

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!**

Third Sunday of Easter May 04, 2014

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

Our Vision

A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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God Call Us to Worship

Prelude: Lord of the Dance

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: *As we worship together today...May God, who comes to us in the things of this world, bless your eyes and be in your seeing.*

May Christ, who looks upon us with deepest love, bless our eyes and widen our gaze. May the Spirit, who perceives what is and what may yet be, bless your eyes and sharpen your vision. May the Sacred Three bless our eyes and cause us to see the risen Christ. ~ from In the Sanctuary of Women

Hymn: I love the Lord

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Prayer of Confession: *Stay with us, Jesus Christ. Reach out towards us and invite us to pause and meet with you, we pray. As we look at our lives and that of the world around us, we are sometimes too anxious to share our real questions or our doubts and fears. We keep them within us in troubled silence. (Silent reflection) Stay with us, Jesus Christ. Reach out towards us and invite us to pause and meet with you, we pray. We call your name, O Christ, and hope to discover you here in our community of vulnerable faith. Amen.*

Assurance: *Whether we believe it, or not, Jesus Christ never leaves us nor forsakes us. Let us open our hearts to receive the grace which Christ brings to us in faithfulness. We are forgiven! Thanks be to God.*

We Hear God's Word

First Reading:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 116: 1-4; 12-19 *I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me; I suffered distress and anguish. Then I called on the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I pray, save my life!" What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord, I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people. Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful ones. O Lord, I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your serving girl. You have loosed my bonds. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!* Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn: Come children join to sing

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Conversation with the young people

(Young people leave for Sunday School)

Gospel:

Luke 24: 13-35

One: The Gospel of the Lord. All: Praise to you, O Christ.
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 Sermon: Recognition – their eyes were opened

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
 Anthem: The Lord Is My Shepherd by Howard Goodall (From BBC's Series The Vicar of Dibley)
 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: Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound 255
 Benediction:
 Choral Amen:
 Postlude: Psalm 100 by Linds

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

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

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

Iona Presbyterian Church annual Mother's Day tea and sale May 10, 2-4 pm. Adults \$6:00

The Annual Metro New Horizons Bands Concert will be held at the Alderney Landing Theatre on Tuesday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available online or at the door for \$10.00 each.

The funeral service for the late Sheila Bashow will be held here tomorrow at 11. Our prayers go out to Charlie and family.

A **Memorial Service** will be held here at St. David's on Saturday, May 10th at 10 am, for the late Chris Miller who died in December. Her many friends at St. David's are most welcome to attend.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to George and Donna Miller on the death of their sister-in-law in Boston.

THIS WEEK – (May 04 - 11)		
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	Mission and Outreach in the Parlour
Monday	11:00 am	funeral for Sheila Bashow
Tuesday&Thursday	9:30 am	Exercise class
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Worship and Church Life
Thursday	7:30pm	Choir Practice
Friday 10-12	noon	David's Place - Friday Drop-In
Saturday	11:00 am	Memorial service for Chris Miller
Sunday	9:00 am	Early service
	10:00 am	Circle of Prayer
	11:00 am	Traditional service for Mother's Day and Sunday School closing. This is Food Bank Sunday. Please give generously to our friends and families of David's Place.

Luke 24: Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this,

it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 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. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, Save yourselves from this corrupt generation. So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

PASTORAL CARE

*Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact
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MISSION MOMENTS: The crisis in Syria has resulted in one of the largest refugee movements in modern times – over two million Syrians have sought refuge outside their borders. The Canadian government announced in 2013 it would resettle 1,300 Syrian refugees from Jordan and Lebanon with the assistance of official sponsorship agreement holders. The Presbyterian Church in Canada – with the assistance of Presbyterian congregations – is able to help sponsor ten people to resettle in Canada. Meanwhile, Action Réfugiés Montréal (with support from PWS&D, Canadian Ministries and the Anglican Diocese of Montreal) is helping the Syrian community in Quebec to sponsor those in greatest need.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for the Atlantic Mission Society as it meets in Truro, NS, for Discovery Days. May the people be blessed in their times of worship, fun and fellowship.

STEWARDSHIP Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our mind to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others.
Barbara Bush

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 Colin MacPherson. Our scripture reader for this morning is Nancy Tindall. Refreshment Host is Kathy Large.