



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
World Communion October 05, 2014

18th 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: Arabesque by Debussy

*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.** Come, all you who are thirsty. **We come to drink from the cup of salvation.** Come, all you who are hungry. **We come to eat the bread of life.** Here, at the Lord's table, we will eat and drink what is good. **Our souls will delight in the richest fare.** Let us gather now as a family around the table. **Let us worship God together.**

*Hymn: Jesus calls us here to meet him 528

Prayer of Confession: *Healing God, we come before you broken, yet seeking wholeness, isolated, yet seeking community, overwhelmed, yet seeking simplicity, shamed, yet seeking grace: God, we yearn for the healing you promise. Knowing that through Christ all things are made new, we come to this communion table to be recreated through the bread and cup, and to be renewed in our faith and commitment. God, we submit ourselves to renewal through you, in the name of Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon:

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced) 445

Responsive Reading: Psalm 145: 8-18 *The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds. The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down. The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing. The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.* Gloria Patri (sung)

Presentation: Longest serving elder

*Hymn: Sing Amen 264

Commissioning of the Sunday School

From the letters: *Romans 14: 4-12*

Gospel: *John 13: 31b-35*

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

Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love 229

Sermon: FHB (or is that POTT?)

Celebrating the Sacrament

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: "The Time for Turning" by Craig Courtney

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

Apostles' Creed Offertory Prayer Announcements:

Invitation to the Table: *We gather around the table. We come from many places, differing in age, differing in race, differing in orientation, politics and even religion. As we come together around the table we*

discover that our differences are not something we tolerate but that our differences are indeed a blessing, the more difference we bring, the more fully we experience the presence of the sacred in our midst. *So come, children of God, just as you are. Wherever you are on this journey of life, you are welcome here, here in this place, here in this community, here at this table.*

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Communion hymn: Let us break bread together 548

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving The Lord's Prayer

Celebrate the Sacrament

Prayer after communion (unison) **God of field and fruit, of bread and wine, we give thanks for all we have received at this communion table. United with the divine, now unite us with one another. Lead us to heal divisions, to welcome the stranger, to treat all as family. Send us out to care for creation and one another, as we follow in the redeeming way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: Blest be the tie that binds 481

Postlude: Earth Song

**Worship is now ended let our work begin
as we gather in congregational meeting**

*Benediction

The story about Four Bodys

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

The flowers on the organ today are in memory of Kate Kempster-Harper's grandmother.

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. - consider adding this quiet, reflective communion service to your fall schedule.

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.

Next week is Food Bank Sunday. Please help mark Thanksgiving with generosity to our friends at David's Place.

Decorating: Phyllis Morrison is co-ordinating the decorations for Thanksgiving. If you can help out please speak to her after the service or call her at 902-429-4353.

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

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.

Romans 14: 4-12 Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

John 13: 31b – 35 Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

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 Johannah Roberts. Our scripture reader for this morning is Andrew Lappin. Our refreshment host is Lisa Glennie.

MISSION CAPSULES: *Presbyterians Sharing* supports Louise Gamble as she works with our partner church, The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, to transcribe and translate reports and correspondence of the Canadian Presbyterian North Formosa (Taiwan) Mission. This includes over 7000 documents from 1868 to 1923. The transcription is now complete and Louise and her colleague, Mr. Chen Kuan-chou, are working on translation. The documents will be divided into three volumes, the first of which covers the life of the first Canadian missionary to Taiwan, the Rev. Dr. George Leslie MacKay. These documents are records of the development of the Christian Church (at that time only Presbyterian) in North Formosa, from the point of view of its missionaries.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Pray for all churches celebrating World Communion Sunday as we seek unity in Christ through bread and wine.

STEWARDSHIP The best strategy for giving is a two-fold approach: a basic plan combined with a willingness to consider spontaneous giving when unique opportunities arise.

Andy Stanley

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is still a breastfeeding friendly facility. Take a look at the 'almost ready' room!



! Breastfeed.

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