



WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day
September 28, 2014

16th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Presbyterians Sharing ... Sunday

Our Vision:

A Worshiping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude: Moment Musical by Mendelssohn

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: Watch and listen for the wonders of our God. **God is among us.** Watch and listen for the goodness of our God. **Our God moves among us.** Watch and listen, for God is here. **Our God dwells among us.**

*Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling

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Prayer of Confession:

Assurance of Pardon:



We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: *Exodus 17: 1-7*

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 ❖ *Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.* ❖ **I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old,** ❖ things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. ❖ **We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.** ❖ *In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.* ❖ **He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap.** ❖ *In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light.* ❖ **He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.** ❖ *He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Jesus loves me

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Conversation with the community

From the letters: *Philippians 2: 1-13*

Gospel: *Matthew 21:23-32*

One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ**
Hymn: Called as partners in Christ's service 587
Sermon: Question Period

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Comfort the People by Roger Summers

*Doxology: *"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"* 830

Offertory Prayer (together) **God of hope, we give you our thanks for the many gifts that we enjoy. Bless these gifts we have given. May our offerings both here and in every part of our lives - our time, our talents and our money - work towards building a world filled with hope, both through the ministries of our congregation and through God's mission carried out by what we do together. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

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: We've a story to tell to the nations 765

Commissioning: *Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Benediction

*Choral Amen:

Postlude: And So it Goes by Billy Joel

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 Greeter this morning is Davida Mackay. Our scripture reader for this morning is Johannah Roberts. Our refreshment host is Johannah Roberts.

The congregation of the Presbyterian Church of Saint David's is called to meet immediately following the morning service on October 5 to consider approval of the financial matters relating to the renovation of the Sanctuary space and related projects. This meeting should be very brief and yet is very important.

Refreshment Hosts are needed for the Fall. Please see the sign-up sheet by the coffee urn to record your availability.

The Circle of prayer continues each Sunday at 10 in the minister's study. Join us as we 'take it to the Lord in prayer'!

The choir practices on Thursday at 7:30 – why not consider joining them – talk with Tristan after the service!

The **early service** is every Sunday at 9 am. Why not consider adding this quiet, reflective communion service to your fall schedule.

World Communion Sunday is celebrated next week. There will also be a commemoration for our longest serving elder, Roy Tanton.

Sunday School begins on Oct. 5 – World Communion Sunday. We are blessed with an excellent staff, classroom facilities which will be available into the new year and lots of young and eager children. Please make certain they are informed and encouraged to bring their friends!

Come and show your support Sat. October 4th 2 - 7 PM at the: K'jipuktuk Sisters in Spirit Vigil. Gather at 2:00 PM at Parade Square Walk to Mi'kmaw Friendship Center 2158 Gottingen St.

Why not put your own spin on Nova Scotia's time-honoured tradition of welcoming newcomers -. **Share Thanksgiving** is a program that matches established host families with new Nova Scotians for Thanksgiving Dinner in the host's home. Find out more or sign up at www.engagenovascotia.ca.

Come and learn about KAIROS' life-changing work for human rights and ecological justice. Meet:

Jennifer Henry, KAIROS Executive Director
and Ed Bianchi, KAIROS Program Manager

Thursday, October 2, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's United Church

Please note: In the midst of the medical crisis in Africa Ebola donations can be made to PWS & D. Please mark your envelopes accordingly.

Total Offerings

Giving Goal for August: \$6,162

Amount given in August: \$5,317

Thank you for your generosity. Sanctuary renovations are well under way. However, we must keep up our contributions for the day to day expenses of running Saint David's.

Presbyterians Sharing

Giving Goal for 2014: \$22,000

Given up to August 31st: \$13,874 63%

Thank you for your generosity to Presbyterians Sharing. The money you give here goes to benefit the many programs of our National Church. If we exceed our \$22,000 goal, the excess amount will be matched by Ken and Gloria Mader. (e.g. \$22,200 would become \$22,400.)

The Halifax Metro Women's Inter-Church Council annual Fall Rally and "*Fellowship of the Least Coin*" Ingathering Service will be held on Monday, October 20, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Church of the Holy Spirit, 1 Regency Drive (corner of Regency Drive and Gaston Road), Dartmouth. The theme for this service is "Caring for Others". Guest speakers will be Heather McKenzie, Community and Provincial Outreach Support Coordinator for the Elizabeth Fry Society of Mainland Nova Scotia and Kate Matheson, Women's Service Coordinator for Coverdale Courtwork Society in Halifax. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

A free-will offering will be received for the Elizabeth Fry Society and the Coverdale Courtwork Society. A drop-off box will also be available for donations of personal care items, i.e., toothpaste,

shampoo, conditioner, body wash, etc., to help meet the needs of the women of our community in the care of the Elizabeth Fry Society.

Exodus 17:1-7 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Philippians 2:1-13 If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in

heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21:23-32 When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

PASTORAL CARE



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

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Clerk of Session: Murray Alary



MISSION CAPSULES: *Presbyterians Sharing* the

good news Today is *Presbyterians Sharing* Sunday, a time to focus on the mission and ministry we do together in Canada and around the world through our national church fund. Together we are proclaiming the good news of the gospel in word and deed. Together we are helping grow innovative ministries with children and youth and equipping leaders—lay and ordained—to do effective and faithful ministry. Together we are supporting new congregations and helping congregations renew and grow new ministries. Together we are speaking out for the voiceless and supporting healing and reconciliation ministries. Together we are discovering and doing God's mission. And in the process, we are seeing people's lives transformed. Thank you for your generous gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*!

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP On this *Presbyterians Sharing* Sunday, give thanks for congregations across Canada who share in mission and ministry through faithful and generous gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing*.

STEWARDSHIP Then he entered the temple and began to drive out those who were selling things there; and he said, "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer'; but you have made it a den of robbers."

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is still a breastfeeding friendly facility. Try out the new room!



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.**