



WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day
September 27, 2015

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

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAINT DAVID

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: *I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"* **Our feet are standing within your gates, O**

Jerusalem. *Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.* **We gather to worship God!**

*Hymn: God is here as your people meet (Abbot's Leigh)

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Prayer of Confession: *Merciful God, You call us to be salt of the earth and light of the world. We confess that our witness is often bland and gloomy. Forgive us when we fail to be an influence for good, and when we condone or do what is wrong in Your sight. Help us to flavour the earth with righteousness and to reflect the light of Your love in a dark world; through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.* ~ written by The Rev. Iona MacLean who retires today from full time ministry. Iona was ordained here in 1977.

Where we Hear God's Word

First Reading: Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

One: *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THIS WEEK September 27-October 04

Today following the service is *Sundae Sunday*

Interested in knowing how we use our finances? Join

Mac Fyfe in the front pew to hear of our ongoing Mission and ministry and how it is supported.

David's Place gathers Fridays.

The early service Sunday at 9 am

The Circle of prayer meets Sunday at 10 in the study.

Traditional service at 11 am.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 124 *If it had not been the LORD who was on our side - let Israel now say - if it had not been the LORD who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us; then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters. Blessed be the LORD, who has not given us as prey to their teeth. We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken, and we have escaped. Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*

Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Jesus loves me

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Conversation: The Backpack

Letters: James 5: 13-20

Gospel: **Mark 9:38-50**
One: The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, O Christ**
*Hymn: In loving Partnership **759**
Sermon: **WISDOM AT WORK**

And Respond in Faith

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem:  **Kate Kempster-Harper**

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

Offertory Prayer

Announcements:

Minute for Mission: Johannah Roberts

"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: O love that casts out fear **297**

Commissioning and Benediction:

*Choral Amen:

Postlude:  (please remain seated)
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.

Views and Values will take place October 4th at 7 pm in St. Andrew's United Church. The Halifax Riding candidates will be present on a forum of interest from a faith perspective: Refugees, Right Relations with Aboriginal People and finally Creation

What is Canada's Role In Fighting Global Poverty? Engineers Without Borders forum with Halifax candidates Tuesday, 6 October 6:30 PM Ralph M Medjuck Building, 5410 Spring Garden

The Annual Fall Rally and "Fellowship of the Least Coin" service of the Women's Inter-Church Council will be held at Edgewood-Oxford United Church, 3055 Connaught on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 7:00pm. The theme for the service is *"Fishers of Humankind"* and guest speaker will be Maggie Whittingham-Lamont, Seafarer Coordinator of the Halifax Mission to Seafarers. A free-will offering will be received. Reception will be held following the service. All Are Welcome.

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me - that is my petition - and the lives of my people -- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

James 5:13-20 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Mark 9:38-50 John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

PASTORAL CARE

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Presbyterians Sharing Sunday

Through *Presbyterians Sharing*, Presbyterians across Canada are sharing in a wide range of ministries. We encourage and equip congregational renewal and development. We support inner city, native and refugee ministries. We send mission personnel and provide grants to support and accompany our international partners in leadership development, Bible translation, Christian education, theological education and evangelism. We support theological colleges, ministry candidates and new ministers. We equip congregations for Christian education, worship, evangelism, stewardship, youth ministry, leadership development and justice work. We host events which bring people from across Canada together to share experiences and learn new skills. And so much more! Today is a day to celebrate the mission and ministry we are doing together in Canada and around the world, in the name of Christ.

STEWARDSHIP No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave." *Calvin Coolidge*

We welcome younger children to our services! St. David's is still 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.

Our Greeter this morning is Mac Mackay. Our scripture reader for this morning is Phyllis Morrison. Our refreshments are Jane and Gordon – don't forget Sunday Sundaes!

The deadline for the next **newsletter** is October 1. Please have your submissions into Carol Dobson by the first. The theme will be "Giving/Thanksgiving".

