than gold is your risen presence. Praise is our response, our sign of love and trust. Stale is the air, dim is the light, many our sins, great are our fears, starved are our spirits, strained is our loving when we ignore your presence, trust our own power, build our own kingdoms. Forgive us for ignoring the power of resurrection, for our slavery to anxiety, for living the values of our time instead of those of your kingdom, for withholding forgiveness, and for seeking the risk-free way. Strengthen your hold on us. Renew our faith. Breathe upon us. Blow away the chaff. Breathe kingdom life into our spirits. Breathe resurrection's wisdom into our minds. So our lives may be places of your power. Hear our prayer, offered in your name, you whom we know as Lord and Redeemer. Amen*

Assurance of Pardon: *The risen Christ is in our midst speaking words of peace and forgiveness. Thanks be to God for the gifts of Easter.*

We Hear God's Word

First Reading:

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

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

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 16

Keep me safe, my God,

for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing." I say of the holy people who are in the land, "They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight." Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips. LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. You

make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn: This is the threefold truth **365**

Conversation with the young people

(Young people leave for Sunday School)

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

Gospel: **John 20:19-31**

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

Hymn: Jesus is risen from the grave **254**

Sermon: Breath of Life

Minute for Mission

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem

Doxology: *"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"* **830**

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (inside back cover of the Book of Praise)

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

"Lord, listen to your children praying" (unannounced) **449**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

We Go Out to Serve God

Hymn: This joyful Eastertide **259**

Benediction:

Choral Amen:

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Refreshment Hosts are needed for May 11 and 18. Please contact Valerie Macdonald if you can help out with this ministry.

The Tupper Band Spring concert will take place on Sunday, May 4 at 7 pm at the Cathedral Church of All Saints on Martello St.

THIS WEEK - (April 27- May 04)

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| Today | 9:00 am | Early service |
| | 10:00 am | Circle of Prayer |
| | 11:00 am | Traditional service and Sunday School |
| | Noon | Refreshments |
| | 12:15 pm | Coffee and Conversation with Bonnie Mason in the Parlour. Everyone is welcome to attend and hear about military chaplaincy. |
| 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 |

Sunday School will be concluding this year on Christian Family Sunday, May 11.

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know- this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

1 Peter 1: 3-9 **3** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **4** and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, **5** who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. **6** In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, **7** so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. **8** Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, **9**

for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

John 20: 19-31 **19** When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." **20** After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. **21** Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." **22** When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. **23** If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." **24** But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." **26** A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." **28** Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" **29** Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." **30** Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. **31** But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION MOMENTS: From April 24-28 presbytery and synod clerks and national staff of The Presbyterian Church in Canada are gathering in Mississauga for a Clerks' Consultation. Steeped in sacred worship, joyful laughter, good food and casual conversation, this four day event offers the clerks an opportunity to discuss the church, governance issues and their dreams and challenges. Participants return home with new knowledge, friends and contacts, helping them provide even more effective leadership across our denomination. While registration fees help cover some costs, gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* make this vital gathering possible. The clerks are grateful and the church is blessed.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for Reserve Force Chaplains who serve our church as civilians and our nation as chaplains.

STEWARDSHIP The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is the slave of the lender. *Proverbs 22:7*

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 Jamie Campbell. Our scripture reader for this morning is Nancy Tindall. Refreshment Host is Phyllis Morrison.