

The Presbyterian Church of Saint David

1544 Grafton Street at Blowers, Halifax.

WELCOME!

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

Service for the Lord's Day November 01, 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: Let Saints on Earth in Concert Sing

*The Entry of the Scriptures

*Call to Worship: For all the saints who went before us who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire, we praise you, O God. For all the saints who live beside us whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own, we praise you, O God. For all the saints who live beyond us who challenge us to change the world with them, we praise you, O God.

* Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

Prayer of Confession: Loving God, we take this time today to come before you, but as we do, we are aware that all is not right within us. We neglect your word, we fail to meditate on your law, we forget to speak with you, we make plans without turning to you, we do things that we know are wrong. We did not put you first in our lives. Forgive how we have failed to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength.

Assurance of Pardon: Hear the good news concerning the love and forgiveness of God: As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

Response: Nothing can Trouble <u>617</u>

We Hear God's Word

Joshua 1: 1-9

First Reading:

One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God. Responsive Reading: Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever. Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south. Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to an inhabited town; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress; he led them by a straight way, until they reached an inhabited town. Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. For he satisfies the thirsty, and the hungry he fills with good things. He turns rivers into a desert, springs of water into thirsty ground, a fruitful land into a salty waste, because of the wickedness of its inhabitants. He turns a desert into pools of water, a parched land into springs of water. And there he lets the hungry live, and they establish a town to live in; they sow fields, and plant vineyards, and get a fruitful yield. Gloria Patri (sung)

*Hymn: Seek you First <u>625</u> Conversation with the children: The morning after... From the letters: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Gospel: *Mark 12: 38-44*

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

*Hymn: Saints on Earth <u>615</u>

Sermon: Saints of the Saviour

We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Anthem: For All the Saints by Vaughan Williams

*Doxology: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" <u>830</u>

Announcements:

"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: Ye Watchers and ye Holy Ones <u>607</u>

Benediction: *Choral Amen:

Postlude: Psalm 23 by Howells (please remain seated)

Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Christmas Tea & Sale St. Andrew's Dartmouth Saturday, Nov. 7,

2 to 4 pm Bake & Craft Tables Adults \$6.00 children \$1.00

The King's Chapel Choir will be offering their 7th annual "For All The Saints" concert at All Saints' Cathedral, Halifax, on Saturday November 7th at 7:30 PM.

St. John's United Church, Halifax, is hosting its monthly Taize Prayer this Sunday, Nov. 1st – 7 p.m., in the Judith Grant Room at the Maritime Conservatory of Performing Arts.

Presbyterians Sharing: Up to October 31st, \$17,859 has been received. This is 81% of our \$22,000 target.

Refreshment Hosts are needed for November. Please see the signup sheet by the coffee or speak to Valerie Macdonald.

Regular activities THIS WEEK - (Nov 1 – Nov. 8)

Today Sunday School: 11:15 am.

Refreshments following service.

Masonic Vesper service here at 7 p.m.

Tuesday Worship and Church Life meets at 1:30

Thursday Bible Study 6:00 pm

Choir practice 7:30 pm

Friday David's Place - morning

Sunday 9 am Early Service with Communion

10 am Prayer Group11 am Traditional service

Upcoming:

Fall Bible Study: AN INFORMED FAITH. During the election we asked many questions issuing from a Christian perspective. The election is over but the questions remain. Come and explore them together. This Thursday, starting at 6 pm. Initial topics: Integrity of Creation, Poverty, Welcome the Stranger, Right Relations, Euthanasia...

Session meets Tuesday, November 10 at 7 p.m.

Set aside Nov. 15 to stay after church when we will share a meal together modelled on the Sunday Suppers we have support for ½ century under the leadership of Nicole Campbell. St. David's is providing the food for Sunday Suppers today – please pray for this MISSION AND MINISTRY.

Joshua 1: 1-9 After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, ² 'My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. ⁵ No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. ⁶ Be strong and courageous; for you shall put

this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. ⁷ Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go. ⁸ This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to act in accordance with all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall be successful. ⁹ I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. ¹¹ As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, ¹² urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. ¹³ We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Mark 12: 38-44 As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.' ⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

PASTORAL CARE

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

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Valerie Macdonald 455-1893 Clerk of Session: Murray Alary

MISSION CAPSULES:

Presbyterians Sharing supports Amy Zavitz as she serves for nine months as a Young Adult Intern in Malawi with our long-standing partner, The Church of Central Africa Presbyterian in the Synod of Livingstonia. Amy, a recent graduate in Environmental and Resource Studies from the University of Waterloo, is excited about her work with the PWS&D-supported Livingstonia Synod AIDS Program, where she is participating in training and monitoring visits to the community, writing case stories, editing reports and working on their website. She will also have the opportunity to be involved in the work of the Synod of Livingstonia Development Program and the Ekwendeni Hospital AIDS Program. When asked before departing what excited her most about going to Malawi, Amy replied, "I am really looking forward to the learning opportunities and personal growth that this experience will provide!"

PRAYER PARTNERSHIP Give thanks for KAIROS and its 11 member churches that respond to the biblical call to do justice and pray for the Movement Building Circle as they meet in Winnipeg this week.

STEWARDSHIP We should give as we would receive, cheerfully, quickly, and without hesitation; for there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers."

Seneca

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 Greeter this morning is Colin MacPherson. Refreshment Host is Val Macdonald. Our reader is Davida Mackay

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.