

The  
Presbyterian  
Church of  
Saint  
David



1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax, Nova Scotia

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Clerk of Session: Murray Alary

Anniversary Speaker: The Rev. Dr. Laurence DeWolfe

**WELCOME!**

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

**ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2015**

**CELEBRATING 90 YEARS in THE 1869**

**SANCTUARY**

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

Our Vision:

***A Worshipping-Sharing-Welcoming  
Community***

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**God Calls Us to Worship**

Prelude: Canzonetta by Matthias

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord!*

**Praise the Lord! Give thanks to God's name!** *God has blessed us and brought us to this time. God has blessed us and brought us to this place. God is present in our midst. God*

**has stirred our hearts and made us glad. God has shown us the way in the word. God has shown us the way of truth and life. Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord! Praise the Lord! Give thanks to God made known in Jesus!**

Hymn: **How firm a foundation 685**

Prayer of Confession: *When we do not listen to your voice in the depths of our own hearts, calling us to love and forgive: **Lord have mercy.** When we do not listen to your voice in our common life, calling us to welcome the stranger and create community: **Christ have mercy.** When we do not listen to your voice in our world, calling us to work for justice and make peace: **Lord have mercy.***

Assurance of Pardon: *The Word is very near to us, in our hearts and on our lips. In Christ, we are forgiven; our lives are made new, and our future of hope is restored. **Thanks be to God.***

**We Hear God's Word**

*Your word is a lamp" 496*

First Reading: *Acts 4: 1-13*

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23 ✠ *The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ✠ He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ✠ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.*

✠ **Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff- they comfort me. ✠ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ✠ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.** Gloria Patri (*sung*)

Hymn Sing a New Song unto the Lord **422**

Conversation with the young people: *A Moment in Time*

Sunday school leaves for classes

From the letters: *1 John 3:16-24*

Gospel: *John 10:11-18*

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

Hymn: O breath of Life, come sweeping through us **384**

Sermon: **The Rev. Dr. Laurence DeWolfe**

**We Respond to God's Word**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: Bright Morning Stars Traditional

Appalachian song arranged by Shawn Kirchner

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

*"Lord, listen to your children praying" 449*

Prayers of the People: John Wamboldt

**We Go Out to Serve God**

\*Hymn: Great Shepherd of your people hear **450**

\*Benediction and \*Choral Amen

Postlude: Recessional by Matthias

**Worship is now ended let our service begin!**

St. John's United Church, Halifax, is hosting a "Dinner By Candlelight" on Saturday, May 9th – 6 p.m., in the hall at Faith Tabernacle, corner of Windsor and Summit. The menu will include Caesar salad, stuffed pork loin, roasted root vegetables and rice, with apple pie, tea and coffee. Silent auction. \$25/person. For information contact Gerry MacCreadie 902-876-7301

**Vox: a choir for social change**, and the Don't Be Afraid campaign will be hosting 'Ukuthula' on May 10th at St. Matthew's United Church in Halifax, NS. They will present two performances at 2:30pm and 7:00pm. Admission is by donation

**Thank you** to the cleaning crew who prepared the sanctuary for our anniversary Sunday!

**THIS WEEK - (April 26- May 3)**

**Today** Sunday School: 11:15 am.  
Light luncheon following the service.  
**Thursday** 7:30 pm Choir Practice  
**Friday** 9:00 am – 12:00 pm David's Place  
**Sunday** 9:00 am Early service with  
communion:  
10:00 am Circle of Prayer.  
11:00 am Traditional service

**Acts 4: 1-13** While Peter and John were speaking to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came to them, much annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming that in Jesus there is the resurrection of the dead. So they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. But many of those who heard the word believed; and they numbered about five thousand. The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved." Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and ordinary men, they were amazed and recognized them as companions of Jesus.

**1 John 3:16-24** We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us--and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**John 10:11-18** "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away--and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

**PASTORAL CARE**

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

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**MISSION CAPSULES: World Malaria Day**

Malaria is one of Africa's most severe health challenges and one of its most prevalent childhood diseases. Presbyterian World Service & Development is working to reduce the incidence of malaria by teaching communities how to prevent the spread. Community leaders are taking an active role in teaching about prevention and control of malaria. By teaching people how to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds and how to properly use and care for bed nets that provide protection while sleeping, communities are seeing fewer cases of the disease. When someone does contract malaria, volunteers know how to respond quickly with medical care in order to ensure fewer people die as a result of the disease.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** *It's spring! Celebrate the gift of God's creation! Pray that the resources that sustain society will be treated as precious gifts from God to be used wisely and for the good of all, and not as commodities for consumption.*

**STEWARDSHIP April 26** When we think of stewardship we start with the point that everything – even the air that we breathe – is not ours; it's given to us.  
*Mike Graves, professor*

**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 Jamie Campbell. Our reader for this morning is Andrew Lappin. You are invited to our anniversary Luncheon immediately following the service in the Assembly area.