

The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David

In the hall

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax,

(by Memorial Library)

Minister: Kenn Stright

Organist: Tristan Cleveland-
Thompson

Clerk of Session: Murray Alary



WELCOME!

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

Second Sunday after Pentecost June 22, 2014

ABORIGINAL SUNDAY

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

For thousands of years Indigenous people have walked in this land. Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives.

Today we acknowledge the M'ik Maq People and their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

Hymn: As the deer

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Prayer of Confession: *You call us to love as you love, care as you care, seek justice, mercy and truth in a world that has yet to feel the warmth of your*

embrace. But we fail to heed your call, draw back from those in need, say nothing when we see injustice. Forgive us, you whose love is better than life, you whose Grace extends to all. Forgive us, and enable us to be the people we could be, that your name might be on the lips of all people. Amen

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Isaiah 2: 2-5

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 51: 1-15 *Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

Hymn: Many and Great

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Community conversation Seven Generations

From the letters: 2 Corinthians 5: 11-21

Gospel: Matthew 5: 21-24

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

Hymn: O for a world

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Sermon: **The ministry of Reconciliation**

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: *God of all mercy, we pray for comfort and peace for our brothers and sisters impacted by residential schools and for courage to speak truths and to heal. We face our own brokenness with humility - may we embrace your healing grace. God of justice, we pray for those positioned in leadership for compassion to fill their hearts and for your grace and wisdom to guide their actions. Let equality, respect, honesty and a renewed sense of hope in trusting relationships flow through all communities and bring peace to discord and conflict. We pray for continued wisdom, strength and love as we extend God's grace to those we are called to serve in the name of our Lord, Jesus. God of truth, your word declares that the truth will make us free. Free us from memories that bring shame, anger and pain. We pray for opportunities to come together as a united people walking in healing, acceptance, forgiveness and love. We pray for forgiveness and hope to truly find healing as God's people. (continue in prayer)*
The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

We Go Out to Serve God

Hymn: Called as Partners in Christ's service **587**

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 next week. 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.. 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.

Transportation to First Baptist. The bus routes are perhaps not as direct to there as what you currently use. Perhaps you usually walk, but First Baptist is further than you want to walk. **We can help!** If you would like a drive to church for the summer, please give your name to the minister, Valerie Macdonald, or your elder and we will arrange transportation for you.

The congregation offers its compassion to the Shaw family on the death of George Shaw this past Wednesday.

THIS WEEK – (June 22-29)

Today

- 9:00 am Early service with communion
- 10:00 am Circle of Prayer
- 11:00 am Traditional service
- Noon Congregational Meeting & Refreshments

A brief congregational meeting will be held immediately following worship on June 22 (today) to approve financing of the Property Development. The following motion will be presented: "Move that the congregation give Session the authority to arrange a loan with BMO, based on their proposal of May 9, 2014 to offer a loan of up to 1.1 million at an initial interest rate of 4%."

Note: In June 2013 the congregation approved borrowing up to \$500,000. Borrowing more than this amount should not be required for several years and will require a further congregational meeting."

Friday 10-12 noon David's Place

Sunday

10:30 am **WORSHIP AT FIRST BAPTIST**
Please note time of service!

Isaiah 2: 2-5

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall

judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

2 Corinthians 5: 11-21

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. **12** We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. **13** For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. **14** For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. **15** And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. **16** From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. **17** So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! **18** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; **19** that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. **20** So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. **21** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Matthew 5:21-24

"You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.

PASTORAL CARE

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

Kenn Stright office: 423-2660 home: 477-2870
Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893



MISSION MOMENTS: *On Aboriginal Day Sunday*, we honour and acknowledge the experiences of all those impacted by the residential school era. We remember the thousands of children who were torn from families to attend the schools and those who never made it home. Today, the Indigenous community faces suicide rates at an alarming rate. There are over 500 murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls. This is not acceptable. We grieve these losses and hold in our hearts the families, friends and communities who seek answers and closure.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *National Aboriginal Day (June 21)*
Give thanks that Canadian society is enriched by the spiritual, cultural, artistic, professional, athletic and political contributions of Indigenous people.

STEWARDSHIP I cannot think of a better definition of Christianity than this: give, give, give. *James I. McCord*

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 (Brunswick St). Our Greeter this morning is Don Knox. Our reader for this morning is Lisa Glennie. Refreshment Host is Sally Fyfe.