

WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day

February 15, 2015

Transfiguration Sunday

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

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAINT DAVID

1544 Grafton Street, Halifax, NS

Our Vision:

A Worshipping, Sharing, Welcoming Community

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God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude:



*The Entry of the Scriptures

* Call to worship: *We are gathered to worship our God. Send your Spirit upon us. We come from many places, with many burdens. Send your Spirit upon us. We turn our hearts to you, O God. Send your Spirit upon us, and make us your beloved family.*

*Hymn: O Lord my God **332**

Opening prayer: *In humility and out of a desire to be new people we confess to you, our sins: Merciful God, you call us to fullness of life but we confess our shortcomings and offences,*

that we have wandered from your ways and wasted your gifts. While we may sometimes be false we know the truth that around us and within us we see how brokenness makes less the world you created. Give us the courage to see clearly who and what we are and cleanse us from all our faults and forgive our sins.

Assurance: *On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves. By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole; by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God. Amen*

Where we Hear God's Word

First Reading: 2 Kings 2: 1-12

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 50:1-6** *The mighty one, God the Sovereign, speaks and summons the earth: from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth. Our God comes and does not keep silence, before God is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around. God calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that God may judge God's people: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!" The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God indeed is judge.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: He leadeth me **650**

A time with our younger folk

From the letters: 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6

Gospel: Mark 9:2-9

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

*Hymn: We have come at Christ's own bidding **187**

Sermon: Transfiguration –
Where PAST, PRESENT and FUTURE meet

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:

*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: Swiftly pass the clouds of glory **186**
Commissioning and 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.

Annual Reports: The annual meeting of the **Presbyterian Church of Saint David** will take place on March 1. All reports from groups and committees should be in today.

The men's soup contest will take place in conjunction with the annual meeting, so now is the time to start planning. Due to the reduced space in the kitchen area, soups should be delivered hot in a slow cooker if possible. Crackers, rolls and sweets will round out the meal. Come and participate in both events!

"The Halifax Metro Women's Inter-Church Council 2015 World Day of Prayer Service at 2:00pm on Friday, March 6 (storm date will be March 13) at Calvin Presbyterian Church. The service this year has been written by the women of the Bahamas with the theme "Jesus said to them, "Do You Know What I Have Done to You?". Guest speaker will be Reverend Michael Koslowski. Please join us and invite your friends and family as we unite with our fellow Christians in more than 170 countries around the world and 2,000 communities across Canada who will gather on the World Day of Prayer to pray and act in solidarity with the people of The Bahamas.

THIS WEEK February 15-22

The early service Sunday at 9 am

The Circle of prayer meets Sunday at 10 in the 'office'.

Traditional service at 11 am.

Sunday School meets during worship

The Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg meets here on Tuesday, February 17 at 10 am.

Presbytery is an open court of the church and all are welcome to attend. Please pray for the work of this court on Tuesday

The choir meets on Thursdays at 7: 30 pm

David's Place gathers Fridays from 10- noon

Lenten Study begins Feb. 22— meeting after worship.

Our Lenten Study this year is called **PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT** and explores the lectionary readings from the perspective of the covenant created between God and people. First session is February 22. This study will actually use the readings for the day instead of being a week ahead as in the last study.

2 Kings 2:1-12 Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of

prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Mark 9:2-9 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

PASTORAL CARE

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

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MISSION CAPSULES: Typhoon Haiyan Survivors Moving

Forward Hanie Ablona looks at her freshly harvested rice stalks with happiness - her rice and corn crops have almost doubled in size this year. Providing a much-needed source of food and income, the seed for her crops was provided through a Presbyterian World Service & Development project helping recover livelihoods in the wake of Typhoon Haiyan. Many farmers lost all of their planted crops and available seed but are now starting to recover thanks to the project. Communities like Hanie's are also receiving assistance in reconstructing homes and ensuring that they will be resistant to future natural disasters. Communities are starting to see great progress and PWS&D continues to support long-term rehabilitation and recovery in response to the typhoon.

PRAYER *Pray for those who have no place to lay their heads. Pray that God may be with them, feed them, cloth them and love them always, but especially during the cold of winter.*

STEWARDSHIP Today we remember the significant contributions of Dr. C. Bruce Fergusson and his wife Evelyn whose legacy will maintain our cemetery for years to come.



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



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.

Our Greeter this morning is Mac Mackay. Our scripture reader for this morning is -----. Our refreshment host is Valerie Macdonald. We welcome back Zoe Leger in Tristan's absence.