



WELCOME!

First Baptist Church

*an inclusive and ecumenical
community of believers in Jesus
Christ, committed to proclaim God's
mission of love by word and deed.*

The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

*A Worshiping, Sharing,
Welcoming Community*

Meeting at First Baptist, 1300 Oxford Street

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

Pentecost 3, June 29, 2014

Canada Day Sunday

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

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Bedard Piano Organ Duet

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship:

*The National Anthem

*Hymn: All creatures of our God and King

Call to prayer: *Who is it that you seek? We seek the Lord our God. Do you seek with all your heart? Amen. Lord, have mercy. Do you seek with all your soul? Amen. Lord, have mercy. Do you seek with all your mind? Amen. Lord, have mercy. Do you seek with all your strength? Amen. Christ, have mercy.*

Prayer of Confession: *Who knows and understands our actions as you do, Gracious God? Who hears the thoughts and words of our heart as you do? Who knows our joys and sorrows and shares them as you do? Who feels the pain we endure and comforts us as you do? Who hears as we confess our sins and forgives as you do? Who takes a broken heart and makes it whole as you do? Who finds a life that's lost and welcomes it home as you do? Who is there like you, God of mercy and grace who loves us as you do?*

Assurance of Pardon: *To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God.*

Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ, Sovereign of endless glory.

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: Genesis 1: 1-5 (p. 1)

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 19 *The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who*

can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. *Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me.*

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Gloria Patri 579

*Hymn: God of the sparrow 272

Community conversation (a moment with children and others)

A lesson from the letters: Romans 1: 16-23 (p. 158)

Gospel: John 1: 1-14 (p. 94)

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

*Hymn: O word of God incarnate 327

Sermon: God's TWO books

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offering

Anthem: Simple Praise by Craig Courtney

Combined choirs of First Baptist and St. David's

*Doxology: *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen*

*Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

Prayers of the People - The Lord's Prayer

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: How Great thou art 467

*Commissioning: *Yours is the voice I long to hear - the footsteps I would follow.*

Yours is the grace I need to know - the love to be discovered.

Yours is the warmth I long to feel - the presence of a Saviour.

Yours is the vision I would see - the promise of tomorrow.

*Benediction: *Choral Amen:

*The Queen

Postlude: Improvisation on O Canada by Bedard

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

FBC Halifax Bulletin Announcements – Sunday, June 29, Our Prayer List - Home: Rev. Dr. Carey Harvey, Evelyn Denton, Marjorie Fountain, Fraser Dewis, Doris Hilchey, Laura Davies, Dorothy Shears, Helen Bethune, Murray Alary, Roy & Bette Yetman, Don Myers, Ellen Layton and Gordon Taylor (Grandview Nursing Home, Berwick).

In Hospital: Bernice Miller (AL)

Offerings may be **designated** for either St. David's or First Baptist through your regular envelopes or by using one of the generic offering envelopes in the pew racks.

Lost: Ladies eye glasses, brown frames outside, orange stripes inside. Contact 422-5203.

FBC Summer Office Hours: The church office will be open 7:30am – 4pm Mon. to Thursday, ; 7:30am – 1pm on Friday. Closed 12:30 – 1:00pm, Tues. - Thurs.; 7:30am – 1pm on Monday.

Consider this summer volunteer activity - make a casserole! It is our turn to prepare and deliver 18 hot casseroles to St. Andrew's United, Sunday, July 20, 4 PM. Our support for ARK Sunday Suppers that provides a weekly meal to about 200 homeless men, women, youth, and families with children. The recipe is Oriental Chicken Bake and can be found on our website at www.fbchalifax.ca under Outreach/Community Outreach, or on the Lobby bulletin board where a sign up sheet is also located, for preparing & delivering a meal, or to help with serving. Questions? Please contact Gwendolyn MacLean (425-6959/gfmaclea@gmail.com). Thanks very much.

Summer Sunday School: We are looking for volunteers to teach summer Sunday School and your help in the Crèche is greatly needed! Please consider offering your services to help out with these very rewarding opportunities. The sign-up chart will be outside the parlour and all lessons will be provided.

Joint Summer Services: First Baptist and the Presbyterian Church of Saint David will hold joint summer services from June 29th to August 31st . All services will be held at First Baptist.

June-July: Rev. Kenn Stright will be preaching and providing pastoral care to our members. He also will be available for funerals. Bulletins will be prepared at Saint David's, so FBCH announcements should be sent to our office by noon Wednesdays. Hospital or home visits can be arranged through our Office, or by contacting Mr. Stright at 423-2660 (o)/ 477-2870 (h).

Deacon Jim Stanley will also be available at 225-9556.

August: Both Rev. Nelson Metcalfe and Rev. John Boyd will be back from vacation in August and will be available for your pastoral needs.

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

Jim Stanley 225-9556 - or the office 422-5203



Welcome! In our time together in July, worship will focus around Celtic Spirituality. We will explore together topics such as Revelation (today), Communion (next week) Evangelism (13th) Thin Places (20th), our creation in the Image of God (27th). In this spirit we offer you blessing: Slàinte mhòr agus a h-uile beannachd duibh! Good health and every good blessing to you! (A Gaelic Prayer).

A noon-time ORGAN RECITAL will be given by James Burchill at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1330 Martello Street, Halifax, on Wednesday 2 July 2014 at 12.10 pm. A collection in aid of the Organ Restoration Fund will be received.

THIS WEEK – (June 29- July-July 6)

Today service at 10:30 with summer activity for children and crèche for younger folks available.

Next Sunday the **sacrament of Communion** will be celebrated at the 10:30 service. Zoe Leger will be the guest soloist and Leon Cole will be the guest organist.

Upcoming Nicholson Scholar Public Event – presented by AST and Pine Hill Divinity Hall. Gospel and Postcolonial Imagination: The Canadian Church Speaks Back to Empire Featuring Rev. Dr. Sarah Travis, Nicholson Scholar 2014. Date: July 9, 2014. Time: 7:00 p.m. Location: AST St. Columba Chapel, 634 Francklyn Street, Halifax, NS Rev. Dr. Sarah Travis is Minister-in-Residence and adjunct faculty member at Knox College, which is the Presbyterian Seminary on the campus of the University of Toronto.

Phyllis Morrison is in charge of greeters this morning. **We welcome International visitors to our combined service this morning. They are part of a larger group attending the Presbyterian Youth Program - Canada Youth 2014 - which begins next week in St. Catherine's.**

