

The
Presbyterian
Church of
Saint
David



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WELCOME!

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

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**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: *God abides in you! God is breathing, living,
forgiving, restoring you in this moment, and in the days to come. This
is the good news for us! As God lives in us we can live,*

**work, care for others letting love, hope and joy touch
all people through Jesus Christ.**

Hymn: The God of Abram praise **331**

Confession: *Loving and merciful God, we thank you for the
community in which you have placed us, for the brothers and sisters
with whom we walk this journey of faith. Yet, we confess that
we fail to love as you love. We push aside those whom
we believe are the least in your coming reign. We fail
to see your love in the stories of Jesus because we fail
to see your love in each other. Form in us a new vision of
community in which your great commandment of love is our only
rule. We pray for the sake of your coming reign that
both is and is not yet. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon: *In Christ Jesus we are a radically renewed
community. Thanks be to God! Old things are done away with,
all things become new. Thanks be to God! We are both
recipients and agents of grace and reconciliation. Thanks be to
God! With every step or stumble, Christ will be with us. Thanks
be to God now and forever!*

We Hear God's Word

First Reading: *Acts 8: 26-40*

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:25-31 ✕ *From you
comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will
pay before those who fear him. ✕ The poor shall eat and
be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May
your hearts live forever! ✕ All the ends of the earth shall
remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the
nations shall worship before him. ✕ For dominion belongs
to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. ✕ To him,
indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before
him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live
for him. ✕ Posterity will serve him; future generations will
be told about the Lord, ✕ and proclaim his deliverance to
a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it. (Gloria Patri)*

Hymn Jesus loves me **373**

Conversation with the young people: *Daisy*

Sunday school leaves for classes

From the letters: *1 John 4: 7-21*

Gospel: *John 15:1-8*

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

Hymn: Come let us sing of a wonderful love **706**

Sermon: **All you really need...**

Response to the Message: Ubi Caritas **501**

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" **449**

Prayers of the People:

We Go Out to Serve God

*Hymn: O Love that will not let me go... **209**

*Benediction and *Choral Amen

Postlude:

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

Each year we take time to honour our graduates at the
June Communion service. If you have a family member
who is graduating from high school, university, college,
or another program please let Kenn or Valerie know.

THIS WEEK - (May 3- May 10)

Today	Sunday School: 11:15 am.
	Refreshments following the service.
Tuesday	2:00 pm WCL
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 8:26-40 Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. **1 John 4:7-21** Beloved, let us love



one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. **John 15:1-8** "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.



PASTORAL CARE

Those seeking pastoral care are requested to contact one of the following:
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MISSION CAPSULES: Partnering with Chinese educators Gifts to *Presbyterians Sharing* send Canadian Presbyterians to help rural Chinese middle school English teachers develop their listening and speaking skills. Last August, a team of four representatives from Knox, Waterloo spent a month in Weifang, China with the Amity Foundation's summer English program. Both the Knox team and the Chinese students learned from the experience. Athena, a grade one teacher in rural China, shares, "Learning about the traditions and beliefs of Canadians and comparing them to Chinese practices has shown that we are all similar; we all have the same goal, to share our love of language and to help our students be the best they can be. Janice Harper adds, "My own approach to teaching has even changed as a result of our experiences, and that is after being a teacher for 32 years!"

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP *Pray for the commissioners and staff on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission as they prepare for the Commission's closing event in Ottawa at the beginning of June. Kenn will be one of the representatives.*

STEWARDSHIP And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

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 Johannah Roberts. Our reader for this morning is Kathy Large. Our refreshment host today is Jackie and Sara Kinley

Thank you to all those who attended the public hearing on Tuesday. There is now a 30 day period for any to respond.