

# *The Presbyterian Church of Saint David*



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

**Minister:** Kenn Stright

**Organist:** Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

**Clerk of Session:** Murray Alary

Rev. Judithe Adam Murphy leading worship

## WELCOME!

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

Ascension Sunday June 01, 2014

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 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: *Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Christ, the Son of God, who sits on the throne of heaven,*

**Let us bow before His majesty and bring Him our praise and worship.** *Then let us begin by raising our voices in song.*

\*Hymn: To God be the glory

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Prayer of Confession: (together) **Great Lord God, by your power, you have raised Jesus up from the dead and placed Him on the throne of heaven, to rule at your right hand. All creatures bow down before Him and are subject to His grace and mercy, His truth and justice. We praise and glorify all that He was, is and continues to be, in this life and throughout eternity. When we do not reverence Him; when we ignore His rule; when we follow the ways of the world and neglect to give Christ the credit for our accomplishments, forgive us Lord. Remind us that we are the branches and He is the true vine. Without Him we can do nothing. Use the power of the Holy Spirit to prompt our memories of all that Christ has done. Bring the might of the Spirit to move us ever closer to you so that we grow in grace as we advance in years. Keep the Spirit ever vigilant of the ways in which the world would turn us from you. May Father, Son and Holy Spirit, love and keep us, now and forever. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading:

Acts 1:1-11

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

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 47 *Clap your hands, all you*

*peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm. God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn: God, you touch the earth with beauty

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Community conversation

From the Letters: Ephesians 1: 15-23

Gospel: Luke 24: 44-53

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

Hymn: Holy Spirit hear us **381**

Sermon: Look up, way up!

**The Rev. Judithe Adam Murphy**

### **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: Rejoice the Lord is King **267**

*During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to take articles for worship – hymn books, bibles, cross, candles, collection plates and carry them to our 'new' place of worship in the church hall. We are there for the next three weeks before moving to First Baptist for the summer (10:30 services).*

Benediction:

Choral Amen:

Postlude:

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

We are joining with the folks at First Baptist for 10 weeks starting June 29. They provide a simple one-class Church School program for the summer months. It would be really appreciated if we could provide some assistance with that and their creche program which currently has one little boy. All the material is provided. If you have a current police check and would like to help out either as the principal supervisor for the week or as an assistant, please let Kenn or Valerie Macdonald know as soon as possible.

### **THIS WEEK – (May 25-June 1)**

<b>Today</b>	9:00 am	Early service with communion
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service
	Noon	Refreshments
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Worship and Church Life
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 with Communion
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service with Communion
This is Food Bank Sunday – please give generously!		

### **Upcoming**

Session on June 11 at 7 pm

Presbytery June 17 5 pm for supper King's, New Minas

**Acts 1: 1** In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2 until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3 After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4 While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; 5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." 6 So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

**Ephesians 1:** 15 I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason 16 I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. 17 I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, 18 so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. 20 God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. 22 And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**Luke 24: 44-53** 44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47 and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." 50 Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; 53 and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

## PASTORAL CARE

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

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**MISSION MOMENTS: General Assembly: Good news stories** This Sunday Presbyterians from across Canada are in Waterloo, Ontario for our General Assembly. Every year, *Presbyterians Sharing* helps bring together commissioners – ministers, diaconal ministers and ruling elders – to participate in the highest decision-making body of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. This year, under the theme *Light of the World*, in addition to discussing policy, approving budgets and dreaming for the future, commissioners will continue the practice of sharing good news stories from their ministries and discussing practical ways to help re-energize and re-imagine our common ministry. Celebrating our good news stories is one way that we share Christ's light with one another. Pray for Mac and Kenn attending the Assembly.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** For the National Staff of the Presbyterian Church working throughout the Assembly.

**STEWARDSHIP** We should travel light and live simply. Our enemy is not possessions, but excess. *John Stott*

**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.



I Breastfeed.

**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. Welcome to the Rev. Judithe Adam Murphy this morning! Our Greeter this morning is Shelley MacDonald Parsons. Our reader for this morning is Ian Gilmore. Refreshment Host is Dorothy Jackson.