



The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax, N.S.

Minister: Rev. Kenn Stright

Organist: Tristan Cleveland-Thompson

Clerk of Session: Murray Alary

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

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

WELCOME!

Service for the Lord's Day February 22, 2015

First Sunday in Lent

Our Vision:

A Worshiping-Sharing-Welcoming Community

Office & Mailing Address: 1537 Brunswick St., Halifax, NS B3J 2G1

Minister (Kenn Stright): stdavids.stright@bellaliant.com

**(please send announcements to this e-mail address)*

Office: stdavids.office@ns.sympatico.ca Telephone: (902) 423-1944

Organist (Tristan Cleveland-Thompson): davids.music@bellaliant.com

Web site: www.saintdavids.ca

God Calls Us to Worship

Prelude:

**The Entry of the Scriptures*

Call to Worship: *The Lenten journey begins with confession and cleansing... We follow our faithful Lord. These times, they are troubling. This journey, it is hard... We follow our faithful Lord. It is God who sustains, not the temptations of this world... We follow our faithful Lord. In the Lord is our trust, our protection from harm... We follow our faithful Lord. Come, let us worship the One whom we serve... We follow our faithful Lord.*

*Hymn: O love that will not let me go

209

Lenten Liturgies

Prayer of Confession: *Gracious and merciful God, we confess to you our reluctance to enter the wilderness places where we are confronted with our true selves. The places where we are tempted to put worldly values before our desire for you, and when our hunger for power and wealth is greater than our hunger for seeking and doing your will: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you. When we are tempted to use the gifts you give us to benefit ourselves at the expense of serving others: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you. When we are tempted to use sensational means to increase people's faith, rather than being guided by the humility of Christ: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you. When we are tempted to use bribery to influence and control people: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you. When we are tempted to manipulate you, O God, to satisfy our own needs: Forgive us, O God, and increase our trust in you.*

Assurance of Pardon: *"...if you confess with your lips that Jesus Christ is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." These words contain the good news that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.*

We Hear God's Word

First Reading:

Genesis 9: 8-17

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 25: 1-10** *To you, O God, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me. Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous. Make me to know your ways, O God; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O God, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O God! Good and upright is God; therefore God instructs sinners in the way. God leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble God's way. All the paths of God are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep God's covenant and God's decrees.* Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: We are God's people 472
Conversation with the young people: All you need in the wilderness.

From the letters: *I Peter 3:18-22*

Gospel: *Mark 1:9-15*

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

Hymn: In suffering love 696

Sermon: **TRIED, TESTED AND TRUE**

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: Lord speak to me 767

*Benediction:

*Amen

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

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 to pray and act in solidarity with the people of The Bahamas.

Please take time over the next week to read through the Annual Report 2014 and prayerfully consider the life of our congregation.

THIS WEEK - (February 22 – March 01)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am.

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm David's Place

Sunday 9:00 am Early service

10:00 am Circle of Prayer.

11:00 am Traditional Service.

The annual meeting of the **Presbyterian Church of Saint David** will take place on March 1.

The men's soup contest will take place in conjunction with the annual meeting. 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 next meeting of the **W&CL** committee is planned for

Tuesday, March 3 at 2 pm.

The Presbytery of Halifax and Lunenburg meets here on Tuesday, March 3 at 10:30 am. Presbytery is an open court of the church and all are welcome to attend.

Genesis 9:8-17 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to

destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

1 Peter 3:18-22 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you - not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Mark 1:9-15 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

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

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 is Mac Mackay. Our scripture reader for this morning is Johannah Roberts Our refreshment host is Anne Sommerville. **Refreshments hosts are needed for March 8 and following.**

MISSION CAPSULES: Pray that God's Spirit will sustain the Rev. Mwawi Chilongozi of the Synod of Livingstonia, Malawi, as she pursues a Post Graduate Diploma in Theology at Stellenbosch University in South Africa. Mwawi was our guest back in May.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Annual Congregational Meetings*
Give thanks for the resources available which enables mission and ministry. Pray for our meeting next week (March 1) as we look confidently to the future.

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 give thanks for those who generously made provision for the ongoing work of the congregation through gifts, bequests and legacies in years past.

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is a 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.