

The  
Presbyterian

Church of

# Saint David

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Scotia

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## WELCOME!

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

September 13, 2015

*\*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: *To you, O people, Wisdom calls... Wisdom was at the beginning, with God. To you, O people, Wisdom calls... Wisdom called throughout the ages, calling to all creation. To you, O people, Wisdom calls... Wisdom beckons even now. To you, O people, Wisdom calls...*

Hymn: God's law is Perfect 9

Confession: *We long for wisdom, O Lord, but prefer that it be our own. We turn away from the ideas of others and ignore the possibility and promise that come from life together with you. Most of all, we drown out your gift of Wisdom as she seeks to get our attention, for we believe that we know better or would prefer to decide where we make her welcome.*

**Forgive us, loving God. Bring an end to the self-righteousness that ignores you, and awaken us anew to the Wisdom that comes only from you. Show us how to walk in your ways and listen to your promise each and every day.**

Assurance of Pardon:

### We Hear God's Word

First Reading: *Proverbs 1: 20-33*

*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 his 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 he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man 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 the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD 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 LORD, my rock and my redeemer.** (Gloria Patri)

Hymn Sing them over again 498

Community Conversation:

Sunday school leaves for classes

From the letters: *James 3: 1-12*

Gospel: *John 15:1-8*

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

Hymn: This is a story full of love 504

Sermon: In search of... **WOMAN WISDOM**

### 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: Glorious things of thee are Spoken 483

\*Benediction and \*Choral Amen

Postlude:

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

### **THIS WEEK - (Sept. 13-20)**

**Today Refreshments following the service.**

**Thursday Choir starts up at 7:**

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

**Sunday 9:00 am Early communion service**

**10:00 am Circle of Prayer.**

**11:00 am Traditional service**

The sympathy of the congregation of St. David's is extended to the family of the Honourable John McNab (Jack) Davison whose funeral was held here on Friday.

Today is **Food Bank Sunday** as we restock for our David's Place guests. Please give generously to this ministry. Along with the usual food items we appreciate so much, we have an ongoing need for toilet paper, soap and toothbrushes for our guests.

**September 27<sup>th</sup> Sundaes Sunday** is coming! Church School will resume on September 27 with Sundaes and Birthday Cake at coffee hour. We look forward to welcoming back our students and teachers.

**Views and Values** – an evening with the Halifax Federal candidates on topics of interest to faith communities – St. Andrew's United, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.

**Proverbs 1:20-33** Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."



**James 3:1-12** Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

**Mark 8:27-38** Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life

will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

### PASTORAL CARE

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

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### MISSION CAPSULES: Over 20 years in Kenya

With support from *Presbyterians Sharing*, Dr. Rick Allen has served with the Presbyterian Church of East Africa in Kenya for over 20 years. His work has mainly involved conducting and facilitating HIV & AIDS training courses. To date, a large majority of ministers in the PCEA have received training, either through intensive one-week residential courses or as theological students at the Presbyterian University of East Africa, where Rick teaches. Rick will be retiring at the end of 2015.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** *As students and teachers begin a new year, pray that they will feel safe, valued and supported in their environments.*

**STEWARDSHIP** *A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.* Proverbs 11:25

**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 Mac Mackay. Our reader for this morning is Murray Alary. Our refreshment host today is Rod and Val Macdonald.