



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

WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day April 05, 2015,

Easter Sunday

**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:

*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: *The Lord in risen. He is risen indeed! This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

*Hymn: Jesus Christ is risen today **243**

Prayer of Confession:

Choir: "Most Glorious Lord of Life" Wm. H. Harris

Easter Liturgy

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: *Isaiah 43: 1-10*

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

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** *O give thanks to God, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, "God's steadfast love endures forever." God is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation. There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The strong hand of God does valiantly; the mighty hand of God is exalted; the strong hand of God does valiantly." I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of God. God has punished me severely, but God did not give me over to death. Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to God. This is the gate of God; the righteous shall enter through it. I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is God's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes. This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

*Hymn: Come children join to sing **377**

The community gathers to welcome those to be baptized

Baptism:

Response: **You have put on Christ** **586**

Gospel: *Mark 16: 1-8*

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

*Hymn: Alleluia, alleluia **260**

Sermon: *And now – for the rest of the Story*

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Communion

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:  **"The Easter Song of Praise" by Richard Shephard**

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements

Invitation

Communion Hymn: This is the Feast of victory (vs. 1-3) 246

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (Please follow at 564) ending with
Lord's Prayer ("debts & debtors")

Celebration of the Sacrament

Communion Hymn: This is the Feast of victory (vs. 4-5) 246

Prayer following Communion

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: The strife is over, the battle won 257

*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. Our Welcoming Elder this morning is Jamie Campbell. Our reader for this morning is Phyllis Morrison. Our host for Refreshments today _____.

We welcome Paul Service into our membership by transfer of certificate this morning.

We welcome into the family of Christ's Church by baptism:

Benjamin Glennie (Lisa and Sandy)

Simon Liot (Alex and Emily)

Owen Lavery (Kate and Charles)

The Helen M. Watson Fund of the Presbyterian Church of Saint David: Applications for financial assistance from the Helen M. Watson Fund will be received prior to April 30, 2015. The Helen M. Watson Fund of The Presbyterian Church of Saint David produces income to be used "exclusively for local missionary work in Nova Scotia". If you have any questions, please contact Mac Fyfe (902) 425-3844, Mac Mackay- (902) 422-5481 or Johannah Roberts (902) 457-2836. Application Form and Guidelines document, may be obtained by calling the church (902) 423-1944, or from the Web site.

Regular activities THIS WEEK - (April 05- April 12)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am.
Refreshments following service.

Next week is food bank Sunday – please give generously!

Tuesday 2 pm Outreach and Education

Thursday 7:30 pm Choir Practice

Friday David's Place

Sunday 9 am Early Service

10 am Prayer Group

11 am Traditional service

Upcoming:

Mission Awareness Sunday April 19th

April 26th Anniversary Sunday with Rev. Dr. Laurence DeWolfe.

The second Sunday of every month is Food Bank Sunday. We either distribute the items brought in to our guests at David's Place or use them to make the meals each week. While we appreciate and use all donations, we find a need right now for toiletries, particularly unopened travel size, tuna, and bags of apples and oranges. Thank you for remembering our guests.

Saint David's has a very important ministry in our fellowship time following the service. It is easy to do as there are always folks around to help. Coffee, sugar and juice are provided, but hosts are requested to bring a litre of 2% milk. If you desire, you can bring along some cookies or fruit. Packages of cookies are also available for use if you just bring the milk. Please use the sign up sheet by the coffee urn, or speak to Valerie Macdonald after the service if you would be available to help with this ministry or have any questions.

The Worship and Church Life Committee is responsible for the areas of Worship and Music, Christian Education, Pastoral Care and Congregational Events.

Now that we are fully moved into the newly renovated sanctuary we feel it is an opportune time to look at all aspects of our church life. you are invited to join the Committee members to begin a discussion on planning for the future on Tuesday April 7 at 2 pm in the sanctuary . This discussion will involve both assessing where

we are now, what is working, what could be better, and what new initiatives we would like to explore.

Many thanks to those who recently supported the 'Food for Phoenix' programme. Saint David's reached the suggested goal which contributes towards healthy snacks for the Phoenix House daily Drop-in Centre during April (Presbyterian assigned month). Saint David's continues to support this programme which began as a joint effort of the Saint David's Guild and Auxiliary. Carol Dobson and Anne Sommerville

Isaiah 43: But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth - everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made." Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, "It is true." You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, *so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he.*

Mark 16: When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw

that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

A thought for Easter "Almost every book of the New Testament throbs with resurrection joy. It overturns our understanding of Christian beginnings. The beginning is not where you think it is. It is not the birth of Jesus. It is not the Ministry of Jesus. It is not the Cross of Jesus. It is the Resurrection of Jesus. Listen to Michael Ramsey, the 100th Archbishop of Canterbury: 'The Resurrection is the true starting place for the study of the making and the meaning of the New testament... for the first disciples the Gospel without the resurrection was not merely a Gospel without its final chapter, it was no Gospel at all.' He concludes: 'It is both historically and theologically necessary to begin with the Resurrection. For from it in direct order of historical fact came Christian preaching, Christian worship and Christian belief.'"



PASTORAL CARE

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

Kenn Stright office: 423-2660
Valerie Macdonald home: 455-1893



...the mighty God chose to come into this world in weakness. In Christ, God entered most deeply into our suffering. (from Living Faith)



MISSION CAPSULES: April 7 – World Health Day

Worldwide, women make up more than half of the 35 million people living with HIV around the world. Frustina was in denial when she first started experiencing symptoms. Her husband had died of AIDS seven years earlier and she was concerned that she might have contracted HIV. Finally, Frustina was tested and it was confirmed that she was HIV positive. While she was initially concerned about how her community would react, Frustina has been overwhelmed by their support. Home based care volunteers— supported by a Presbyterian World Service & Development program—came to help with household work, brought food and provided medication for pain relief. She also joined an HIV support group that comes together and supports and encourages each other. Frustina shares, “I am staying positive. I am healthy and able to work on my own.”



PRAYER PARTNERSHIP “Christ the Lord is risen today!”
May the implications of this hymn be a joyful reality in our congregations and in our lives.

STEWARDSHIP Giving is more than a responsibility—it is a privilege; more than an act of obedience—it is evidence of our faith. *William Arthur Ward*

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.