



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 March 08, 2015

Third Sunday in Lent

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: *Come into this sacred space to worship God whose teaching is perfect; whose directions are sure. Come into this holy place to worship God whose standards are right; whose commandment is clear; whose judgements are true. Come with holy fear – to be given life, and made wise, to have your heart stirred and your eyes opened wide. Come - let us worship God. Let the words of our mouths and the whispering of our hearts be according to your will, O God. Amen.*

Hymn: God's Law is perfect

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Litany of the Law: *Remind us gracious God of those things that keep us close to you: You shall have no other Gods before me. Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law. You shall not make for yourself an idol. Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. Lord have*

mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law. Honour your father and mother. Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law. You shall not murder. Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law. You shall not commit adultery. Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law. You shall not steal. Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbour. Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law. You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbour. Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.
Lenten Liturgies

We Hear God's Word

"Open our eyes" (sung unannounced)

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First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 19 *The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens God has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a beloved from a wedding canopy, and like a strong athlete runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of God are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of God is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of God is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of God are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my*

mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O God, my rock and my redeemer.

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Sing them over again to me **498**

Conversation with the young people:

Sunday school leaves for classes

From the letters: *1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

Gospel: *John 2: 13-22*

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

Hymn: Your word O God **508**

Sermon: **This is my covenant with you**

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Silence by Nancy Telfer

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

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed 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: Lift high the Cross **643**

*Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

Postlude:

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Today is **Food Bank Sunday**: Please give generously! Food items are made available to our guests at the Friday morning Drop-in.

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Connie Fris who died this past week. A Memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 21 at 10 am.

again Saint David's is being asked to support the snack program at **Phoenix House**. This is a once a year contribution that goes towards healthy snacks for the youth who use Phoenix's facilities. We have been asked to provide

\$175 and anyone who wishes to contribute is asked to give their donations to Carol Dobson or Anne Sommerville (income tax receipts will be issued). Thank you for your support!

Fifteen Take-away Lunches are prepared monthly and delivered to the **Out-if-the-Cold programme**. Our M&O committee is looking for a volunteer for next month. On Saturday, April 4th, fifteen lunches need to be prepared and packed in bags and delivered to the Shelter at approximately 8 pm. If you are willing to take on this work, please contact Kathy Large at 902-406-5754 or leave your name with the minister and the committee can supply detailed information about what needs to be done.

THIS WEEK - (March 08 - 15)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am.

Refreshments following the service.

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. . Lenten Study after worship: "Bound in Covenant"

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice

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

Sunday **Rev. Sydney McDonald will be leading our services and study on March 15. Rev. Sandy McDonald is on call while Kenn is away.**

9:00 am Early service with communion:

10:00 am Circle of Prayer.

11:00 am Traditional Service.

Refreshments to follow

Lenten Study after worship

The minister will be on holiday from March 9-16.

Next **Session** meeting is March 18. Please note the change in date.

Exodus 20: 1-17 Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work

— you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour. You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

John 2:13-22 The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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 this morning is Murray Alary. Our reader for this morning is Anne Sommerville.

MISSION CAPSULES: March 8 – International Women's Day

Zahida is an accomplished teacher at a high school in Afghanistan, where not long ago cultural norms forced her to abandon her dream of teaching. After graduating, she pursued a teaching career and got married shortly thereafter. While her husband initially supported her choice to work, he soon worried what his friends and family would think about her career and Zahida was forced to quit. Thankfully a Presbyterian World Service & Development program working to change cultural attitudes and raise awareness about the importance of education interceded. After explaining to Zahida's family about how important her work is, Zahida was able to return to the school. "Teaching is not just a job for me, but it is my dream to help children learn. Through the support of this project, I am once again living my dream.

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Give thanks for Michelle Verwey, who is now serving with our partner, the Church of North India. Michelle was our guest here at St. David's in 2013.*

STEWARDSHIP What exactly generosity gives can vary: money, possessions, time, attention, aid, encouragement, emotional availability, and more. But it always intends to enhance the true wellbeing of the receiver. *Christian Smith, professor*

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.



I Breastfeed.