



# The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax,

## WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day

September 07, 2014

13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

*\*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:

\*Hymn: Be thou my Vision

**461**

Prayer of Confession: *Lord, You know our faults, our failings, the waywardness of our affections, the times when we fail to practise what we know.*

**Yet you love us still. You forgive us, are there to comfort us, cherish us, guide us, love us. We thank you for your undying eternal love. Give us grace to love what you command**



*and to desire what you promise, that in all the changes and chances of this world, our hearts may be surely fixed where true contentment, true life is to be found, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon:

### We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

**445**

First Reading: *Exodus 12: 1-14*

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 149** *Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song, his praise in the assembly of the faithful. Let*

**Israel be glad in its Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King. Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him**

**with tambourine and lyre. For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory. Let the faithful exult**

**in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to execute**

**vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron, to**

**execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones. Praise the LORD!** Gloria Patri (sung)

\*Hymn: Jesus loves me

**373**

Conversation with the community

From the letters: *Romans 13: 8-14*

Gospel: *Matthew 18:15-20*

One: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

**229**

Sermon: It's time to go into DEBT

### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

A Musical Moment

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

**830**

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

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

**449**

**Prayers of the People**

The Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

## We Go Out to Serve God

\*Hymn: For the healing of the Nations

736

Benediction

\*Choral Amen:

Postlude:

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

**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 welcoming elder this morning is Murray Alary. Our reader is Davida Mackay. Refreshments by the W&CL committee.

It is good to be 'home' after a long summer away. Please pray for the work done and yet to be done as we adjust to our new circumstance.

The **early service** will begin September 28 at 9 am. Why not consider adding this quiet, reflective communion service to your fall schedule.

**David's Place** continues and now meets in Fort Massey United. Next Sunday is Food Bank Sunday. Please give generously and sacrificially as we continue this wonderful program. Please pray for those who volunteer and maybe consider whether this is a ministry God is calling you to. We require more volunteers and cooks!

**The Circle of prayer continues each Sunday at 10 in the minister's study. Session meets on Wednesday, September 10. Sunday School begins on October 5.**

You are invited to a workshop on Healing and Reconciliation with Aboriginal people at Calvin Presbyterian September 27, from 8:45-4 pm... a time of learning, discussion, community building and reflecting on the future (Lunch is provided!)

**Newsletter:** The next newsletter will be available the beginning of October. This is your newsletter and we need your input.

Please send your submissions to Carol at [cjjobsonpei@yahoo.ca](mailto:cjjobsonpei@yahoo.ca) If you don't have e-mail, just tell us your news and we will write it up for you. Tell us what book you are reading, where your children are this year and what they are doing, how you spent

your summer vacation, your favourite recipe, your ideas for fellowship activities now that we don't have the big hall, or your favourite story, quiz or puzzle.

**Exodus 12:1-14** The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

**Romans 13:8-14** *Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the*

moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Matthew 18:15-20** “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.

**Total Offerings** Giving Goal for June: \$7,818  
Amount given in June: \$7,034  
**Presbyterians Sharing** Giving Goal for 2014: \$22,000  
Given up to June 31st: \$11,559 53%

**Total Offerings** Giving Goal for July: \$5,522  
Amount given in July: \$7,513  
Thank you for your generosity. Your offerings allow Saint David's to move forward. Our operating account always needs your support. Thank you again.

**Presbyterians Sharing** Giving Goal for 2014: \$22,000  
Given up to July 31st: \$12,740 58%  
Thank you for your generosity to Presbyterians Sharing. Please remember the money you give here goes to benefit many programs of our National Church.

## 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

Clerk of Session: Murray Alary



## MISSION CAPSULES: Encouraging big dreams

September 8 is International Literacy Day. Mary wants to be a police officer, Fabiyano hopes to be a teacher and Mayeso dreams of being an engineer. All three attend Chikuli Community Day Secondary School in Malawi. Many of the 200 students must walk far distances and lack school fees and supplies to continue their education. These students' dreams become more achievable every day thanks to a Presbyterian World Service & Development program providing support to secondary school students in Malawi. Mary shares why it's so important for her to keep going to school: "I am driven because I want to start working as soon as I finish school. Then I will be able to support my family, but also other vulnerable people in my community." Mayeso adds, "I want to change and grow. And I want the same for my community."

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Give thanks for the summer-for refreshment and relaxation; for times with family and friends; for time away from work—for Sabbath time.

**STEWARDSHIP** God can have our money and not have our hearts, but He cannot have our hearts without having our money.  
*R. Kent Hughes*

**We welcome** younger children to our services! St. David's is still breastfeeding friendly facility.



**The 3 R's at Saint David's** - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. **This is a 'scent free' zone for the comfort of all.**