



*The Presbyterian
Church of
Saint
David*

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax,
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Organist for tonight: Whitman Giffin

WELCOME!

The Session and Congregation of Saint David's
welcome you to this service!

**Masonic Vesper Service
November 01, 2015**

Prelude: Three Liturgical Preludes - George Oldroyd
Air from "Rinaldo" - Georg Frederick Handel

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP: Unless the Lord builds the house, **Those who build it labour in vain.** Hope in God and praise the Lord. **The Lord is our help and our God.**

OPENING PRAYER: *Lord, you know how often we have resented our work; **Forgive us, Lord, for our ingratitude.** And you know how often we have neglected our abilities; **Forgive us, Lord, for our poor stewardship.** And you know how often we've been careless in our studies; **Forgive us, Lord, for not using our minds.** And you know how often we've wasted time on the job; **Forgive us, Lord, for our heart's insincerity.** And you've seen how shoddy some of our work has been; **Forgive us, Lord, for our carelessness.** And you've heard how often we've said we can't wait to get out; **Forgive us, Lord, for not working with all our heart.** And you know we've often worked only to please others; **Forgive us for failing to remember it is you we are serving.** Hear our prayer, and in the mercy of Jesus Christ, Amen*

OPENING HYMN *For All the Saints* 611

FIRST READING: *Proverbs 8: 12-21* Roderick Macdonald

PSALM 102 Roderick

Macdonald

¹⁸ *Let this be recorded for a generation to come,
so that a people yet unborn may praise the Lord:*
¹⁹ **that he looked down from his holy height,
from heaven the Lord looked at the earth,**
²⁰ *to hear the groans of the prisoners,*

to set free those who were doomed to die;
²¹ **so that the name of the Lord may be declared in Zion,
 and his praise in Jerusalem,**
²² *when peoples gather together, and kingdoms, to worship the Lord.*
²³ **He has broken my strength in mid-course;
 he has shortened my days.**
²⁴ *'O my God,' I say, 'do not take me away
 at the mid-point of my life, you whose years endure
 throughout all generations.'*
²⁵ **Long ago you laid the foundation of the earth,
 and the heavens are the work of your hands.**
²⁶ *They will perish, but you endure; they will all wear out like a garment.
 You change them like clothing, and they pass away;*
²⁷ **but you are the same, and your years have no end.**
²⁸ **The children of your servants shall live secure;
 their offspring shall be established in your presence.**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2: 17-22 Harold Crosby

Hymn: How firm a Foundation 685

SERMON: **REBUILD THE FOUNDATIONS FROM
 OUT OF YOUR PAST**

**Proverbs 9:1 Wisdom has built her house,
 she has hewn her seven pillars.**

Offertory: Prelude on "Simple Gifts" - James Southbridge

DOXOLOGY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Gracious God, we give thanks for work,
 and for the many works you have given us to do. Hear our prayers on this
 day of rest, and strengthen us for the week ahead. We pray that you
 would be present with those who work by day, and those who work by night; those
 who work near, and those whose work carries them far away; and we pray for those
 who in this uncertain time have no job. We pray all of this knowing that
 your labors on our behalf never cease, and that your yoke is easy,*

and your burden is light. (we continue in prayer) *Now hear us as we
 say...*

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
 now and for ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *The Church's one Foundation* 479
 Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude:
 On "Lancashire" - Roger C. Wilson



**There will be a time of refreshment
 following the service.**